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Tax Report 2024

# Our approach to tax

At ASML we are committed to take our responsibility for creation of social value. The taxes that we pay are a means to that end. **Being open and transparent in** how we operate and our approach towards tax is an important element in our overall business and ESG sustainability strategy.



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# Introduction

All figures based on US GAAP

At ASML we encourage a culture of transparency and trust. That is also how we approach the world of tax."

Roger Dassen Chief Financial Officer I am pleased to introduce ASML's 2024 Approach to Tax Report. At ASML we stay committed to helping build a fairer and more sustainable society through social economic cohesion, sustainable growth and long-term prosperity. Taxation helps us do that.

2024 once again has been a dynamic year for our Tax & Customs department. On the one hand securing recurring compliance obligations. On the other hand preparing for new legislative requirements (like Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and Pillar II (global minimum tax) and supporting various initiatives to facilitate the further growth of the organization.

Over the last several years, we have made several improvements to our Tax Report, like adhering to the VNO-NCW Tax Governance Code and providing the country-by-country tax information for all countries where we operate. We also provided insight into the activities in our five main countries as well as a brief explanation of the type and geographic scope of the activities of our entities.

These enhancements have been maintained in this year's report, and are supported by updates on relevant developments and further improvements we have been working on in 2024.

Our leading principle is that our tax position reflects our business operations – the sale of lithography systems and related products and services, supported by our manufacturing and research and development (R&D) activities. ASML has a straightforward operating model, with our campus in Veldhoven, the Netherlands, at the heart of our global operations. ASML is changing constantly as a result of the continuous improvements in how we run our business, the ongoing developments around ESG and the responsibility we have towards the communities in which we operate. As a result we are constantly evaluating our operating model – collaborating closely with internal stakeholders to establish compliance from a Tax & Customs perspective.

The global tax landscape is also evolving, with many new regulations introduced or in the pipeline, such as the implementation of the Global Minimum Tax rules, CBAM, e-invoicing and the digitization on the side of tax authorities. We monitor all these developments to keep pace with potential changes.

I trust that the information in this report provides insight into how we operate, the principles that we are committed to and how we fulfill our role as a responsible taxpayer.

Supported by our Tax & Customs department, the ASML Board of Management is committed to report on our approach to tax. I look forward to providing updates in future years.

**€1,102m<sup>1</sup>** Income tax paid 2024 (€2,568m in 2023) 1. Lower amount for 2024 due to refund of excess pre-payments

made in 2023

**18.6%** Effective tax rate 2024 (15.8% in 2023)

# **About ASML**

As a global innovation leader in the chip industry, we provide chipmakers with hardware, software and services to mass-produce patterns on silicon through lithography. Our purpose is to unlock the potential of people and society by pushing technology to new limits.

# 44,027 **FTE employees**

21,407 operations 15,992 in R&D 6,628 in Sales and Support €22.4bn Asia €4.5bn US €1.3bn EMEA

€28.3bn

**Total net sales** 

€ €4.3bn **R&D** costs

We innovate across our entire product portfolio through strong investment in R&D

148 **Nationalities** Locations around

the world across three continents Headquartered in Netherlands since 1984

>60

# Tax breakdown

Total income tax paid

€1,102m



1. Netherlands	€762m
2. United States	€(209)m
3. Taiwan	€78m
4. South Korea	€336m
5. China	€58m
6. Rest of the World	€76m

# **R&D** employees (in FTE)





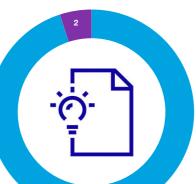
1. Netherlands	70 %
2. United States	22 %
3. Taiwan	3 %
4. South Korea	- %
5. China	3 %
6. Rest of the World	2 %

**Portfolio (number of patents)** 17,750

We strive to maintain an

environment where all feel

valued and respected



1. Netherlands	95 %
2. United States	5 %
3. Taiwan	- %
4. South Korea	- %
5. China	- %
6. Rest of the World	- %

# **ASML** operating model

We believe that our tax position should reflect our business operations – the sale of lithography systems and related products and services, resulting from manufacturing and R&D activities. Our operating model is straightforward, with our campus in Veldhoven, the Netherlands, at its heart.

The operating model described below is key to understanding ASML's tax position.

Of ASML's global workforce, 54% is located in the Netherlands, 19% in the US, 22% in Asia and 5% in EMEA (excluding the Netherlands). Of all senior management roles 69% are based in the Netherlands, reflecting the fact that ASML Netherlands actively leads and controls the group's activities, performance and risks.

With regard to R&D activities, 70% of our R&D employees are located in the Netherlands. The remaining employees are mainly employed by our legal entities in the US, with the rest spread over other locations. The costs of our US and other foreign R&D organizations are borne by ASML in the Netherlands, and 95% of our patents are owned by ASML Netherlands. Historically our R&D costs amount to approximately 15% of our annual revenue.

The vast majority of our lithography machines are assembled in Veldhoven, with a significant percentage of the parts supplied by our ecosystem of suppliers in the Netherlands, Europe and the US. Some modules and metrology systems are manufactured by our factories in the US, Germany, and Taiwan. In most cases, our new lithography machines are shipped directly from the Netherlands to our customers once they are ready. We aim to continuously improve how we operate, and this includes evolving our supply chain as well as enhancing our products and services. Furthermore, the ESG landscape continues to be an increasingly important driver of change. Our Tax & Customs department closely monitors these developments in order to establish compliance and adherence to our tax principles.

Currently, our customers are mainly based in Taiwan, South Korea, China and the US. Our operations in those regions contribute to our sales and customer service efforts, which are strategically designed and operate as an integrated function to bring ASML's responsibilities closer to its customers in line with our key business strategy to increase customer trust.

The profitability of our activities in the countries where we operate is a fair reflection of the operating model in line with local laws and international standards. Where possible and appropriate, we have agreed (or are in the process of agreeing) the level of remuneration for our activities with local tax authorities. Furthermore, we have processes and controls in place to monitor various taxes, such as customs, value-added tax (VAT), corporate income tax (CIT), wage tax and withholding tax (WHT). Our approach to tax is regularly discussed with senior management, and we regularly provide training to emphasize the importance of compliance with laws and regulations.

# Key data of our five most significant countries of operations

Country	FTE	% of total ASML employee population	% of ASML R&D employees	% of ASML Senior Staff located	% of ASML patents owned
Netherlands	23,593	54%	70%	69%	95%
United States	8,480	19%	22%	19%	5%
Taiwan	4,592	10%	3%	4%	-%
South Korea	2,528	6%	-%	3%	-%
China	1,891	4%	3%	2%	-%
Rest of the world	2,943	7%	2%	3%	-%
Total	44,027	100%	100%	100%	100%

The activities in our main countries can be summarized as follows:

### Netherlands

ASML is founded and is headquartered in the Netherlands, where strategic decisions for the group are made, with the exception of the Cymer DUV Light Source business line. More than half of all ASML employees work for ASML in the Netherlands. As noted, the vast majority of manufacturing and R&D activities take place in and are directed from the Netherlands. Our Veldhoven campus is constantly transforming as we continue to build future-proof factory and office facilities to support the growth of ASML.

### **United States**

In 2024, the US was ASML's third largest market in terms of net sales. Strategic decisions for the Cymer DUV Light Source business line are made in the US. ASML systems and related products and services are sold via our US distributor group entity. Manufacturing and R&D services are performed in the US for ASML Netherlands.

### Taiwan

During the year, Taiwan was ASML's fourth largest market in terms of net sales. Our systems and related products and services are sold via our Taiwanese distributor group entity. Manufacturing and R&D services are performed in Taiwan for ASML Netherlands.

### South Korea

Over the last 12 months, South Korea was our second largest market in terms of net sales. ASML systems and related products and services are sold via our South Korean distributor group entity. In addition, repair services are performed for ASML Netherlands while manufacturing services related to the Cymer DUV Light Source business line are performed for Cymer US.

### China

In 2024, China was our largest market in terms of net sales. Our systems and related products and services are sold via our Chinese distributor group entity. Limited manufacturing, R&D, and repair services are performed by our Chinese group entities for ASML Netherlands.

# **Our tax principles**

# The following principles guide us in how we report and pay tax in the countries where we operate<sup>1</sup>

# Compliance

- We respect the tax laws applicable in each country. We are committed to act in accordance with the letter, intent and the spirit of tax laws and regulations.
- We make tax disclosures in accordance with reporting requirements, US GAAP and International financial reporting standards (IFRS), where applicable.
- ASML's profit allocation methods are based on internationally accepted standards as published by the OECD. We apply these consistently across our business, contingent on the relevant rules and regulations in the local jurisdictions where we operate.
- 1. Where we refer to 'tax' in this context this also includes 'customs duties'.

# Support tax systems

- We report taxable income in a jurisdiction commensurate with the added value of the business activities in that jurisdiction.
- We do not use so-called tax havens (as defined by the European Commission's 'blacklist') for tax avoidance.

# **Relationships with authorities**

• As appropriate, we pursue an open and constructive dialogue with the tax authorities, and relevant other authorities, in the jurisdictions where we operate, based on mutual respect, transparency and trust, disclosing all relevant facts and circumstances. We do not use tax structures intended for tax avoidance, nor will we engage in the artificial transfer of profits to low tax jurisdictions.



# Tax transparency

In addition to our compliance with disclosure and reporting requirements, such as the mandatory disclosure of country-by-country reporting to the Dutch tax authorities, we consider it our responsibility to be transparent about our tax footprint.

We expressed this commitment by signing up to the Tax Governance Code as drafted by the VNO-NCW (we also refer to the cross-reference table on page 20 of this report). During 2024, we continued to monitor further developments in this regard such as the CSRD and Dutch implementation of the EU public country-bycountry reporting (CbCR) directive. Where appropriate, we respond proactively and take action in order to comply with upcoming compliance and reporting obligations.

# **Transfer pricing**

Our priority is to maintain a sustainable global transfer pricing policy, establish compliance and safeguard ASML's reputation in light of business developments and various transparency initiatives.

International activities and transactions with and between group subsidiaries are disclosed to the relevan tax authorities as part of our tax returns or other filing requirements. For example, in many countries, the valuation of cross-border business transactions with affiliated parties are subject to detailed documentation requirements, including the master file, local file, and country-by-country reporting, among others. We see to it that the valuation for intra-group activities and transactions are consistent with the OECD arm's length principle as well as with local transfer pricing rules that ensure multinational enterprises report adequate taxable profits where the value is created. We are committed to complying with the regulations of every tax jurisdiction in which we operate regarding the transfer pricing documentation and notification requirements.

ASML communicates openly with the Dutch tax authorities, pursues bilateral arrangements where possible and considers unilateral arrangements in case bilateral arrangements are not available or cannot be catered for. Requests for such arrangements have been submitted to tax authorities in several jurisdictions such as the US, Taiwan, Japan, China, and Singapore. As part of our continuous monitoring process, we pro-actively approach local tax authorities for renewal/prolongation of Advance Pricing Agreements (APA) in these countries. For example, we've concluded an APA with the Korean tax authorities covering years 2019 through 2023. In 2024, we continued dialogue to align on the remuneration for local operations in the aforementioned countries.

# Customs

As a global company, cross-border transactions are a dayto-day activity for ASML. To facilitate our customers in the best possible way requires complex supply chain solutions to be able to deliver on time. Within this process, customs laws and regulations play an important role in moving our goods between countries. It is therefore vital that ASML's customs organization is a trustworthy business partner for both our customers and supply chain partners as well as for the different customs authorities we deal with. For this purpose, ASML holds various customs licenses that simplify the customs procedures, smooths the logistical process and saves duties within the limitations of customs regulations. In addition, ASML has agreed rulings with various customs authorities in the field of customs valuation and customs classification that give us certainty in advance on these specific topics. Finally, ASML is certified as an Authorized Economic Operator (the equivalent in the USA: CTPAT) in several countries, by which the authorities indicate that ASML can be considered a reliable trading partner in the field of customs formalities, payment of duties and the security of the supply chain.

Many jurisdictions stimulate research and development (R&D) activity that yields technological innovation and its positive spin-off effects for the economy at large. For example, this can be achieved by effectively lowering the tax on income arising from certain intellectual property.

Technological development is one of our key competitive success factors and growth drivers for ASML. We primarily perform R&D activities in the Netherlands and the US. If and to the extent that our activities qualify for tax incentives in a domain, we make use of the available incentives.

The Wet Bevordering Speur – en Ontwikkelingswerk (WBSO), innovation box, and US R&D credits are the primary material incentives that we apply.

# Continuous drive for innovation has brought the company where it is today and will remain a key focus area for the future"



### Innovation box regime in the Netherlands

In the Netherlands, we apply certain wage tax and corporate income tax incentives. For corporate income tax, we make use of the so-called 'innovation box regime' that is available under Dutch tax law, which taxes the qualifying income associated with it at 9% (instead of the general corporate income tax rate of 25.8%).

For wage tax purposes we apply for WBSO, resulting in a reduction of wage taxes for employees involved in R&D activities.

R&D and innovation positively impact the growth of the Brainport Eindhoven region. The success of the region has an economic trickle-down effect that benefits a large ecosystem. Furthermore, innovation creates job opportunities. Between 2016 and 2024, ASML's workforce grew from 16,500 to more then 44,000 FTE, with over 23,500 FTE based in the Netherlands – to a large extent working in R&D.

The application of the Dutch innovation box regime to the qualifying taxable profit has been agreed with the Dutch tax authorities. This provides certainty for both parties and reduces the risk of future disputes. This agreement was renewed September 2023, and will be applicable for the years 2024 through 2028.

# • Export activities from the United States

The US government aims to strengthen the US economy by encouraging export trade while also discouraging businesses from moving activities and jobs outside of the US. In the spirit of increasing the competitiveness of US-based companies, the US tax code provides for certain deductions, credits, or lower tax rates when certain requirements are met.

Introduced in 2017, and available as from 2018, the Foreign-Derived Intangible Income (FDII) deduction provides an incentive to US domestic corporations in the form of a lower tax rate on income derived from tangible and intangible products received in, and services benefiting, foreign markets. Based on new guidance issued by the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in 2023 on funded R&D, however, no FDII deduction is expected for 2024.

Next to the above, we annually claim the applicable R&D credits in our US tax return. The R&D credit is a benefit offered to US companies for increasing their research activities.

Additionally, effective from 2023 through 2026 under current law (with the limited ability to claim credit for assets placed in service subsequent to that time), the US government offers a 25% investment tax credit under the CHIPS and Science Act for certain depreciable equipment used in the manufacture of semiconductors or semiconductor manufacturing equipment. ASML has determined that it qualifies for the credit and will annually claim this credit in accordance with the guidance issued by the US government.

Various other tax incentives are offered by the US and states to encourage certain activities. ASML evaluates these as it becomes aware of them, and evaluates whether these are applicable to ASML and align with our tax strategy, tax principles, and overall tax risk management.

### Activities in tax havens

We do not have activities in so-called tax haven jurisdictions. Any acquisitions or investments in these jurisdictions under consideration need upfront clearance from the ASML Tax & Customs department in close consultation with ASML's Board of Management.

### **Tax regimes and incentives**

To foster innovation, we make use of incentives that have been introduced in the countries in which we operate. We only claim tax incentives in line with the policy intent of such tax incentives and provided these incentives are generally available.

# **Our tax strategy**

The Board of Management is accountable for our tax strategy, tax principles and overall tax risk management. The ASML Tax & Customs department is responsible for executing the tax strategy set by the Board of Management.

ASML's tax strategy is based on our tax principles and is closely aligned to our business strategy and our ESG sustainability goals. The tax strategy is approved by the Board of Management and reviewed annually. The tax strategy, tax principles and the overall tax risk management apply to all group entities.

# Key focus areas:

# 1. Stakeholder management

Externally, we communicate on a regular basis with tax authorities, regulators, and other stakeholders. Internally, we support our business in managing risks, staying in control, and at the same time remaining efficient in the administrative procedures and way of working. We work in an integrated way with other experts within ASML.

# 2. The future of taxation

We closely monitor developments in tax transparency, ESG related taxes, tax technology and continuously translate these into potential requirements or implications for ASML.

# 3. Compliance and control

We develop, implement and continuously monitor processes and controls for appropriate tax risk management and reporting purposes. Furthermore, we strive for timely and accurate fulfillment of tax compliance obligations in line with applicable tax laws and regulations, including timely payment of taxes due.

# 4. Tax and customs organization

In a fast changing world it is important to have a diverse team which can handle change and consists of more than just competent tax and customs experts. Communication, digital and project management skills have become increasingly important. We strive to work together and develop each other in line with the ASML values - challenge, collaborate, and care.

# 5. Projects

Our business and the regulatory environment in which we operate change constantly. We work on projects that deal with these changes to ensure the solutions implemented are compliant and efficient. Likewise, we continuously strive for simplification and review existing business models to remain tax and customs compliant.



# 1. Stakeholder management

# Stakeholder engagement

We engage in intensive dialogue with our stakeholders, including relevant tax authorities, our shareholders, customers, business partners, employees, governments, regulators, nongovernmental organizations and the communities in which we operate.

Furthermore, we regularly engage with stakeholders regarding tax in relation to ASML's ESG framework.

These engagements provide us with significant insights into our stakeholders' expectations, while enabling us to retain and improve awareness of our tax principles.



# Our relationship with government, business groups and civil society

We constructively engage in national and international dialogue with governments, business groups and society to support the development of effective tax systems, legislation and administration. This includes engagement via Business at OECD, VNO/NCW and the Semiconductor Industry Association.

### Our relationship with the tax authorities

We are committed to develop a constructive dialogue with the tax authorities in the jurisdictions where we operate, based on mutual respect, transparency and trust, disclosing all relevant facts and circumstances. We work collaboratively with tax authorities to achieve early agreement on disputed issues and certainty on a real-time basis, whenever possible. Where there is disagreement we will strive to achieve resolution by applying our tax principles.

When we seek decisions from tax authorities to confirm applicable tax treatment, we do so on the basis of full disclosure of all relevant facts and circumstances. We have committed ourselves to trustworthy and transparent communication with the tax administration. Possible violations of the ASML Code of Conduct as well as laws or regulations including tax laws can be reported anonymously (as part of the ASML Speak Up and Non-Retaliation policy).

We continue to engage with tax and customs authorities around the world. Through (B)APA's, field visits, meetings at ministries and conferences, seminars and other events.

# 2. The future of taxation

# ESG Sustainability and tax

We aim to make a positive contribution towards a more sustainable future. We believe digital technologies are the cornerstone of a sustainable society, which can help society make progress and address global challenges. Our ESG Sustainability Strategy plays a key role in this. We believe openness and transparency regarding how we operate and the taxes we pay/collect contribute to these goals.

The same applies for actions that we take to report on the CBAM regulations. During 2024, we have filed the required CBAM reports with the applicable Competent Authorities.

# Tax technology

We are committed to leveraging technology to digitize our tax function, ensuring compliance, increased efficiency, and improved risk management. We ensure a close alignment between our tax, finance and IT functions to ensure that the Tax & Customs department is supported in this ambition and is actively involved in relevant digital transformation programs driven by finance or the rest of the company. We maintain and drive a technology roadmap to ensure we are working towards the right technologies to support the future of taxation. The roadmap includes initiatives around the correct setup of our Enterprise Resource Planning ("ERP") systems, efficient data processing, the use of (advanced) analytics and implementing technologies to support our tax processes.

In 2024, a number of successful technology related projects have been executed. These include the implementation of operational transfer pricing software, scope extension of our VAT determination engine, and increasing the level of automation in our direct tax processes. In addition, we are preparing to meet future e-invoicing obligations and we started the preparations for the ERP migration to SAP S/4.

We continuously monitor the development of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, to see how these technologies can be used and to see what impact they will have on the tax function of the future.



# 3. Compliance and control

### **Tax compliance**

As an international organization, ASML has operations all over the world. Paying taxes and complying with the relevant laws and regulations in the jurisdictions where we operate are part of our overall business principles and codes.

All key operating entities benefit from a tax team of leading professionals with in-depth tax expertise who work closely together with local stakeholders both inside and outside the ASML organization.

The complete, accurate and timely preparation and submission of all required tax returns is subject to clear internal rules and processes. We continuously monitor the timely filing of tax returns and the payment of taxes due for the main taxes for which the Tax & Customs department is accountable. During 2024, we proceeded with various (continuous) improvement initiatives for streamlining our tax accounting and compliance processes. For example, we rationalized our supplier network and embedded automation where possible. Additionally, we implemented processes to enable us to deal with the requirements and development in the area of global minimum tax.

We aim for certainty about our tax positions and seek internal or external advice to review and validate our positions where appropriate. Where our assessment and that of the authorities potentially do not match, we give early notice of possible divergent opinions in order to prevent misunderstandings.

In 2024, we continued our dialogues with the Dutch tax authorities to conclude outstanding matters where possible. For the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, all tax returns have been filed. For these returns no final assessments have been received yet.



# We have strong focus on the development of the people in our Tax & Customs department to safeguard ASML's tax and customs compliance in a continuously changing environment"

Gaby Bes Head of Tax & Customs

### Managing our tax position

We seek efficiency in tax matters, including the prevention of double-taxation, following reasonable interpretation and application of tax rules. Our tax positions are aligned with the substance of the economic and commercial activity of ASML's business and based on a reasonable interpretation of applicable law.

We refrain from discretionary tax arrangements. If jurisdictions offer tax incentives that are publicly available and rule-based, for example to promote a country's economic development, and our business activity is within their scope, they are carefully considered. At all times the claiming of such tax incentives depends on the specific needs of our business operations and the overall fit with our investment or business strategy.

In 2024, we continued projects related to improving tax and customs processes around our delivery model and re-use of material. Furthermore, we continued projects related to our tax and customs control framework to safeguard compliance and meet our responsibilities as a responsible taxpayer, in light of the growth of our organization and developments in the semiconductor landscape. We continuously monitor developments in tax legislation in the countries in which we operate as well as global developments from, amongst others, an OECD and ESG sustainability perspective.

During the year, the set-up of processes and controls, as initiated in 2023, in order to be able to comply with the requirements of global minimum tax have been put to work, and improved along the way. These processes enable us to calculate the impact on the consolidated Effective Tax Rate and prepare ourselves for the first filings due in 2026.



# 3. Compliance and control (continued)

## Tax risk management and tax control framework

Our approach to tax risk management is consistent with and embedded in our general approach to risk management. We actively and continuously identify, assess, monitor and manage tax risks to ensure that they remain in line with our business and strategic objectives, taking into account ASML's appetite towards tax risks.

ASML's appetite for tax risks is averse. We aim to be clear about all aspects of our tax position and to share these in a transparent manner, fostering a relationship of honesty, transparency and trust with the tax authorities. The quality of those relationships is evident in the individual monitoring plan we annually agree with the Dutch tax authorities and the number of bilateral advance pricing agreements (BAPAs) we have with the tax authorities in our significant jurisdictions. In some countries (such as the US and its CAP program), we do not meet the eligibility criteria (i.e. 10K or 10Q) to enter in the relevant program. Where necessary, we seek assistance and advice from external consultants.

The main challenges in this area are associated with the strong growth of our organization and our continuous drive to improve our business operations. The Tax & Customs department collaborates closely with internal stakeholders to embed compliance requirements and related controls early in our processes. In 2024, the department worked on various initiatives to underpin the risk and compliance mindset within the broader ASML organization and to strengthen our tax control framework through formalized processes. Such in close collaboration with our Risk & Business Assurance department.

### Tax governance

ASML's Board of Management is ultimately accountable for ASML's approach to tax. The tax function is embedded in the ASML finance organization and is therefore the responsibility of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Our Head of Tax & Customs regularly informs the Board of Management on key strategic tax topics, including updates on tax developments within or around the organization and any potential implications for ASML. Every year, ASML's tax strategy is approved by the Board of Management and validated against the business strategy and organizational values. This process is supported by regular engagement between the Head of Tax & Customs and internal stakeholders such as the CEO, CFO and EVP Finance.

Regular updates on all material tax topics and their current and future impact on ASML's financials are provided by the Tax & Customs department to internal stakeholders via regular tax update meetings.

The Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board reviews our tax strategy and annually confers with our tax professionals to discuss tax policies and the impact of tax laws and regulations on ASML.

We establish effective tax risk management via the		
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All tax-related topics are handled by tax and customs experts that are highly qualified, with in-depth tax and business expertise.	We have implemented a governance framework that is intended to establish appropriate processes and organizational structures to identify, assess, monitor and manage tax risks at different levels of the ASML organization.	

# 3

Our uniform and well-established reporting processes accommodate the internal communication of any tax risks within the ASML risk universe. In addition to our quarterly SOX-compliant tax risk reporting procedures, we also hold a quarterly Tax Risk Committee meeting to discuss new and existing risks. The efficiency of the tax risk management process is continuously monitored by ASML's Tax & Customs department via institutionalized oversight processes. Our auditor annually audits our consolidated financial statements which includes our assessment of potential tax risks.



# 4. Tax and customs organization

### **Tax functions**

Our Tax & Customs department is responsible for tax consulting and tax risk mitigation processes as a result of business developments, organizational changes and analysis of matters such as changes in tax laws and regulations. The department also carries out periodic reviews of tax returns and tax and customs compliance-related processes.

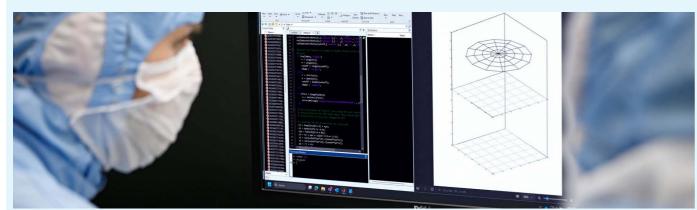
The Tax Accounting & Tax Compliance teams are responsible for determining ASML's tax position under the various reporting standards which are applicable to the group (US GAAP, IFRS, Local GAAP). They also prepare returns for taxes such as VAT, corporate income tax and withholding tax for group companies and execute other related compliance activities, including countryby-country reporting and transfer price calculations, etc.

The teams within the Tax & Customs department are organized in a matrix structure that is intended to ensure appropriate coverage of all the tax and customs affairs in the countries where the ASML group companies are located. Teams are therefore located in the Netherlands, China, South Korea, Taiwan and the US. These teams work closely with specialists in VAT, customs, wage tax and transfer pricing based both in the Netherlands and in the local countries, and also with the Tax Accounting & Tax Compliance teams in the local countries.

In line with our belief that tax should not be managed in isolation, the Tax & Customs department is part of the Expert Advisory organization, where Tax, Treasury, Accounting and Legal teams work closely together.

Regular country-specific and international tax expert meetings facilitate the continuous interaction and collaboration between our tax functions. Together with standardized tax risk reporting procedures, this way of working aims to establish that local tax risks are assessed from a group perspective and are appropriately reported to and overseen by the Tax & Customs function.

Additionally, ESG and tax technology experts within the Tax & Customs department closely collaborate with internal stakeholders in the areas of ESG and automation.



# 5. Projects

# Projects in 2024

Our business and the regulatory environment in which we operate change constantly. We develop and implement projects that deal with these changes in a compliant and efficient way. In addition, we continuously strive for simplification and regularly review our existing business models for compliance.

In addition to recurring compliance activities and the ongoing (B)APA dialogue we maintain with tax authorities in the countries where we operate, during 2024 we worked on and contributed to several specific (ESG) projects including:

- Developing a Tax Technology Roadmap for the mid- and longer-term, including alignment with our internal business partners.
- Exploring the possibilities to use AI within the Tax & Customs department.
- Enhancing data structure and data availability to facilitate process automation and secure compliancy.
- Tax & Customs compliance in the supply chain area.
- Establishing and implementing processes, that are in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the law, in order to comply with the requirements of Pillar II.
- Continuing to deliver and further roll out Tax & Customs awareness training across ASML
- Carrying out compliance reviews and enhancing the existing control framework to ensure alignment with ASML's future ambitions.
- Supporting affordable housing projects in the Brainport region, aiding the low- and middle-income segment, not focused on ASML employees.
- Ensuring Tax & Customs compliant set-up of re-use of materials, including repair close to our customers.
- Setting up and implementing processes for the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism.
- Implementing a project to enable compliant remote working, including monitoring.



# **Financial information for FY2024**

On this page we provide an overview of the revenues, income before income taxes, income tax accrued (based on our US GAAP consolidated financial statements) as well as income taxes paid for our most significant jurisdictions.

# Income tax profile according to US GAAP consolidated financial statements

Significant deviations of the actual income tax expense from the expected income tax expense are largely due to the following reasons:

- The Netherlands: applicability of the innovation box results in a lower effective tax rate for our Dutch fiscal unity as compared to the Dutch statutory tax rate of 25.8%.
- United States: the actual income tax expense and effective tax rate for our US tax group are influenced by temporary differences on, for example, R&D expenses and deferred revenue as well as tax benefits resulting from the deduction of R&D credits for research and development activities performed in the US.
- Other: deviation of actual income tax expense for other countries as compared to expected income tax expense is mainly driven by timing differences.

For more background on the nature of the above items, please see section 'Tax regimes and incentives' on page 6.

The €1,102 million of income taxes paid in 2024 for the consolidated group are not equal to the total income tax expense of €1,681 million recorded in our 2024 group financials. This is due to a number of reasons:

- a. The income tax expense is based on the accrual accounting concept that allows for the allocation of a tax expense for the same period in which the underlying taxable item is realized. In contrast, income taxes paid during a financial year may, next to payments for the year itself, include payments or refunds relating to prior financial years, and may exclude final payments or refunds that occur in the next financial year.
- b. The income before income taxes in our financial statements may differ from the taxable income reported in tax returns. These differences result in deferred taxes in the financial statements to reflect any future taxable events (2024: deferred tax benefit €66 million).
- c. Certain income taxes have to be booked directly in equity in case the underlying results have also been recognized in equity.

For more detailed information on the activities of our group companies in all the countries where we are located as well as relevant financial data insights, please see pages 13 -18.

Income tax profile per significant c	ountry				
(€, in millions)	Netherlands	United States	Taiwan	South Korea	China
Total net external sales	92	4,525	4,363	6,415	10,208
Total net internal sales	29,370	4,178	2,154	1,119	848
Income before income taxes	7,976	328	287	256	213
Income tax expense (actual) <sup>1</sup>	1,367	18	51	14	60
Income tax paid <sup>2</sup>	817	(209)	63	309	44

1. Income tax expense (actual) only concerns the total current tax expense/benefit accrued for FY 2024. Deferred tax expense/benefit as well as movement in provision for uncertain tax positions is excluded.

2. Income tax paid reflects the actual income tax paid in 2024 (including withholding taxes paid on certain payments between group companies).

# **Our total tax contribution overview**

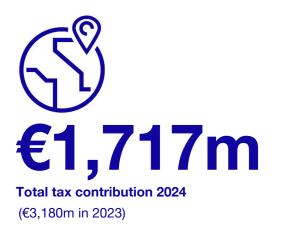
# The taxes paid and collected by our global operations during 2024 totaled €1,717m.

- The amount above includes €1,038m of corporate taxes on profits, as well as €64m other direct taxes (e.g. withholding taxes) levied on our activities.
- The total also includes a net amount of €542m of taxes collected on behalf of others for example our customers, investors and employees and paid to governments.

More details can be found on page 18 of this report.

Amounts on corporate tax paid in 2024 for the Netherlands and US are lower as compared to 2023, due to excess preliminary payments made in 2023 that have been refunded in 2024.

Amounts on this page are rounded in millions. As a result some countries show nil amounts while taxes have been paid.



USA	Germany	China
<b>Æ</b> €322m	<b>—</b> €27m	€140m
2023: €968m	2023: €118m	2023: €88m
Ireland	Italy	Hong Kong
<b>1</b> €11m	<b>€13m</b>	<u></u> €0m
2023: €0m	2023: €15m	2023: €0m
υκ	Israel	South Korea
<b>▲</b> €1m	<del>,</del> €3m	<b>€351m</b>
✓ 2023: €2m	2023: €5m	2023: €76m
Belgium	Malaysia	Japan
<b>●</b> €0m	<u> </u>	€(5)m
2023: €1m	2023: €0m	2023: €14m
Netherlands	Singapore	Canada
<b>—</b> €863m	<u>∢</u> €(3)m	( <u></u> ) €0m
2023: €1,812m	2023: €4m	2023: €0m
France	Taiwan	
€26m	<b>€(30)m</b>	

2023: €28m

2023: €51m

# **Key financials per country**

ASML CbCR dat	ASML CbCR data (non-audited) — in millions of EUR (employees in full number FTE)									
	Number of employees	Total net external sales <sup>1</sup>	Total net internal sales <sup>2</sup>	Income before income taxes <sup>3</sup>	Tangible assets other than cash and cash equivalents <sup>4</sup>	Income tax paid <sup>5</sup>	Income tax expense (actual) <sup>6</sup>	Reasons for the difference between corporate income tax accrued on profit/loss and the tax due if the statutory tax rate is applied to profit/loss before tax.		
Belgium	52	€0.72	€64.54	€2.49	€17.03	€0.75	€0.68	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
China	1,891	€10,207.55	€847.84	€212.91	€554.87	€43.80	€60.00	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
France	60	€76.52	€19.84	€1.98	€11.60	€1.34	€0.52	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
Germany	1,878	€73.79	€352.11	€34.64	€641.83	€60.19	€55.99	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes and tax expense on equity investment		
Hong Kong	_	€0.01	€-16.34	€3.38	€0.00	€0.09	€0.00	Certain income not taxable for tax purposes		
Ireland	160	€1,067.58	€178.23	€15.35	€107.12	€4.26	€1.96	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
Israel	80	€25.73	€37.16	€1.48	€31.09	€0.41	€0.75	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
Italy	17	€3.49	€13.23	€-0.50	€6.27	€0.48	€0.15	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
Japan	447	€1,135.61	€85.52	€13.30	€202.98	€7.48	€4.13	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
South Korea	2,528	€6,415.16	€1,119.38	€256.20	€987.81	€309.45	€13.60	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
Malaysia	4	€2.59	€1.00	€0.19	€1.95	€0.13	€0.05	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
Netherlands	23,593	€92.19	€29,369.54	€7,975.75	€12,377.38	€816.90	€1,366.57	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes and Innovation box deduction		
Singapore	237	€285.30	€49.74	€7.60	€77.85	€1.23	€1.39	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
Taiwan	4,592	€4,363.09	€2,153.82	€286.62	€2,070.08	€63.48	€51.30	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
UK	8	€8.03	€2.26	€0.38	€0.52	€0.05	€0.11	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes		
United States	8,480	€4,525.42	€4,178.22	€327.78	€3,420.97	€(208.54)	€18.41	Certain costs not deductible for tax purposes and deduction for R&D credits		
Grand Total	44,027	€28,282.78	€38,456.09	€9,139.55	€20,509.35	€1,101.50	€1,575.61			

1. Including net external interest income.

2. Concerns aggregate net sales of all group entities in respective jurisdiction, without intercompany elimination; including net intercompany interest income.

3. Concerns aggregate income before income taxes of all group entities in respective jurisdiction without intercompany elimination.

4. Including legal mark-up upon intercompany transfer of assets.

5. Including withholding taxes paid on certain payments between group companies. In conformity with tax CbCR guidance in the below table these withholding taxes have been presented as Income tax expense in the countries where the income is received.

6. Excluding income tax expense on intercompany elimination.

# **Activities per legal entity**

# Summary of activities

Tax Jurisdiction (Country)	Names of tax resident entities	Research and Development	Holding or Managing Intellectual property	Manufacturing or Production	Sales, Marketing or Distribution	Administrative, Management or Support Services	Customer Services	Holding shares or other equity instruments	Dormant
Netherlands	ASML Netherlands B.V.	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Netherlands	ASML Holding N.V.							Х	
Netherlands	ASML Trading B.V.				Х				
Netherlands	Cymer B.V.				Х	Х			
Netherlands	Hermes Microvision Incorporated. B.V.							Х	
Germany	ASML Germany GmbH	Х			Х		Х		
Germany	Cymer B.V. – Germany <sup>1</sup>						Х		
Germany	ASML Participations Germany GmbH							Х	
Germany	ASML Verwaltungs GmbH								Х
Germany	ASML Berlin GmbH	Х		Х					
France	ASML France S.a.r.I.				Х		Х		
France	Cymer B.V. – France						Х		
ИК	ASML (UK) Ltd.				Х		Х		
Israel	ASML Israel (2001) Ltd.				Х		Х		
Israel	Cymer B.V. – Israel						Х		
Ireland	ASML Ireland Ltd.				Х		Х		
Ireland	Cymer B.V. – Ireland						Х		
Italy	ASML Italy S.r.I.				Х		Х		
Italy	Cymer B.V. – Italy						Х		
Belgium	ASML Belgium B.V.	Х					Х		
Belgium	Cymer B.V. – Belgium						Х		
Singapore	ASML Singapore Pte. Ltd.				Х		Х		

# Activities per legal entity (continued)

# Summary of activities

Tax Jurisdiction (Country)	Names of tax resident entities	Research and Development	Holding or Managing Intellectual property	Manufacturing or Production	Sales, Marketing or Distribution	Administrative, Management or Support Services	Customer Services	Holding shares or other equity instruments	Dormant
Singapore	Cymer Singapore Pte. Ltd.				Х		Х		
South Korea	ASML Hong Kong Ltd. Korea Branch								Х
South Korea	ASML Korea Co. Ltd.				Х	Х	Х		
South Korea	ASML Repair Center Korea Ltd.			Х					
South Korea	Cymer Korea, Inc.			Х	Х		Х		
Japan	ASML Japan Co. Ltd.				Х		Х		
Japan	Cymer Japan, Inc.				Х		Х		
China	ASML (Shanghai) LFST Co. Ltd.						Х		
China	ASML (Shanghai) Electrical Equipment Co. Ltd.				Х				
China	ASML (Beijing) Equipment Repair Company Ltd.			Х					
China	Brion Technologies (Shenzhen) Co. Ltd.	Х							
China	Cymer Semiconductor Equipment (Shanghai) Co. Ltd.				Х		Х		
China	Hermes Microvision (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.								Х
China	Hermes Microvision (Beijing) Co., Ltd.	Х		Х					
Malaysia	ASML Equipment Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.				Х		Х		
Hong Kong	ASML Hong Kong Ltd.								Х
United States	ASML US LLC			Х	Х		Х		
United States	ASML US, L.P.	Х		Х					
United States	EO Technical Services LLC			Х					
United States	Cymer, LLC	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
Taiwan	ASML Taiwan Ltd.	Х		Х					
Taiwan	ASML Technology Taiwan Ltd				Х		Х		
Taiwan	Cymer Southeast Asia Ltd.				Х		Х		

# **Our total tax contribution**

### **Taxation on business activities**

As well as paying income taxes, we also fulfill our responsibility towards society through other taxes which we are due as a taxpayer or as an intermediate. Below we include information about our most material tax types for the countries where we are located. Our total tax contribution can be segmented into taxes borne (by ASML as a taxpayer) and taxes collected (by ASML as an intermediate) that we remit to tax authorities specifically for our employees or service providers.

### Taxes borne by ASML

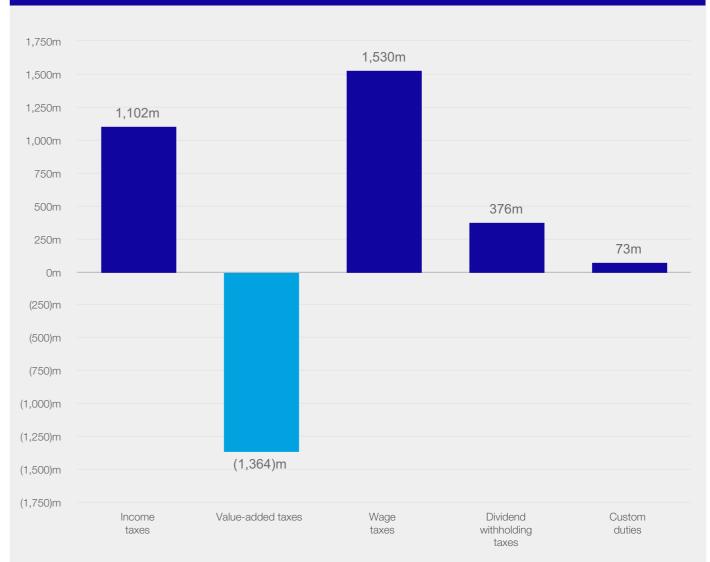
Taxes borne by ASML mainly relate to corporate income taxes that we pay on taxable profits generated from operational activities – the sales of lithography systems and related products and services. These sales are supported by our manufacturing and research and development activities. Profits derived from these operations from a value chain perspective are subject to tax at the income tax rates applicable in the country of operation. Additionally, in several countries we pay withholding taxes upon distribution of dividends or payment of license and/or service fees to our centralized functions.

Furthermore, we bear costs resulting from other tax types such as non-recoverable VAT on purchased services, non-creditable withholding tax, customs duties, employer's share of wage taxes, stamp duties and several smaller items.

### Taxes collected and remitted by ASML

As a company, we are obliged to collect and remit taxes for certain activities. The most relevant of these relate to salaries paid to our employees (wage taxes), VAT and withholding tax upon distribution of dividends to our shareholders.

# Total tax contribution 2024 in € millions

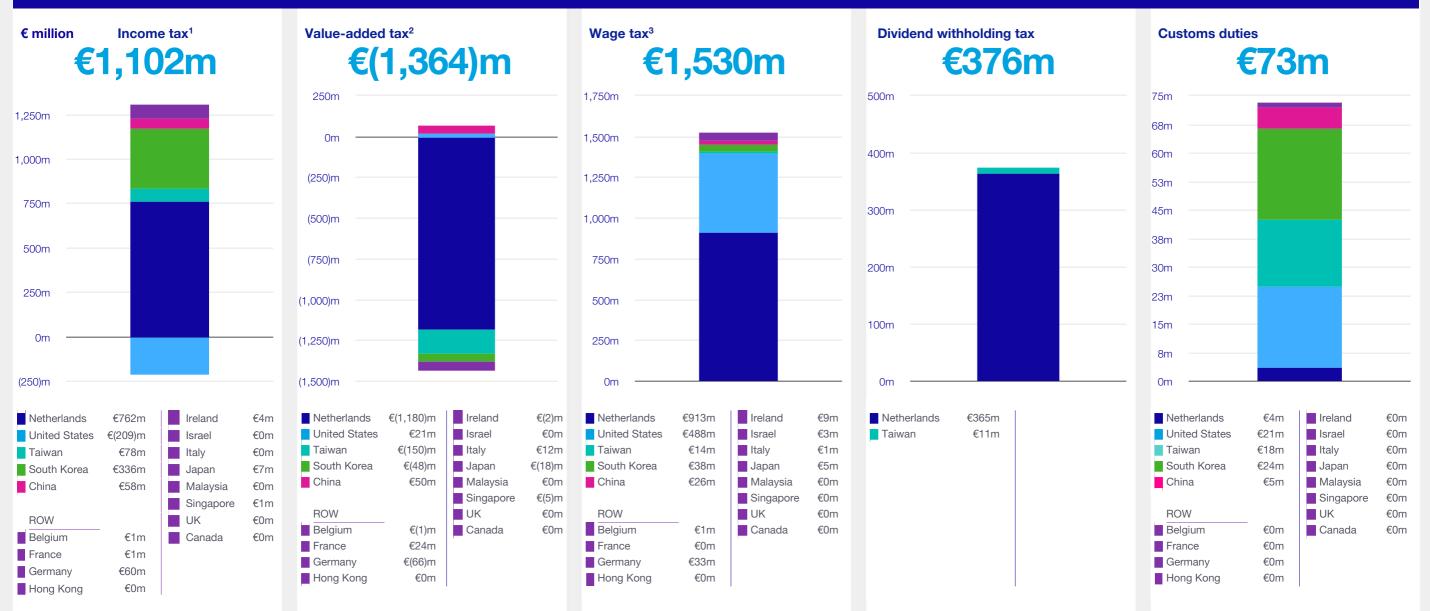


### See more detail on the next page >

# Our total tax contribution (continued)

As can be seen in the graphs below, in the Netherlands our most significant tax payments/collections are made due to the location and central role of our corporate headquarters. Amounts paid/collected at local level are increasing, commensurate with the expansion of our business activities in those local jurisdictions. We expect these to increase in the future in line with the growth of our organization.

Taxes paid / collected



1. Income tax includes withholding taxes paid on certain payments between group companies. These withholding taxes have been presented as Income tax expense in the countries of remittance to local authorities.

2. Value-added taxes are the net amounts paid to/refunded by tax authorities based on VAT returns filed. In the Netherlands, we are in a VAT refundable position as a result of VAT charged to us by our suppliers, while our export sales are exempt from VAT. 3. Only includes wage taxes; excluding social security contributions.

# **Forward-looking statements**

This document and any related discussion contains statements that are forward-looking within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements with respect to our plans, principles, strategy and commitments with respect to tax, including our plans with respect to tax risk management and control framework, our plans and commitments on tax transparency, our commitment to comply with tax and customs laws and regulations, statements with respect to tax technology, our plans and strategy with respect to tax compliance, our governance and other non-historical statements. You can generally identify these statements by the use of words like 'may', 'will', 'could', 'should', 'project', 'believe', 'anticipate', 'expect', 'plan', 'estimate', 'forecast', 'potential', 'intend', 'continue', 'aim', 'seek', 'target', 'future', 'progress', 'committed to', 'goal' and variations of these words or comparable words. These statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on current expectations, plans, strategies and goals and readers should not place undue reliance on them.

Forward-looking statements do not guarantee future performance and involve a number of substantial known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including risks relating to our tax policies, strategies, practices, controls and procedures, actions taken by tax authorities and other regulators, changes in tax laws, rules and regulations and the application of such laws, rules and regulations, stakeholder reaction to our tax policies, practices and procedures, our compliance with tax laws and regulations and other risks indicated in the risk factors included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F and other filings with and submissions to the US Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements are made only as of the date of this document. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements after the date of this report or to conform such statements to actual results or revised expectations, except as required by law.

# Our approach to tax in 2024 – reference to Tax Governance Code VNO-NCW<sup>1</sup>

Disclosure	Description	Page	Section
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.1.	Approach to tax is based on a tax strategy and principles approved by the Board	7	Our tax strategy
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B. Accountability a	Ind tax governance		
3.1.	Accountability of the Board for tax strategy, principles and risk management	7	Our tax strategy
3.2.	Tax control framework that sets out tax controls and risk management	10	Tax risk management and tax control framework
3.3.	Internal and external auditors regularly review tax controls	10	Compliance & Control
. Tax compliance			
2.1.	Prepare and file tax returns required, with complete, accurate and timely disclosures	9	Tax compliance
0.2.	Responsible tax planning based on interpretations of law and aligned with substance of economic and commercial activity	4 & 5	Our operating model & Support tax systems
0.3.	No transactions undertaking or engagement in arrangements with purpose to create tax benefit in excess of relevant tax rules	5	Relationships with authorities
2.4.	Claim tax incentives in line with policy intent of such tax incentives only	6	Tax regimes and incentives
0.5.	Certainty in advance from tax authorities based on full disclosure of facts and circumstances	8	Our relationship with the tax authorities
. Business struct	ure		
).1.	No use of tax havens for tax avoidance, all entities in tax havens exist for substantive and commercial reasons	5	Support tax systems
).2.	Pay tax on profits to where value is created within normal course of commercial activity	5	Support tax systems
).3.	Use of arm's length principle, with guidelines of OECD across the businesses, contingent on local laws	5	Transfer pricing
. Relationships w	ith tax authorities and other external stakeholders		
.1.	Develop cooperative relation with tax authorities	8	Our relationship with the tax authorities
	Engage in national and international dialogue to support development of effective tax systems, legislation and administration	8	Our relationship with government, business groups and civil society
.3.	Work collaboratively with tax authorities to achieve agreement on disputed issues and certainty on real-time basis	8	Our relationship with the tax authorities
. Tax transparence	y and reporting		
.1.	Tax strategy or policy and its task risk management strategy	7 &10	Our tax strategy & Compliance & Control
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