

Cayman Islands *Highlights*



Currency: Cayman & US Dollar (US/KYD)

Foreign exchange control: No

Accounting principles/financial statements: GAAP/IFRS

Principal business entities: These are the exempted company, nonresident company and local company.

Corporate taxation:

Residence – No

Basis – No

Taxable income – No

Taxation of dividends – No

Capital gains – No

Losses – No

Rate – No

Surtax – No

Alternative minimum tax – No

Foreign tax credit – No

Participation exemption – No

Holding company regime – No

Incentives – No

Withholding tax:

Dividends – No

Interest – No

Royalties – No

Branch remittance tax – No

Other taxes on corporations:

Capital duty – No

Payroll tax – No

Real property tax – No

Social security – No

Stamp duty – Stamp duty is imposed on the transfer of Cayman real estate. The duty is applied on the greater of the purchase price or the fair market of the land and building at the time of transfer at a rate of 7.5% for most property and 9% on prime property locations. Stamp duty also applies to a “land holding company”, as defined.

Transfer tax – No

Other – A 20% duty is levied on most goods imported into the islands.

Anti-avoidance rules:

Transfer pricing – No

Thin capitalisation – No

Controlled foreign companies – No

Other – No

Disclosure requirements – No

Administration and compliance:

Tax year – No

Consolidated returns – No

Filing requirements – No

Penalties – No

Rulings – No

Personal taxation:

Basis – No

Residence – No

Filing status – No

Taxable income – No

Capital gains – No

Deductions and allowances – No

Rates – No

Other taxes on individuals:

Capital duty – No

Stamp duty – See above under “Other taxes on corporations”.

Capital acquisitions tax – No

Real property tax – No

Inheritance/estate tax – No

Net wealth/net worth tax – No

Social security – No

Administration and compliance:

Tax year – No

Filing and payment – No

Penalties – No

Value added tax:

Taxable transactions – No

Rates – No

Registration – No

Filing and payment – No

Source of tax law: Customs Law

Tax treaties: The Cayman Islands has No Tax Treaties.

Tax authorities: No

International organisations:

CARICOM (Associate Member)

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