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## Mazars strengthen indirect tax offering

Mazars Australia announces the appointment of Indirect Tax Specialist, Stephen Baxter, strengthening indirect tax offering.

Following the expansion of Mazars in Australia earlier in the year, the practice continues to evolve with the appointment of Indirect Tax Specialist, Stephen Baxter as Associate Director of the Mazars Tax Division.

Sydney Managing Partner, Jim Mascitelli, comments, "The expansion of our tax services echoes our continual desire to meet the needs of our clients. As an international firm and with offices throughout the Eastern seaboard of Australia, the demand to advise clients on cross-border transactions, GST, due diligence, property and land tax is continuing to increase. The addition of Stephen Baxter ensures we are well placed to support our clients."

Specialising in GST, land tax, fuel tax credits, luxury car tax and wine tax, Stephen Baxter brings to Mazars thirty-three years' experience as an indirect tax consultant, including twenty-two years running his own practice. Having advised on the introduction of GST into Australia and Malaysia, the establishment of Australia's GST systems for non-residents and with the practical application like the use of GPS technology to reduce fleet running costs, Stephen's technical expertise is easily demonstrated.

"I've closely monitored Mazars over the last few years and have admired their personal and agile approach to ensuring clients are supported. Joining an internationally renowned practice whose recent growth in Australia offers a broad scope of global resources, presents a unique opportunity to not only advise clients in Australia, but support clients internationally who are looking to successfully do business in Australia," says Stephen

As well as being one of the longest standing members of the Federal Treasurer's <u>Board of Taxation</u> <u>Advisory Panel</u>, Stephen also writes and updates the GST chapters of the Wolter Kluwer Small Business Tax Concessions Guide.

"We're delighted to have Stephen join the team. The Mazars Group provides our most valuable resource, our people, opportunities for mobility and to grow them as global leaders, cross fertilize experience, and share best practices and innovations from 310 offices around the world. The expertise and experience that Stephen Baxter brings will further support the firms continued growth," concludes Jim.

## About Mazars:

Mazars is an international, integrated and independent firm, specialising in audit, accountancy, advisory, tax and consulting services. Operating in 89 countries and territories, as of 1 January 2019, the firm draws on the expertise of 40,000 professionals – 24,000 in the Mazars integrated partnership and 16,000 via the Mazars North America Alliance – to assist clients at every stage in their development.

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