Indian private clients: new challenges, needs, solutions

- > Changes/anticipated changes in Indian tax and regulatory laws
- > Migrating from India: preferred jurisdictions
- > Leaving the UK after the reform of the UK Non Dom Regime
- > Returning to India: what precautions to take before



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Overview of Global Indian Diaspora

- 'Global Indians' around the globe
- What is driving the movement: business expansion, better standard of living, excess to education, mobility across the globe
- The preferred jurisdictions to migrate to: Singapore, Dubai, UK, USA...

Changes (anticipated changes) in Indian tax and regulatory laws; impact on returning Indians

- Tax regime of India
- Deemed individual tax residency: impact on the Indians staying in zero tax countries
- "Place of effective management" rules applicable to companies: impact on individuals holding key managerial personnel of a company in India; what planning for the migration of such individuals from income-tax and legal standpoint
- Residential tax status determination individuals, corporates
- Disclosure of offshore assets and implications
- Amendments to exchange control laws in recent past
- Introduction of Foreign Investment Fund regime in 2022 a move by India to introduce formalised family office structure

Anticipated changes: estate duty, family law

- (Re)-Introduction of estate duty: planning options settling up trust structures in India, restructuring the trust once any party to the trust (trustee, beneficiary) migrates from India to an offshore jurisdiction)
- Project to establish a Uniform Civil Code to unify personal laws across religions, covering marriage, divorce, adoption and inheritance

Indians returning to India

- What are the reasons for migrating back to India?
- What precautions to take before returning to India:
- obligation of disclosure of offshore assets including interests in trusts, assumption of trusteeship roles or settlement of offshore trusts; consequences of failing to disclose
- how to restructure offshore assets of returning Indians

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