

VAT & Duty Planning

Our leading VAT specialists have helped a wide range of organisations of all sizes address VAT concerns. The team have helped businesses save VAT and avoid many pitfalls.

How we work with you

We provide you with the right advice at the right time to help your organisation succeed in the competitive and changing marketplace. We do this by providing you with a specialist who is accessible and who will take the time to understand your business. The specialist will then co-ordinate an experienced team to provide you with tailored services to help meet your objectives.

We usually start with a meeting to enable us to understand your issue or your situation. We would then formulate a strategy and agree it with you. During the process we would keep you informed of how the project is developing. Our comprehensive range of highly specialised VAT, tax and duty services can be tailored specifically to your needs. We are able to combine our knowledge of other taxes as well as commercial and business insight so that the solution to your issue is not solely driven by VAT.

How we can help

Some Examples of our work have included:

- Assisting an international sports star with both his VAT and tax problems arising from his benefit year. The strategies were totally successful with HMRC conceding on both issues.
- Helping set up many property structures to maximise VAT recovery including many structures in the not for profit sector.
- Acting for a number of VAT reclaims covering many years. One of which started with an out of date VAT claim. Whilst it took careful management to succeed we obtained over £600,000 interest for our client in addition to the VAT.
- Acting in a number of tribunal cases although most have been successful without a hearing. We achieved that by careful strategic planning and presentation of evidence and facts.
- Agreeing more appropriate partial exemption calculations resulting in increased annual input tax recovery.
- Reviewing non-business calculations of not for profit organisations and maximising VAT recovery.
- Helping in a case where HMRC had issued an assessment for £6m. Previous VAT inspections had not revealed any problems but a new inspector realised that the trader was actually accounting for VAT incorrectly. This case was never likely to be quick or simple but resulted in a total success for the client with no net VAT liability.
- Acting for a trader, who was being pursued for alleged tax evasion involving dishonesty, and negotiated a successful settlement involving no penalty and relief for notional input tax.
- Successfully resolving VAT registration issues.
- We were appointed to assist in a long running case where HMRC alleged that taxable supplies had been made. The case was quickly settled with no VAT due and we successfully recovered costs and interest from HMRC.
- Appointed by solicitors, we provided an expert report in a substantial VAT negligence claim, and numerous other appointments as expert in negligence claims.
- We reviewed the VAT accounting for a sports association, and in particular looked at the subscription it receives from members and how it was dealt with. Despite a significant challenge from HMRC we agreed a VAT refund of over £150,000 and an agreed VAT accounting method for the future that was more attractive to the client.

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