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## Speaker profiles

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### Robert Yoon

EY Asia-Pacific Fixed Asset Services and Asean Quantity Services Leader, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd

Robert is a Tax Partner at Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd and leads the Johor Tax services. Robert has more than 27 years of professional experience in the field of taxation and more than 22 years of experience focusing on fixed asset services. He has carried out fixed assets assignments in several jurisdictions, e.g., Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Cambodia, Guam, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Vietnam. He has also carried out capital allowance and cost segregation studies for more than 1,700 buildings or structures.



### Bernard Yap

Malaysia Private Tax Leader and Partner, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd

Bernard is the Malaysia Private Tax Leader and Partner at Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd. He also leads the Financial Services Tax team in Malaysia. Bernard has over 27 years of experience providing tax advisory and compliance services to conventional and Islamic banks, insurance companies, private companies, family businesses, private equity and asset management companies as well as high-net-worth individuals. He also works closely with the EY Global Tax policy network to help develop and implement policy initiatives.



### Hisham Halim

Partner, International Tax and Transaction Services, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd

Hisham has over 25 years of transfer pricing and corporate tax experience in Malaysia and overseas, and has managed complex transfer pricing projects and controversies for large multinationals and Government-linked Companies ("GLCs") across various industries. His experience also includes helping to develop and implement transfer pricing strategies and policies, documentation for large groups of companies, as well as operational transfer pricing matters.



### Irene Ang

Partner, People Advisory Services, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd

Irene has 20 years of experience in People Advisory Services, focusing on Global Mobility, Tax and Immigration. She has broad experience in coordinating and managing compliance requirements for international assignees. This includes advising multinational companies on income tax, social security and immigration requirements. Irene has been involved in tax planning exercises, conducted tax compliance reviews for companies, and assisted clients in reviewing and implementing various types of employee share schemes. She is also actively involved in conducting Breakfast Talk and People Advisory Services Workshops for clients as well as tax training for internal staff.

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### Aljo Barias

Senior Manager,  
Indirect Tax,  
Ernst & Young Tax  
Consultants Sdn Bhd

Aljo has more than 12 years of in-depth experience in the field of taxation, experienced in business tax compliance services, tax compliance reviews, audit-integrated test of tax controls, and tax advisory services. He has gained exposure in various industries including manufacturing and trading, automotive, fast-moving consumer goods, and other service-oriented companies. Aljo has been actively involved in indirect tax compliance and implementation projects, advisory work, health check services, due diligence jobs and user trainings for several clients in Malaysia. He has provided assistance to a notable conglomerate in Malaysia and an international manufacturing and direct selling company in the Philippines in the areas of tax advisory and compliance during his secondment terms. Aljo has assisted several group of companies in Malaysia with the implementation of GST 1.0 and SST 2.0 and compliance needs.



### Chang Ee Leen

Partner,  
Raja, Darryl & Loh

Ee Leen is a tax lawyer who returned to legal practice after spending some years as a tax consultant in the International Tax and Transaction Services practice of one of the major accounting and tax firms in Kuala Lumpur.

Throughout the course of her legal practice, Ee Leen has been involved in numerous litigation cases particularly, tax appeal cases before the Special Commissioners of Income Tax, Customs Appeal Tribunal, High Court and Court of Appeal. The reported cases in which she played a key role involved various crucial tax issues. Ee Leen has also represented clients in tax audits and investigations as well as dispute resolution proceedings with the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia.

In addition to tax litigation work, she frequently advises clients on technical tax issues as well as cross-border transactional tax issues, which involves Malaysian corporate income tax, stamp duty, real property gains tax as well as permanent establishment and withholding tax issues. She has also assisted clients in submitting applications and appeals to the tax authorities and Ministry of Finance to clarify on key tax technical issues from which positive outcomes were obtained.

Prior to diverging into tax consultancy practice, Ee Leen was ranked as a 'Next Generation Lawyer' in Tax by Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2018. She has been listed as a 'Recommended Lawyer' in the 2023 publication of Legal 500 Asia Pacific. Ee Leen is an Associate member of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia.

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