Tax function effectiveness
How your business wins from a transformation of the tax function

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• reduced risk of errors in financial statement and tax filings
• diminished risk of ‘regulatory’ entanglements and improved ability to address tax audits
• stronger tax control framework, equating to lower financial tax risks
• new analytical capabilities, adding to the organisation’s ability to plan, forecast and collaborate on new business opportunities
• a more empowered, strategically placed workforce, enabling quicker change.

More specific examples:

• data gathering can be reduced when information for Tax is tagged properly at the ledger level, thereby reducing task time for the Finance team overall
• data flowing directly from the general ledger to Tax software (or tax computations directly embedded within the broader ERP platform) and integrated tools can reduce manual tasks and errors
• flexible processes that utilise technology can handle tax law changes rather than adding manual processes (e.g. recent tangible property repair regulations)
• on-line collaboration tools can help automate document management and internal controls
• shared service center or other co-sourcing options can improve cost savings for tax compliance functions such as data collection and forms preparation
• improved communication and workflows between Finance and Tax personnel can boost efficiency, paving the way for greater cohesiveness going forward.
How can we help?
We see our role as helping you to get the most out of your company’s tax function.

Start with a current state assessment
A tax function assessment provides a strategic "stake in the ground" to develop the path to a future state, and support the business case for transformation. For new tax leadership or non-tax stakeholders (finance/C-suite), a tax function assessment can provide an independent, candid view of the tax function operations and risks.
Disruptions quickly uncover the areas of deferred maintenance in organizations. Although companies are strategically managing expenses through adverse events, these investments are key to maintaining the continuity of work and preparing for recovery. This kind of vision will help you achieve a resilient operating model for the long term.

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Define function ownership and evaluate operating models (in-house, outsource, co-source)

**Enhance the Process**
Understand reliability and commonality of source data, ensure appropriate process documentation, and identify all pain points

**Refine Controls**
Prioritize high-risk processes on profile & materiality and refine control documentation

**Enable through Technology**
Develop digital transformation roadmap through small automation & technology tools

**Align the Resources**
Develop interdepartmental resource strategy enabled by automation, and technical / technology upskilling

**Design your future**

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