



*This strategy was approved by the Board of Directors of IG Group Holdings plc on 18 January 2018 and is published in accordance with IG's requirements under paragraph 16(2), Schedule 19, Finance Act 2016.*

IG has offices in 16 countries, and clients all over the world including in countries where we have no physical presence. IG aligns its payment of tax with its commercial objectives, making sure that we pay the right amount of tax in the jurisdictions where we are operating, in line with tax laws. IG benefits from being based in, and creating most of our value in the UK where corporation taxes are low in comparison with many other countries.

### **Governance and risk management**

IG is exposed to a variety of tax risks, including compliance and reporting risks, and reputational risks. Within IG's overall risk management framework the Group has a specific tax risk management policy which is reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee and the Board annually. This policy states that IG has a low appetite for tax risk.

Responsibility for implementing IG's tax strategy lies with the CFO. He delegates responsibility to the Group's tax team, who are responsible for IG's day to day tax affairs. The tax function reports to the CFO and presents to the Audit Committee on a regular basis.

The tax function is responsible for monitoring changes to corporate taxes globally and assessing the impact on IG. They also have a key role in collaborating with the business to review commercial initiatives and to ensure tax matters are properly considered.

IG outsources tax return preparation to third parties to ensure that we are utilising the most up-to-date knowledge and to benefit from the strengthened control environment that outsourced compliance brings. We also use advisors to consult on transactions and to assist on matters where the interpretation of the law is not clear.

### **Attitude to tax planning**

The Group's approach to tax planning is that:

- tax planning must only be undertaken in support of commercial transactions, and
- the tax outcome should reflect the commercial substance of the transaction and be in accordance with the spirit of applicable tax laws.

IG does not undertake planning when it does not align with the commercial objectives of the business.

The Group seeks to take advantage of available reliefs. Any transactions that take place need to align with the commercial objectives of the business and the spirit of the law. Where transactions can be structured in different ways, IG will consider the tax implications of those structures ensuring the final structure is fully aligned to the commercial transaction and remains within the spirit of the law.

IG does not offer tax advice to its clients, but we do offer tax advantaged products. We do this in line with regulations.

### **Relationship with HMRC**

IG works to maintain an open and honest relationship with tax authorities. We work closely with HMRC, meeting formally on an annual basis and corresponding throughout the year to provide regular updates on business matters. Where there is uncertainty around interpretation of legislation, IG will fully disclose this to HMRC. IG will also collaborate and contribute with HMRC and HMT on tax policy.