

Financial Services Tax in Latin America



Combining local insights and a global approach

Focused exclusively on serving the needs of financial institutions, KPMG's LATAM Financial Services (FS) Tax practice covers banking, investment management, insurance, re-insurance and real estate in all countries in the region. With an enviable, on-the-ground presence in 16 locations, the KPMG network of member firms are well positioned to help clients identify, develop and adopt effective tax strategies that balance risk and opportunity.

Through a dynamic team of accountants, lawyers and tax professionals specialized in the complexities of domestic and international financial and insurance markets, KPMG member firms deliver comprehensive and practical strategies that respond to your immediate priorities and long-term objectives. With LATAM FS Tax teams being attuned to local and regional regulatory and accounting environments and relevant business context, our financial services professionals can provide sound analysis and insightful strategies to help minimize tax risk and manage a wide range of taxation issues.

Our teams across LATAM are complemented by KPMG's global network of member firms, enabling them to supplement their customized, local methodologies with coordinated, worldwide support for your cross-border business challenges.



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The LATAM Financial Services Tax practice is organized across geographic areas and business lines so member firms can quickly and effectively access holistic perspectives and integrated services. KPMG member firm's corporate tax advisory and compliance services include the following:

International Tax

By developing relationships with clients based on trust and sound advice, KPMG member firms assist with crossborder tax structuring, reporting and risk management. They also offer services relating to business structuring from a tax perspective, ranging from expansion and divestment, post-acquisition and restructuring, to development and innovation.

Tax advisory on financial transaction or products

Taking into account the complexities of financial transactions or financial insurance products, KPMG member firms analyze and assist with related tax, accounting and regulatory considerations, including identifying and validating savings opportunities through practical, viable strategies. They also advise on cross-border issues relating to financial transactions or financial, insurance and reinsurance products.

Global Compliance Management Services

Built around KPMG's global processes and proprietary technologies, member firms mobilize their high performing people to provide fast, reliable and accurate review or preparation of tax basis and tax returns. Services include tax compliance reviews, tax provision preparation and advice on compliance process, technology and controls. In addition to providing tax compliance project coordination and management, we offer technical tax knowledge applied to FIN 48 analysis and other tax litigation internal controls.

Dispute Resolution and Controversy Services

Our tax dispute resolution services help companies prevent, prepare for, and respond to tax authority challenges. With a deep understanding of key issues based on practical experience, this multi-disciplinary team can help tax clients identify, manage and mitigate potential tax risks and exposures including cross-jurisdictional matters.

Global Transfer Pricing Services

With expectations and demands for greater transparency in tax matters increasing, there is an increased focus on identifying and curtailing aggressive tax practices. The response to this by the OECD was to release the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) report and subsequent Action Plan, which seek to address, among other things existing transfer pricing standards and rules that it sees as inadequate. With a strong network, technical depth and extensive financial services experience our KPMG member firms can help you map your course by reviewing, documenting and helping to manage and defend organizations transfer pricing policies and processes.

Global Indirect Tax

KPMG member firm indirect tax professionals help clients reduce compliance costs and mitigate regulatory risks associated with an ever-changing indirect tax landscape. The teams are well versed in an array of services from sales tax consulting, overpayment recoveries to transaction tax technology. They work to provide effective processes to help enhance indirect tax reporting, reduce attribution errors and costs, and help clients free-up resources to focus on highervalue tax planning activities.

Global information reporting, FATCA and Common Reporting Standard (CRS) services

KPMG offers a wide range of withholding tax consulting services to help companies comply with US and global tax information reporting and withholding requirements. Our teams of professionals has extensive experience and can provide gap analysis, design, implementation, and ongoing assistance, in addition to tools and technology applications to facilitate compliance and help organizations track and comply with FATCA and CRS and other withholding and reporting regulatory regimes.

Deal Advisory, Mergers & Acquisitions Tax

KPMG member firm specialists help clients address tax challenges associated with mergers and acquisitions, by identifying any contingencies related to the principal tax issues and corporate reorganization. Commercially minded and deal hardened, these teams are both process driven and agile, in order to advise on material tax exposures of a transaction and develop appropriate deal structures in a competitive environment.

Global Mobility Services

KPMG member firms' Global Mobility Services group provides broad ranging administration for international assignments, including pre-departure coordination, ongoing support in the host country and employee repatriation. The team can deliver detailed and personalized services, ranging from oversight of international vendors and moving logistics, to language instructors and tax return preparation for international assignees.

Tax Management Consulting

With multinational companies facing a raft of new and emerging tax challenges, the KPMG member firms' Tax Management Consulting group helps clients build and operate leading tax functions and mane their tax risk, reputation and compliance in an increasingly regulated world. Our teams offer strategic advice on the crucial pillars of tax governance, compliance and technology.

Tax data analytics and solutions

KPMG member firms can apply sophisticated technology and data analytics to help clients identify shortcomings in their management systems, perform compliance reviews of transactional taxes and recommend business improvements to tax processes and tax supply chains. KPMG member firms also draw upon KPMG's Tax Technology to apply progressive technology applications to tax challenges, such as KPMG LINK, a proprietary platform to help organizations manage domestic and international corporate tax and global mobility needs.

Access to KPMG's global network

As part of KPMG's LATAM Financial Services Tax practice, each local team can bring together tailored cross-border capabilities to help respond to unique client challenges, including financial services thought leaders from across KPMG's global network of member firms. These resources can be tapped on a local, regional or global basis. KPMG member firms' powerful internal knowledge sharing systems mean our tax professionals are up to date on relevant technical and industry developments, locally and globally.

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