

The conference

Setting up a holding company in Europe: opportunities, risks and conditions



PRESENTATION

The directors of SMEs, for whom the advantages offered by holding companies needs no further proof, are increasingly examining the possibility and/or interest of combining their investments (or the securities in a single operating company) with the assets of a foreign holding company. Their questions concern in particular holding companies established in countries neighbouring on the North-East region (Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands).

The aim is to examine not only if such a strategy of setting up operations is really appropriate, and offers genuine "advantages" compared with a French holding company, but also what the procedures for its implementation may be whilst at the same time assessing the tax risks incurred.

INTERESTS & OBJECTIVES

- Understand and relativize the main advantages of foreign holding companies compared with French holding companies
- Fully understand the techniques for creating or transferring holding companies abroad
- Understand the main tax risks involved in setting up holding companies abroad
- Compare a number of European holding company tax regimes
- Provide analysis tools for the main risks relating to holding companies in an international context

POINTS DISCUSSED

- Comparative advantages of the different countries of operation
- Procedures for creating a foreign holding company: Contribution of securities, or transfer of the head office of the French holding company?
- Risks incurred and precautions to be taken

INTERVENANTS



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