

Russian private clients

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Russia CFC regime

70 minutes - presentations made on 2 and 3 June 2021

New special CFC taxation regime: is the RUB 5 million tax a life vest or a pitfall?

- New CFC regime allowing to pay off the fixed tax and avoid reporting;
- Ways in and out
- How does it work together with the increased personal income tax rate?
- Upsides and downsides of using the regime

Sergei Eremin, Senior associate, Herbert Smith Freehills, Moscow

Issues Russian clients face when determining their obligations under Russian CFC rules

- Complex investment products (life insurance products, segregated vehicles, etc.) – CFCs or not?
- Could the UBO hide - and should he?
- Attacks on confidentiality: AEOI, AML, KYC
- Could it be beneficial to disclose CFC?
- Issues Russian Clients face when preparing IFRS accounts for CFCs:
 - Common misunderstandings of Russian clients regarding CFCs' financial statements
 - IFRS/Russian tax law discrepancies
 - "Common" transactions to be beware off

Daria Romanova, Associate, AT Lawyers, Moscow

Trusts for Russian clients

50 minutes - presentation made on 3 June 2021

Sergei Zhestkov, Partner, Head of Tax Practice, Baker McKenzie, Moscow

Trust is arguably the best solution for Russian HNWIs: true or false?

- Use of trust by HNWIs with connection to Russia - general overview
- Trusts vs private companies and other vehicles
- From full control to zero control and back: are there limits?
- CFC or non-CFC - is that client's choice or discretion of the tax inspector?
- Is trust the best solution to avoid corporate tax residency?
- Trust as asset protection mechanism: myths and myth-busters

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