



## Restructuring

Companies endure the economic context or they clearly capitalise on this. Through acquisitions, mergers and divisions, companies attempt to improve their position in the market. Strategy and financial tactics are important aspects in this process, but tax-related aspects must equally not be forgotten. From a taxation point of view, your strategic acquisition or transfer must not lead to a significant step backwards.

## Different stages in the transaction

Our tax specialists can intervene in all stages of the transaction. Through tax due diligence, we investigate the potential risks and the company's tax position. Equally, we can provide advice about optimal structuring of the merger or acquisition, or we can check the transaction documentation. But after the transaction too, we would be happy to assist in the integration and implementation into the new structure.

Vandelanotte's legal service can assume responsibility for the required reports and deeds in respect of the restructuring. We can therefore provide you with support from the start to the very end of the transaction.

## 360° Vision

Prior to the restructuring, we will examine whether the intended transaction is even possible with, for example, the current statement of changes in equity and what impact the intended transaction would have on, for example, losses carried forward or the composition of your equity capital.

In our analysis of the intended restructuring, the impact of the transaction in relation to the direct taxes is examined, as is the impact of this transaction in terms of VAT and registration tax. The most tax efficient solution will be sought, to ensure that the restructuring does not impose an unnecessary onerous burden.

## **Preliminary rulings**

For situations that are estimated to be high risk, if necessary in advance a tax agreement or 'ruling' can be applied for. Not only does this apply to mergers and acquisitions, but tax analyses can always be performed on other projects and restructuring too. This would ensure there are no nasty tax-related surprises at a later stage.

Contact your accountmanager or one of our specialists at contact@vdl.be.