

## **Setting up the Business**

The German accounting and tax regulations offer a broad variety of planning opportunities. However, tax planning we don't understand only as one-dimensional tax optimization, but also as an important part of the risk management.

Our support covers especially the following:

- Choice between different legal forms (corporation, limited partnership, branch) with respect to the overall German tax burden
- Financing structure (tax optimized funding of the business)
- German tax consolidation in case of existing businesses in Germany;
  inbound holding structure
- Management structure (e.g., safeguarding that the place of management of the company is located in Germany, no dual resident entities)
- VAT status
- Drafting of the articles of the company taking into account tax requirements
- Intra-group service agreements
- Withholding tax aspects / use of double tax treaties
- Compliance with tax filing requirements upon establishing the new entity
- Accounting requirements according to German GAAP