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2026 Budget and Tax Conference

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Agenda

Time	Event
8:00 a.m.	Registration and light breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Welcome address by Robert Yoon, EY Asia-Pacific Fixed Asset Services Leader, EY Asean Quantitative Services Leader, Johor Branch Tax Leader; and Partner, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.
9:05 a.m.	A snapshot of the Malaysian economy in 2025 by Robert Yoon
9:15 a.m.	Plenary 1 Dialogue with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Guest speaker, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM), Johor▪ Guest speaker, Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD)▪ Bernard Yap, Malaysia Private Tax Leader; and Partner, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.▪ Jalbir Singh Riar, Partner, Indirect Tax, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd. Moderator: Robert Yoon
10:00 a.m.	Plenary 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Evolving landscape of family offices▪ Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) and existing tax incentives - Opportunities and strategic insights Dialogue with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Guest speaker, Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA)▪ Desmond Teo, EY ASEAN Private Tax and Family Enterprise Leader, EY Singapore Sectors Tax Leader; and Partner, Ernst & Young Solutions LLP▪ Bernard Yap, Malaysia Private Tax Leader; and Partner, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.▪ Shalini R. Chandrarajah, Associate Partner, International Tax and Transaction Services, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd. Moderator: Robert Yoon
10:45 a.m.	Coffee break and networking
11:00 a.m.	Plenary 3 Budget 2026 tax proposals - Corporate tax and tax incentives Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Shalini R. Chandrarajah, Associate Partner, International Tax and Transaction Services, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.▪ Chan Vai Fong, Associate Partner, International Tax and Transaction Services, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.▪ Chua Siong Chee, Japan Business Services (JBS) Malaysia Tax Leader; and Associate Partner, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.▪ Sharmila Keraishnasamy, Director, Global Compliance and Reporting, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.
12:45 p.m.	Networking lunch

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2:15 p.m.	<p>Plenary 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Budget 2026 tax proposals - Indirect tax, personal income tax and transfer pricing <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Vinay Nichani, Partner, International Tax and Transaction Services, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.▪ Irene Ang, Partner, People Advisory Services Tax, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.▪ Poh Ai Yeen, Senior Manager, Indirect Tax, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.
3:30 p.m.	<p>Coffee break and networking</p>
3:45 p.m.	<p>Plenary 5</p> <p>Recent tax developments - Sales Tax and Service Tax (SST) expansion and stamp duty compliance</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jalbir Singh Riar, Partner, Indirect Tax, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.▪ Chua Siong Chee, Japan Business Services (JBS) Malaysia Tax Leader; and Associate Partner, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.▪ Poh Ai Yeen, Senior Manager, Indirect Tax, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.
4:45 p.m.	<p>Plenary 6</p> <p>Legal lens - Key insights from recent tax cases</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Anand Raj, Partner, Shearn Delamore & Co
5:30 p.m.	<p>End of conference</p>

Speaker profiles

Guest speakers

- Representative from IRBM, Johor
- Representative from RMCD
- Representative from IRDA



Mr. Anand Raj

Partner,

Shearn Delamore
& Co

Mr. Anand has been in practice since 1996 and a partner at Shearn Delamore & Co. since 2003. He currently serves as the Head of the Tax Disputes Practice and the Co-Head of Competition Law and Antitrust at the firm.

He is ranked by Legal 500 Asia-Pacific (2019-2025) as a "Leading Individual" in Tax and has been highlighted in The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific's "Hall of Fame" for Tax (2025) and Competition and Antitrust (2025). Lexology (2025) recognized Anand as a "Global Elite Thought Leader" in Client choice - Competition, a "Thought Leader" in Competition and "Recommended" in Competition and Southeast Asia - Competition, as well as Corporate Tax - Controversy and Southeast Asia - Corporate Tax. The Asia Business Law Journal (2020-2024) recognized him as one of Malaysia's Top 100 Lawyers in Competition Law and Antitrust and Tax Disputes and Controversy.

Asialaw Leading Lawyers (2020-2024) recognized Anand as an "Elite Practitioner" in Competition/Antitrust as well as in Tax. Mr. Anand is recognized as a "Highly Regarded Practitioner" in Indirect Tax and Tax Controversy (2019-2022, 2025), as well as "Highly Regarded" in World Transfer Pricing (2023-2025) by the International Tax Review. Anand has also been recognized by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2025 as a "Litigation Star". Mr. Anand currently serves as the Vice-President of the Malaysian Bar. He is the Chair of the Tax Committee of Malaysian Bar and the former Chair of the International Fiscal Association, Malaysia Branch.

Speaker profiles



Robert Yoon

EY Asia-Pacific Fixed Asset Services Leader, EY Asean Quantitative Services Leader, Johor Branch Tax Leader; and Partner, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.

Robert is a Partner at Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd. and leads the Tax practice in Johor. He has over 29 years of professional experience in the field of taxation, with experience in fixed asset services for more than 24 years. Robert's tax compliance knowledge covers various industries, from investment holding to manufacturing, trading, energy and services. He led Asia-Pacific capital allowance studies and fixed asset services for more than 1,700 buildings across several countries, including Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam and Cambodia. He also successfully rolled out tax automation for fixed asset services, which includes machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI).



Desmond Teo

EY ASEAN Private Tax and Family Enterprise Leader, EY Singapore Sectors Tax Leader; and Partner, Ernst & Young Solutions LLP

As one of the pioneering tax advisors for funds and family offices in Singapore, Desmond has supported clients in this industry for over two decades. Based in Singapore, he is responsible for bringing to private clients pan-Asia-Pacific solutions, covering assurance, consulting, strategy and transactions, tax and legal. As a trusted business advisor for private groups, business owners and startups, he has helped clients by bringing together cross-border seamless detailed solutions.

He also works closely with the leading private banks and trust companies to support them and their clients to cope with the evolving tax landscape and navigate through the interconnected requirements of corporate tax, personal tax, FATCA/CRS and operational taxes. He advises infrastructure funds with portfolio that spans Asia-Pacific and India.



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 25 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.



Vinay Nichani

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

Vinay has more than 22 years of experience working as a transfer pricing consultant in Malaysia, India and the US. His extensive experience includes leading engagement teams for the preparation of transfer pricing documentation for a wide range of transactions involving telecommunication, automotive, oil and gas, software services and back-office support services. Additionally, Vinay is involved in assisting clients in dealing with the tax authorities on advanced pricing arrangements and transfer pricing audits. He has also worked on global transfer pricing compliance and IP migration projects for large multinational companies in the US. Vinay has worked on various research papers, such as *The Need and Importance of Advance Pricing Mechanisms in India*, which has been considered by the US-India Business Council (USIBC) for discussions with the Indian government.

Speaker profiles



Irene Ang

Partner, People Advisory Services Tax,

Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.

Irene has 22 years of experience in People Advisory Services Tax, 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 talks and People Advisory Services Tax workshops for clients as well as tax training for internal staff.



Jalbir Singh Riar

Partner, Indirect Tax,

Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.

Jalbir has 18 years of experience in providing advisory and compliance services on indirect tax matters covering SST, goods and services tax (GST), excise duty, customs importation/exportation, free zones, licensed manufacturing warehouses, import duty exemption, refund and drawback, customs procedures/facilities, various free trade agreements and cross-border indirect tax planning for a wide variety of industries. He has also conducted indirect tax training for clients with the Ministry of Finance and the RMCD on GST and SST related matters.



Shalini R. Chandrarajah

Associate Partner, International Tax and Transaction Services,

Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.

Shalini has more than 20 years of professional experience in the field of taxation. She has a wide range of experience in providing tax compliance and advisory services for various corporate groups, public listed companies and multinationals.

Shalini focuses on providing tax technical and value-added solutions, including tax structuring and reorganization (mergers and acquisitions) for a wide range of areas, tax advisory work on cross-border payments in relation to withholding tax obligations and tax incentive applications, such as reinvestment allowance, pioneer status, investment tax allowance and principal hub. She was involved in a government engagement involving tax policy and incentive recommendations in a blueprint study for nine service sectors for the financial years of 2021 to 2025.



Chua Siong Chee

Japan Business Services (JBS) Malaysia Tax Leader; and Associate Partner, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.

Siong Chee has more than 20 years of professional experience in taxation. He is currently the Japan Business Services (JBS) Tax Leader for EY in Malaysia. JBS is EY's global network that support overseas business operations of Japanese companies. Siong Chee focuses on providing corporate tax compliance and tax advisory services to Japanese clients. He has extensive experience in tax advisory, tax planning, tax controversy, tax health check, tax incentives applications, corporate tax due diligence reviews and corporate income tax compliance.

Speaker profiles



Chan Vai Fong

Associate Partner,
International Tax and
Transaction Services,

Ernst & Young Tax
Consultants Sdn. Bhd.

Vai Fong has more than 20 years of experience in tax audit and investigation engagements involving corporate income tax, petroleum income tax, personal tax for large Malaysian corporations, multinationals and individuals. Prior to this, Vai Fong was involved in business tax advisory, business tax compliance, international tax and transfer pricing engagements. She has assisted clients with tax controversy management, in both tax audits and investigations by the IRBM. Her clients include Malaysian and multinational companies.



Sharmila Keraishnasamy

Director, Global
Compliance and
Reporting,

Ernst & Young Tax
Consultants Sdn. Bhd.

Sharmila has over 19 years' experience in tax compliance involving corporate income tax, personal tax, stamp duty, withholding tax, real property gains tax, transfer pricing, tax audits and investigations for large Malaysian corporations, multinationals and individuals. Her industry experience includes manufacturing, trading, property developers, hospitality and plantation. Sharmila has been involved in a series of tax advisory engagements and liaising with the relevant regulatory bodies on behalf of clients for tax audit and investigation matters.



Poh Ai Yeen

Senior Manager,
Indirect Tax,

Ernst & Young Tax
Consultants Sdn. Bhd.

Ai Yeen has over 14 years of experience in the field of taxation, three of which were spent in corporate income tax and personal income tax, before she moved to indirect tax, particularly SST and GST. She has completed multiple SST implementation projects for companies across many industries. Industries of note are property development, construction, manufacturing, trading, information technology and education. Among the professional assistance provided to SST clients includes contracts review to arrive at a tax position or to seek written confirmation or private ruling from RMCD that results in a favorable position for the clients.

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(per person)

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(RM)

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 - b) The e-certificate of attendance will only be released to the registered participant with full attendance and full payment after the completion of the conference.

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- Trainers (only need to insert one name from the list): Robert Yoon
- Level of certification: Certificate of attendance

Trainer profile for HRD Corp



Robert Yoon

EY Asia-Pacific Fixed Asset Services Leader,
EY Asean Quantitative Services Leader,
Johor Branch Tax Leader; and Partner
Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn. Bhd.

Education

- Bachelor of Commerce, Murdoch University, Australia

Memberships and affiliations

- Fellow, Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants (CPA Australia)
- Chartered Accountant, Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA)
- Member of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia (CTIM)
- Licensed tax agent with the Ministry of Finance, Malaysia

Professional background

- Robert has over 29 years of professional experience in the field of taxation, with experience in fixed asset services for more than 24 years.
- His tax compliance knowledge covers various industries, from investment holding to the manufacturing, trading, energy and services.
- Robert has successfully:
 - Led Asia-Pacific capital allowance studies and fixed asset services for more than 1,700 buildings across several countries, including Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam and Cambodia.
 - Rolled out tax automation for fixed assets services, which includes machine learning and artificial intelligence.
 - Improved the fixed asset register for one of Malaysia's largest government-linked companies.
 - Led ERP implementation for one of the largest oil and gas companies, including having oversight of the tax technology and transformation team.
 - Led various tax advisory engagements, including the restructuring of private and public listed companies, structuring of overseas ventures, investment incentive applications and assignments on dispute resolution.