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Tax Services

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Kocián Šolc Balašík (KSB) is a leading law firm in the Czech Republic. Founded in 1990, KSB has evolved into a modern law firm providing law and tax advice to domestic and foreign clients on all important areas for business. KSB is proud of its independence, whilst retaining full capacity to compete with international law providers. Published surveys and leading legal benchmarks recognize KSB as one of the largest law firms in the Czech Republic. The firm's success has been publicly acknowledged by many awards and KSB has several times been voted Law Firm of the Year in the Czech Republic by *Who's Who Legal*.

Tax advisory services

Tax consultants at KSB have been providing comprehensive tax advisory services since 1995. KSB's tax team works closely with lawyers to structure deals in the most tax-efficient way and find innovative tax-planning solutions to ensure the client benefits from the greatest possible tax savings while complying with statutory requirements.

Detailed understanding of our clients' requirements and advice on the best tax solutions for business transactions and projects remain our top priority. Our aim is to stay ahead of changes in Czech and European Union tax laws, and to work with the very latest interpretations and judicial rulings. Members of the KSB tax team take a pro-active role in the legislative process through involvement in the Co-ordinating Committee, Czech Chamber of Tax Advisors and via the Czech Ministry of Finance.

KSB's tax team has many years of experience of representing clients in tax proceedings and fully utilizes all opportunities for review and appeal and negotiation of claims and complaints right up to the Supreme Administrative Court. KSB is acknowledged to be a reputable and highly competent advisor in this area.

Our objectives are to:

- minimize unnecessary tax exposure
- achieve effective tax compliance
- achieve tax savings
- anticipate the impact of legislative change
- contribute to increasing return on investment and business value
- work together with clients' consultants abroad
- achieve accurate accounting for business transactions

Our team

Every tax consultant is an expert in a particular field. Together, KSB tax consultants form a compact team ready to advise at the highest professional level. All issues are handled having regard to impact on other tax liability and related matters. KSB's tax team has years of experience advising on planning and impact of cross-border transactions as well as all types of income, value added and property taxes, social security and statutory insurance systems, accounting standards, customs duties and foreign exchange regulations. Advice is rendered in Czech and English.

Our services

KSB's tax team provides client-tailored services, particularly on:

- mergers, acquisition and pre-acquisition investigations (due diligence)
- international tax planning and financial structuring for group companies and cross-border investment
- tax aspects of large projects and property development
- banking services, collective investments and qualified investor funds
- international tax implications of dealings with intellectual property and industrial rights, management and technical services agreements and the like
- tax optimization of leasing and rental transactions
- structuring company revenue and costs to maximize tax savings
- advice and assistance in connection with transfer pricing
- preparation of tax returns for companies and branches of foreign companies
- VAT, excise tax and environment taxes
- advice to individual private clients on income tax compliance and optimization
- tax planning and compliance services for individuals assigned to work in the Czech Republic and abroad
- real estate tax, inheritance tax, gift tax and real estate transfer tax
- representation in tax proceedings before Czech financial authorities, contentious court proceedings and in conjunction with advocates in appeals to the Czech Supreme Administrative Court

Our clients

Our clients include Czech and international business companies, corporate groups, not-for-profit organisations and individuals.

We have an extremely wide client base, including clients from the production and services sector (energy and telecommunications, container glass, chemical and food industries, construction materials), real property development, investment funds, securities, insurance and finance (leasing, factoring, asset management, private equity, unit funds), transport, international trade, consulting services, health sector, marketing and advertising.

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