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Chris Borg is a Certified Public Accountant with extensive experience in VAT and tax matters. He is chairperson of the Malta Institute of Taxation's Indirect Tax technical committee and is responsible for the Indirect Tax service line of Deloitte in Malta, leading a team of dedicated professionals providing a wide range of indirect tax advisory and compliance services to the firm's domestic and international clients. Chris is the alternate representative of the Institute on the EU VAT Expert Group and also represents the Institute on the Indirect Taxes Subcommittee of CFE Tax Advisers Europe.

Sarah Cassar Torregiani is a lawyer who specialises in VAT.

After 13 years with one of the Big Four accountancy firms, she has practiced on a freelance basis since 2015 providing technical support and advice on local and EU VAT matters as well as practical VAT training. Sarah is the Chief Technical Officer of the Malta Institute of Taxation and a member of the Indirect Tax Committee of the Institute. She has represented the Malta Institute of Taxation on the EU Commission's VAT Expert Group since 2014.



Louise Grima is an Associate Director at KPMG Malta. She joined KPMG in 2015 after graduating with a Master in Accountancy from the University of Malta and has since worked on indirect tax compliance and advisory projects servicing clients in a number of industries including financial services, insurance, gambling and international trade. Louise was awarded the 2015 MIA Best Student of the Year prize for Master in Accountancy Group 2013/2015, holds a Diploma in VAT compliance. Louise has also successfully completed the Advanced Diploma in International Taxation with an overall distinction. Louise is a member of the Malta Institute of Accountants (MIA) and is the Chairperson of the Indirect Tax Committee within MIA. Louise regularly delivers courses and seminars relating to VAT, is a visiting lecturer at the University of Malta and also teaches ACCA.

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Anna Herrera is a tax Senior Manager at PwC. Over the past 13 years, Anna has provided corporate and indirect tax advice to a wide and varied portfolio of companies operating in a number of sectors. Anna has developed considerable VAT knowledge and experience in consulting international and local clients particularly on financial services and transactions in goods. She contributes to VAT publications on a number of subjects with particular interest on cases decided by the Court of Justice of the European Union and actively participates in the delivery of various presentations, conferences and lectures especially in the area of VAT.

Saviour Bezzina is the senior manager responsible for indirect tax matters at the EY Malta office and forms part of EY's Global Indirect Tax Network as a local knowledge contact. He joined EY in July 2006 after obtaining the Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons.) from the University of Malta. He is a member of the Malta Institute of Accountants, holds a Diploma in VAT compliance, lectures regularly on VAT and indirect tax matters and is a member of the MIA and MIT Indirect Taxation Committees. Saviour was awarded the 2007 MIA prize as the best student who graduated in the Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons) Degree Course Group 2004/2006.



Nico Sciberras is a Chief Tax Officer within the Office of the Commissioner for Revenue heading the VAT Technical Section. On a daily basis he deals with legal and technical issues in the world of VAT both at a domestic and international level. Apart from his work at a domestic level (ranging from the drafting, interpretation and implementation of VAT law, to directing taxpayers and tax practitioners on technical/legal queries and the training of staff forming part of the Office of the CfR, among many other things), he also forms part of Malta's representation in various important international fora. He heads Malta's delegation within the EU VAT Committee, is the lead delegate for EU Council meetings under the Working Party for Tax Questions (WPTQ) for indirect taxation, lead delegate for the Group for the Future of VAT, participates in EU Fiscalis events and seminars, and also selected delegate for the TADEUS group.

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Andrew Buhagiar is the Director of Taxpayer Services within the Office of the Commissioner for Revenue. The Directorate's main goals are the Operations of the Office of the CfR within various taxes and the link between the Office of the CfR and the various stakeholders. He joined the then VAT Department in the year 2001 and has worked in Operations, Business and Information Technology. He joined the Office of the CfR when the merger took place.

David Ferry is a Certified Public Accountant. He joined PwC Malta in 1994 and was admitted as a partner in July 2009. David has extensive experience in corporate taxation as well as VAT and other indirect taxation matters on which he services a varied portfolio of clients. He has specialised in VAT matters since 1997 and has participated in a number of lectures, presentations and conferences on this subject. He has also assisted various clients in VAT tribunal cases. David currently lectures with the Malta Institute of Taxation and is a fellow member of the Malta Institute of Accountants where he is a member of the Taxation Committee. David is the Clients and Markets Leader and the partner primarily responsible for VAT related matters at PwC Malta.



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Anthony Pace joined KPMG in 1990 and he currently heads the firm's taxation services function. Anthony has led numerous direct and indirect tax advisory engagements in banking and financial services, gaming, real estate and family businesses. He has also led several tax due diligence engagements. He is a visiting lecturer in taxation at the University of Malta.



Matthew is a certified public accountant specialised in VAT. He has been specializing in VAT since 2008 and has been involved in complex VAT assignments both within and outside of Malta. Matthew, a member of the Malta Institute of Accountants is also a part-time lecturer with the Malta Institute of Taxation.

Matthew Zampa is also the first Maltese to successfully complete the Expert in EU VAT degree, a degree administered and awarded by the VAT Forum, an international partnership of indirect tax specialists, founded in 1999. He is also a joint author of the European VAT Handbook, a manual providing essential information about VAT in Europe.