

## **SMBC Singapore Branch's Tax Governance Policy**

SMBC Singapore Branch ("the Branch")'s tax affairs are managed in a manner that is consistent with the SMBC Group<sup>1</sup>'s tax policy.

### **Compliance with Tax Laws**

- We are committed to complying with all applicable tax laws, filing tax returns and making tax payments in a timely manner.
- We are committed to ensuring compliance with internationally accepted transfer pricing principles by conforming with guidelines published by international organisations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), while also considering local laws.
- We do not undertake any business activities which are contrary to the intention and spirit of the tax laws in any country.

### **Governance Structure for Managing Tax Risks**

- We have a formalised governance structure for tax risk management, where roles and responsibilities are clearly defined.
- Senior management is apprised of the Branch's overall tax governance strategy. The tax team is responsible for monitoring changes in tax laws, ongoing tax compliance and management of tax risks and exposures on a day-to-day basis.
- There is an established process in place for all new business initiatives to be reviewed by the tax team for potential tax risks and to ensure compliance with the Branch's tax governance policy.
- The tax team is staffed by competent and qualified in-house tax professionals who undergo regular training on tax matters.
- External tax advisors are engaged to provide technical support and to assist with tax compliance matters where required.
- Internal policies and procedures, including related controls, are reviewed regularly and updated as and when necessary for any changes in tax laws and regulations.

### **Relationship with Tax Authorities**

- We strive to establish a proactive, open and transparent relationship with tax authorities. We are cooperative and forthcoming when responding to inquiries from tax authorities. Where appropriate, we will seek advance rulings or apply for advance pricing arrangements on matters that present material tax risk.

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<sup>1</sup> SMBC Group refers to Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. and its group companies.