

# **VAT COMPLIANCE IN POLAND**







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### KR GROUP

KR Group (formerly KR Audyt) is a growing Polish accounting, tax and auditing group with an international reach. We have been expanding dynamically since 1998, always providing the highest quality services from the outset.

Our carefully selected team of specialists provide a comprehensive range of services in: book-keeping, tax calculation, VAT representation, payroll, guiding new companies onto the market, corporate secretarial services and management accounting.

We have over 200 clients, most of them Polish companies with foreign capital involvement and foreign entities that do business in Poland.

### **OUR TEAM**

KR Group is a successful team of Polish and British statutory auditors and tax advisors, with just over 80 staff mainly employed in our Warsaw head office. We have a wealth of practical experience gained in the largest worldwide auditing and consulting companies and working as inspectors with the tax authorities.

We adopt a team-based approach to servicing our clients. Unlike other outsourcing firms where each employee is responsible for a separate client, our clients each have a small dedicated team to support it. If one team member is absent another can step in to maintain an unaltered level of support. Each team is supervised by a manager or partner, to ensure that our services are of the highest standard.

Our VAT compliance teams are supported by a team of certified tax advisors, who have extensive knowledge of VAT and experience in representing clients during tax inspections and other tax proceedings.

#### VAT IN POLAND

Since EU entry for Poland in 2004 it has become much easier for foreign companies to register for VAT in Poland and to follow EU VAT rules when performing VATable activities in Poland. Unfortunately however Polish VAT regulations do differ from those encountered elsewhere in Europe and therefore a sound understanding of these differences can be significant in achieving full VAT compliance in Poland. Non EU resident companies are also required to appoint a fiscal representative in Poland who jointly is held liable for VAT liabilities in Poland.

#### **VAT COMPLIANCE**

Since 2004 KR Group has been developing it's VAT compliance department and we now have 15 English-speaking employees working in 3 teams servicing more than 90 foreign companies. In addition these teams are supported by a team of 5 tax specialists who are qualified tax advisors. The scope of our work revolves around registration, preparation of VAT registers, review of source documents, preparing VAT returns, representing the client during any VAT inspections.

Our emphasis in allocating top VAT experts and experience of a variety of VAT issues over the last 8 years has given us a leading position in the sector of fiscal representation for non EU Companies where a particular focus on VAT risk is essential. **We estimate that our client base covers around 25% of all non EU Companies registered in Poland.** Our clients value our services, we pride ourselves in minimal level of client rotation.

We provide such services as registration for VAT purposes in Poland with over 70 companies being registered by us up until now. Having in mind strict documentation requirements of the Polish tax authorities we are even able to get the VAT number for our Client within around a week. For EU Companies where a fiscal representative is not required we are flexible in tailoring our work with the scope of client staff employed on the Poland VAT position. We can act merely as a correspondence address with the tax office, getting involved only when tax issues arise or provide full blown compliance work with a review of all documents included in the VAT registers.

Our VAT teams are also much experienced in assisting our Clients in tax inspections of VAT records in Poland. We usually service around 20-30 VAT inspections every year including tax controls of significant value VAT refund applications. We are proud of the positive result each time and also pleased to hear that we have a good standing at the tax offices and therefore a leading position amongst other VAT compliance service providers. We adopt a risk-based approach when assisting Clients to implement new tax procedures adjusted to Polish requirements where necessary and at the same time searching for opportunities for tax optimisation and bookkeeping simplifications. Each Client being served by our VAT compliance team receives a personalized VAT manual guiding him through specific Polish VAT regulations. In case of the existence of potential tax risks we hedge them with applications for tax rulings and if required we are ready to represent the Client during any tax proceedings including appeals to administrative courts. We also perform tax analyses and prepare tax opinions where we prioritise a practical, business-related approach.



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## **OUR CLIENTS**

- Colgate-Palmolive
- British American Tobacco
- SC Johnson
- Lenovo
- Bayer Consumer Care
- Microstrategy
- Benetton Poland
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industry
- LG International Japan
- Sandoz
- Monsanto
- JVC Logistics
- Hitachi Global Storage

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