## Locally rooted - Globally connected

**Company Profile** 

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## wts global

#### WTS Global at a glance



Founded in 2003 by WTS Germany



Locally rooted - Globally connected: Present in more than 100 countries with more than 3,000 tax professionals



**Tax-focused:** 

Coverage of the entire range of tax advisory services



Independent & free of conflict: No audit



**Quality assurance:** Stringent quality reviews



**Diverse customer base:** From multinationals to private clients

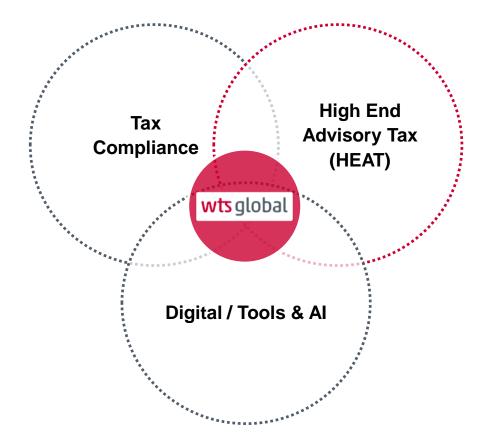


Central management & coordination: Centrally managed global tax practice

#### Locally rooted – Globally connected



#### Transforming the global network to a leading global tax practice



#### Our full scope of tax services globally

Global services	
International Corporate Tax	Private Clients & Family Office Services
Mergers & Acquisitions	Global Mobility
Transfer Pricing & Valuation Services	Tax Controversy
Indirect Tax	Customs
Additional cross-cutting services	
Financial Services	
Real Estate	
Tax Technology	

#### Wim Wuyts – CEO, WTS Global



- » CEO since September 2017
- » Former Global Tax Director at Bekaert for 9 years
- » Works in the Tiberghien office in Ghent, Belgium
- » Has more than 20 years operational experience
- » Arthur Andersen, Levi Strauss & Co., Baxter Inc., Agfa-Gevaert, Belgian Government
- » Chairman of the Tax Committee of the Belgian Employers Federation
- » Program Director of European Centre of Executive Development (CEDEP)
- » Co-founder of the European Chapter of the Tax Executive Institute (TEI)
- » Leadership Trainings for Tax Leaders on the INSEAD Campus of Fontainebleau

#### Our global coverage

Algeria Angola Benin Burkina Faso Cameroon Cape Verde Chad Congo Brazzaville Democratic Rep. of Congo (DRC) Egypt **Equatorial Guinea** Gabon Ghana Guinea Guinea-Bissau Kenya Mauritania Mauritius Morocco Mozambique Nigeria São Tomé and Príncipe Senegal Tanzania Tunisia

Africa

North America USA South America Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Colombia Costa Rica Dominican Republic Ecuador El Salvador Guatemala Honduras Mexico Panama Paraguay Peru Uruguay Venezuela

Americas

Asia Pacific

Australia Bangladesh Cambodia China Hong Kong India Indonesia Japan Korea Laos Macau Malaysia Mongolia Myanmar New Zealand Philippines Singapore Taiwan Thailand Vietnam

Bahrain Iraq Iran Israel Pakistan Saudi Arabia United Arab Emirates

Middle East

**Central Eastern Europe** and C.I.S. Countries Albania Armenia Belarus Bosnia & Herzegovina Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus **Czech Republic** Estonia Georgia Hungary Kazakhstan **Kyrgyzstan** Latvia Lithuania Macedonia Moldova Poland Romania Russia Serbia Slovakia Slovenia Turkmenistan Turkey Ukraine Uzbekistan

Western Europe

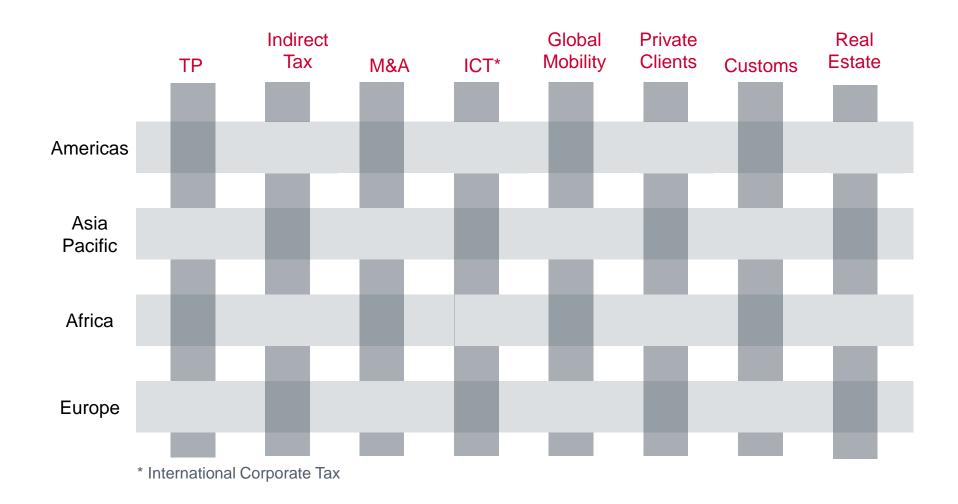
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Belgium Denmark Finland France Gibraltar Greece Iceland Ireland Italy Luxembourg Malta Netherlands Norway Portugal Spain Sweden Switzerland United Kingdom

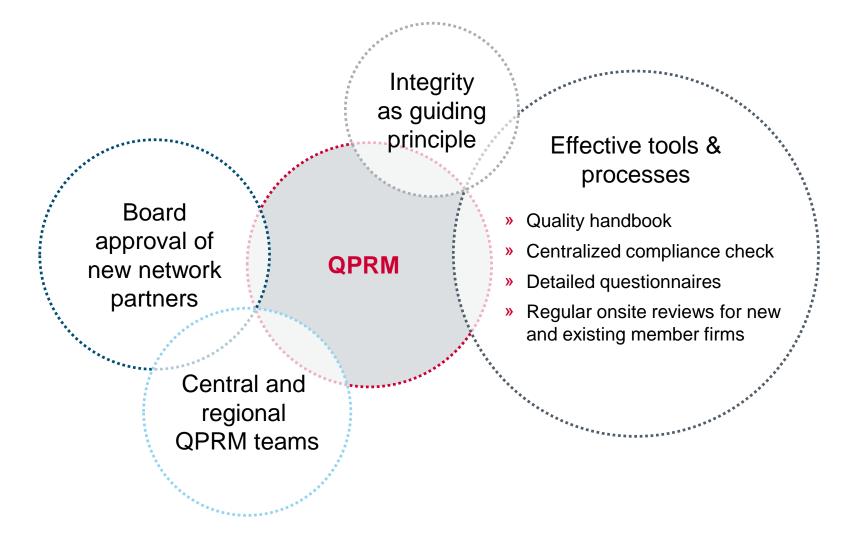
Strong local presence on all continents Our member firms include (amongst others)



#### We are organized in a matrix organisation to ensure seamless cooperation and project progress



## Our Quality, Process & Risk Management (QPRM) approach: Ensuring highest standards worldwide



#### The WTS Global Board: Driving continuous improvement and growth

10 directors from 4 continents



Fritz Esterer Chairman of the Board CEO WTS Group Germany

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Benedicta Du-Baladad

Founding Partner & CEO BDB Law Philippines



Ajay Rotti

Co-Founder & Partner Dhruva Advisors India



**Michael Ruth** 

Managing Partner WTS Group Germany



Jorge Espinosa

Partner EGB Abogados Chile

Magdalena Saja

Partner and Founder

WTS & SAJA

Poland



Edward Mwachinga

Partner and Co-Founder Viva Africa Consulting Kenya



Jürgen Scholz

Partner WTS GmbH Germany



**Bernard Peeters** 

Partner Tiberghien Belgium



**Jared Walls** 

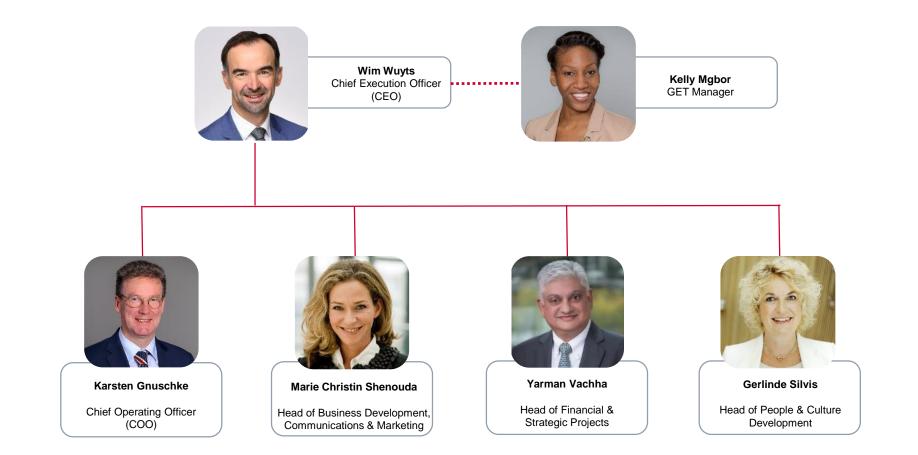
Partner Valentiam Group USA

From the early days, I was convinced that WTS Germany could only be successful within a global set up. Thus, we invested heavily in building an organization of hand-picked tax companies all over the world that have the same DNA and with whom we could jointly continue to grow with.

> Fritz Esterer CEO WTS Germany and Chairman WTS Global

#### The WTS Global Executive Team (GET):

Focusing on strategy, good governance and business & people development



## Our global client portfolio: Supporting a broad range of clients from all industries

- » Multinational companies
- » Small and medium-sized companies

- » Non-profit organisations
- » Private clients & family offices



Our focus on major tax trends include:



#### Tax Control Framework: Minimising error rates and liability risks

#### **Prevention**

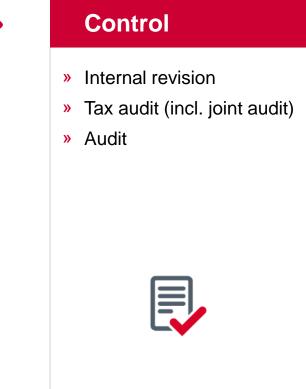
- » Timely company audit
- » Tax control framework
- Checking processes and systems through tax audit
- » Use of tax technology



#### Analysis

- » Data analytics / mass data
- » Tax audit simulation
  - Profit tax
  - > Sales tax
  - > Income tax
  - Customs duties





**Cooperative Compliance** 

## Our rankings with the International Tax Review (ITR) World Tax 2020 (Tier 1 and 2)

#### EUROPEAN

Austria | ICON Belgium | Tiberghien Czech Republic | WTS Alfery Germany | WTS Germany Hungary | WTS Klient Adótanácsadó Italy | WTS R&A Studio Tributario Italy | Studio Biscozzi Nobili Latvia | Sorainen Riga Lithuania | Sorainen Vilnius Netherlands | Atlas Fiscalisten Portugal | Vieira de Almeida Sweden | Svalner Ukraine | WTS tax legal consulting United Kingdom | FTI Consulting

#### LATIN AMERICAN

Argentina | Rosso Alba, Francia & Asociados Bolivia | Guevara & Gutierrez S. C. Brazil | Machado Associados Colombia | Lewin & Wills Abogados Guatemala | Mayora & Mayora Mexico | Turanzas Bravo & Ambrosi Paraguay | Ferrere Abogados Peru | Rubio Leguia Normand Uruguay | Ferrere Abogados Venezuela | Torres, Plaz & Araujo

#### ASIA-PACIFIC

India | Dhruva Advisors Philippines | BDB Law



#### Our Awards: Connecting the world's leading tax experts





	INTERNATIONAL TAX REVIEW
	European Tax Awards 2019
Euroj	WTS Global pean Indirect Tax Firm of the Year



#### Recent tax awards within WTS Global include:

#### » Chambers and Partners

> Tier 1 ranked global network 2020 • WTS Global (continuously since 2012)

#### » International Tax Review

- > Baltic States Tax Firm of the Year 2020 & 2019 Sorainen
- > Best Newcomer Firm of the Year 2020 WTS Dhruva Consultants
- > India Tax Firm of the Year 2020 & 2019 Dhruva Advisors LLP
- > India Tax Disputes of the Year 2020 Dhruva Advisors LLP
- > Austria Tax Firm of the Year 2019 ICON
- > European Indirect Tax Firm of the Year 2019 WTS Global
- > Germany Transfer Pricing Firm of the Year 2019 WTS Germany
- > Italy European Impact Deal of the Year 2019 Studio Biscozzi Nobili (SBN)
- > Ukraine Transfer Pricing Firm of the Year 2019 WTS Consulting/KM Partners

#### Our global key values – the WTS Global DNA Innovative, passionate, excellent and reliable



**Innovative:** Designing tax digitisation proactively

**Passionate:** Offering speedy top quality customised solutions



**Excellent:** Internationally, regionally or locally recognized

Reliable: Rapid response time with one single point of contact

I am impressed with what WTS Global has achieved in only 17 years. I am proud to be part of the organization and member of the board. The partner firms worldwide are all passionate to build THE leading independent tax network. For the African region, I can proudly say that this mission is completed.

> Edward Mwachinga Director, WTS Kenya Nairobi, Kenya

