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Mahesh is a partner in the private client and tax team.

He specializes in providing integrated legal, tax and strategic advice to successful entrepreneurs, MNCs, funds and family offices on complex cross-border structures and investments. He has advised major MNCs in structuring M&As and transactions valued in several billion dollars. He also advises PE / VC, hedge funds and GPs on structuring funds and carried interest. He advises high growth ventures (from startups and SMEs to MNCs) on globalization strategies and optimal structuring of global operations and investments. Mahesh advises leading families in the region on multi-generational succession and wealth planning strategies as well as structures for family offices, trusts and PTCs, private funds, governance and cross-border philanthropy.

Mahesh was ranked by Singapore Business Review in an exclusive list of the most influential lawyers in Singapore. He regularly speaks at major conferences worldwide and is widely published. He has been quoted in leading journals and newspapers such as Wall Street Journal, Straits Times, The Edge, Economic Times, Business Standard, Private Equity International, Tax Notes International and has also appeared on popular new channels including CNBC, NDTV Profit, ET Now and others.

Mahesh is an elected member of the Executive Committee of the International Fiscal Association, Singapore.

Mahesh is a charter member of The Indus Entrepreneurs, the world's largest network of entrepreneurs and is actively involved in mentoring startups globally. He has also led interesting thought leadership and policy reform initiatives and set up the Maya Foundation which experiments with models of social business and sustainable philanthropy.

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ADMISSIONS

- India
- Singapore (Registered Foreign Lawyer)

PUBLICATIONS

'A robust tax regime will enable Singapore to attract global capital, investments', Singapore Business Times, July 20, 2017

'Investing into India: Mauritius and Beyond', Tax Notes International - July 2016

'Taxation of REITS – The Indian Perspective', Asia-Pacific Tax Bulletin - 2014 (Volume 20), No. 4

'India Chapter: International Investment & Developments American Bar Association - 2012 and 2013

'FDI Trapped in Transfer Pricing Controversy: A Few Thoughts on Shell's USD 2.7 billion tax dispute', Asia Pacific Tax Bulletin - 2013 (Volume 19), No. 4

'Finance Minister announces two year breather from GAAR, Bloomberg BNA Asia Tax Watch

'The Vodafone Saga- An Analysis of the Supreme Court's Decision', Bulletin for International Taxation - 2012 (Volume 66), No. 7

'The Retroactive Tax Rat Race', Economic Times - April 2012

'Tax aspects of Mergers & Acquisitions in India', Asia Pacific Tax Bulletin - 2012 (Volume 18), No. 1

'Case note: Supreme Court Decides against Extraterritorial Taxation', Asia Pacific Tax Bulletin - 2011 (Volume 17), No. 3

'Developments in taxation of satellite broadcasting: An Indian Perspective', Tax Notes International - April 11, 2011

'2010 Budget increases uncertainty for international business', Tax Notes International - March 15, 2010

MEMBERSHIPS

- Bar Council (India)

- Inter-Pacific Bar Association

- International Bar Association

- International Fiscal Association

- The Indus Entrepreneurs

TALKS

'Principal purpose test versus Limitation of benefits', FIT International Tax Conference – December 2017

'Extraterritorial legislation and how global enterprises have addressed it', FIT International Tax Conference – December 2017

'Wealthy business families – how do we meet their needs?', Hubbis Wealth Management Forum, Kuala Lumpur - July 2017

'International Tax Hot Topics', ITR Asia Tax Forum, Singapore- May 2017'

'Base erosion and profit sharing (BEPS) recent developments and implementation', IPBA Annual Conference, Auckland - April 2017

'Cross-border Strategic, Legal and Tax Considerations for Companies during Start, Growth & Exit Phases', Go Global Event hosted by TiE, Singapore - June 2016, chairing panels

'International Tax Hot Topics', ITR Asia Tax Forum, Singapore - May 2016

'Importance of Singapore in India-centric structures- Inbound & Outbound and Strategies for Indian tax residents with offshore assets: Wealth planning strategies for Indian families', Academy & Finance, Singapore - January 2016

'Place of effective management (POEM) & Determining corporate tax residence', FIT International Tax Conference, Mumbai - December 2015

'Tax Treaty & Beneficial Ownership', Inter-Pacific Bar Association Conference, Hong Kong - May 2015

'Digital Permanent Establishments', Asia-Pacific Tax Conference, Singapore - April 2015

'Asia-Pacific Hot topics', Asia-Pacific Tax Conference, Singapore - April 2015

'Tax planning and red flag issues for Indian clients', Seminar on 'Foreign tax crimes, exchange of information & KYC', Academy & Finance, Singapore - June 2014

'Structuring India focused EPC contracts', Seminar organized by JMC, Tokyo - May 2014

'Tax blow for M&A: Vodafone demerger decision', CNBC Money Control

'India Investment Strategy for Singapore based Funds and Fund Managers- Key Regulatory and Tax Considerations', roundtable, organized in association with SVCA, Singapore - March 2014

'US - India Tax Planning', STEP, Silicon Valley, Palo Alto, California - January 2014

'India 2014, Legal, Regulatory & Tax Trends, Impact on Fund, M&A & Tech Industry', USIBC seminars in Seattle and San Francisco - January 2014

'Global Estate Planning', NYSBA Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam - October 2013

'India focused FDIs, JVs and M&As: Strategic, legal, regulatory and tax issues', presented to members of Singapore Corporate Counsel Association, Singapore - October 2013

'Singapore, A Platform for investing into India', Seminar, Tokyo - June, 2013

'Vodafone case and Trust planning', 6th Asia-Africa IFA Tax Conference, Mauritius - May 2012

LANGUAGES

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DATES

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