

What executives think about managing global tax controversy risk

October 2019

### Approaches businesses can take

Businesses are facing unprecedented levels of global tax controversy risk. To manage this risk, some companies are considering leading practices such as participating in cooperative compliance programs and joint audits.

### Survey results

During our recent webcast, we surveyed more than 1,200 executives about their thoughts on managing global tax controversy risk. With regard to how executives think the global tax enforcement landscape will change over the next two years, around one-third (38%) believe it will stay about the same, while roughly similar numbers believe it will become either better or worse. And although most (88%) of our respondents believe their current approach to global tax controversy management is acceptable, only 8% believe their approach is outstanding, apparently leaving room for improvement.

Executives also provided their views on cooperative compliance programs, with a strong majority (71%) thinking they are useful programs but have limitations, and 20% saying they are generally excellent programs. Finally, slightly more than half (57%) of respondents felt neutral about joint audits, 24% would prefer to avoid them and 19% think they are a useful tool to aid tax certainty.

### Webcast replay

For more information, please watch the webcast replay, What you need to know about tax controversy in 2019.

Given a 24-month timeframe, how do you think the global tax enforcement landscape will change?



### How do you feel about your current approach to global tax controversy management?



What are your views on cooperative compliance programs whereby taxpayers receive heightened levels of tax certainty/assurance in return for agreeing to an open, transparent and collaborative relationship with a revenue authority?

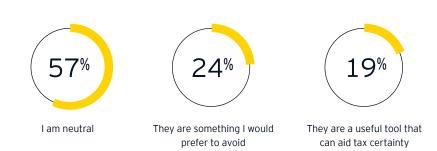


programs, generally

I think they are useful programs, but have limitations

I do not believe they are useful programs

### What are your views on joint audits?



# For more information, please contact these professionals

### **Rob Hanson**

EY Global Tax Controversy Leader rob.hanson@ey.com +1 202 327 5696

Jean-Pierre Lieb EY EMEIA Tax Policy & Controversy Leader jean.pierre.lieb@ey-avocats.com +33 1 55 61 16 10

Juliane Sassmann International Tax Services juliane.sassmann@de.ey.com +49 211 9352 17124

Rob Thomas Tax Policy rob.l.thomas1@ey.com +1 202 327 7696

## Ronald van den Brekel

EY EMEIA Transfer Pricing Leader ronald.van.den.brekel@nl.ey.com +31 88 40 79016

### EY | Assurance | Tax | Transactions | Advisory

#### About EY

EY is a global leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services. The insights and quality services we deliver help build trust and confidence in the capital markets and in economies the world over. We develop outstanding leaders who team to deliver on our promises to all of our stakeholders. In so doing, we play a critical role in building a better working world for our people, for our clients and for our communities.

EY refers to the global organization, and may refer to one or more, of the member firms of Ernst & Young Global Limited, each of which is a separate legal entity. Ernst & Young Global Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee, does not provide services to clients. Information about how EY collects and uses personal data and a description of the rights individuals have under data protection legislation are available via ey.com/privacy. For more information about our organization, please visit ey.com.

Ernst & Young LLP is a client-serving member firm of Ernst & Young Global Limited operating in the US.

© 2019 Ernst & Young LLP. All Rights Reserved.

US SCORE no. 07512-191US

1909-3278101 ED None

This material has been prepared for general informational purposes only and is not intended to be relied upon as accounting, tax or other professional advice. Please refer to your advisors for specific advice.

ey.com/tax