

Group Tax Strategy

December 2023

Scope

OS Phoenix Midco Limited is the head of the UK sub-group consisting of the Reconomy (UK) Limited group, Valpak Holdings Limited Group and Advanced Supply Chain Limited Group.

This tax strategy applies to OS Phoenix Midco Limited and to the group of companies headed by OS Phoenix Midco Limited in accordance with paragraph 19 of Schedule 19 of the Finance Act 2016. A list of the entities to which it applies is set out below. In this tax strategy, references to 'OS Phoenix Group', or 'the Group' are to all these entities. The tax strategy is published in accordance with paragraph 19(2) of the Schedule.

This tax strategy applies from the date of publication until it is superseded. References to 'UK Taxation' are to the taxes and duties set out in paragraph 15(1) to the Schedule which include Income Tax, Corporation Tax, PAYE, NIC, VAT, Insurance Premium Tax, and Stamp Duty Land Tax. References to 'tax', 'taxes', or 'taxation' are to UK Taxation and to all corresponding worldwide taxes and similar duties in respect of which the Group has legal responsibilities.

This tax strategy, in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2024, was approved by the Board of OS Phoenix Midco Limited on 19 December 2023. Any subsequent amendments to this tax strategy will be approved by the Board.

Aim

The Group is committed to full compliance with all statutory obligations and full disclosure to relevant tax authorities. The Group's tax affairs are managed in a way which considers the Group's wider corporate reputation in line with OS Phoenix Group's overall high standards of governance.

Governance in relation to UK taxation

- Ultimate responsibility for OS Phoenix Group's tax strategy and compliance rests with the Board of OS Phoenix Group;
- Executive management of the group is delegated by the Board to the Chief Financial Officer ('CFO');
- The Audit & Risk Committee's requirement to monitor the integrity of OS Phoenix Group financial reporting system, internal controls and risk management framework, expressly includes those elements relating to taxation;
- The CFO is the Board member with executive responsibility for tax matters;
- Day-to-day management of OS Phoenix Group's tax affairs is delegated to the Group Financial Controller, who reports to the CFO;
- The Group Financial Controller is an appropriately qualified individual;
- The Board ensures that OS Phoenix Group's tax strategy is one of the factors considered in all investments and significant business decisions taken;
- The Chief Financial Officer reports to the Audit and Risk Committee and the Board on OS Phoenix Group's tax affairs and risks during the year.



Risk Management

- OS Phoenix Group operates a system of tax risk assessment and controls as a component of the overall internal control framework applicable to the Group's financial reporting system;
- OS Phoenix Group seeks to reduce the level of tax risk arising from its operations as far as is reasonably practicable by ensuring that reasonable care is applied in relation to all processes which could materially affect its compliance with its tax obligations;
- Processes relating to different taxes are allocated to appropriate process owners, who carry out a review of activities and processes to identify key risks and mitigating controls in place. These key risks are monitored for business and legislative changes which may impact them and changes to processes or controls are made when required;
- Appropriate training is carried out for staff outside of the Finance and Human Resources departments who manage, or process matters which have tax implications;
- Advice is sought from external advisers where appropriate.

Attitude towards tax planning and level of risk

OS Phoenix Group manages risks to ensure compliance with legal requirements in a manner which ensures payment of the right amount of tax.

When entering commercial transactions, the Group seeks to take advantage of available tax incentives, reliefs, and exemptions in line with, and in the spirit of, tax legislation. OS Phoenix Group does not undertake tax planning unrelated to such commercial transactions.

The level of risk which the Group accepts in relation to UK taxation is consistent with its overall objective of achieving certainty in the group's tax affairs. At all times the Group seeks to comply fully with its regulatory and other obligations and to act in a way which upholds its reputation as a responsible corporate citizen. In relation to any specific issue or transaction, the Board is ultimately responsible for identifying the risks, including tax risks, which need to be addressed and for determining what actions should be taken to manage those risks, having regard to the materiality of the amounts and obligations in question.

Relationship with HMRC

OS Phoenix Group seeks to have a transparent and constructive relationship with HMRC through regular meetings and communication in respect of developments in OS Phoenix Group's business, current, future, and retrospective tax risks, and interpretation of the law in relation to all relevant taxes.

OS Phoenix Group ensures that HMRC is kept aware of significant transactions and changes in the business and seeks to discuss any tax issues arising at an early stage. When submitting tax computations and returns to HMRC, OS Phoenix Group discloses all relevant facts and identifies any transactions or issues where it considers that there is potential for the tax treatment to be uncertain.

Any inadvertent errors in submissions made to HMRC are fully disclosed as soon as reasonably practicable after they are identified.



List of entities covered by this Tax Strategy

OS Phoenix Topco Limited
OS Phoenix Midco Limited
OS Phoenix Bidco Limited
Reconomy (UK) Limited
Valpak Limited
Valpak Retail WEEE Services Limited
Valpak Batteries Limited
Advanced Waste Solutions Limited
Prisimm Limited
Reconomy Group Limited
Waste Check Limited
U.K. Nationwide Skip Hire Limited
Just Hire UK Limited
Waste Hire Services Limited
Countrywide Waste Management Limited
Valpak Ecohub Limited
Recycle-more Limited
Outpace Limited
ACM Environmental Limited
EcoVend Limited
Eurokey Holdings Limited
GAE Smith Group Limited
Oceala Limited
Cleanwrap Limited
Advanced Supply Chain Group Limited
Advanced Supply Chain (BFD) Limited
Advanced Supply Chain (HF) Limited
Advanced Supply Chain (AR) Limited
Advanced Processing Limited
Kingscote Limited
Intelligent Returns Limited
OS Phoenix Holdco Limited
OS Phoenix Acquisition Limited
Valpak Holdings Limited
Valpak Scotland Limited
Valpak Recycling Limited
Valpak WEEE Limited
Nationwide Services Group Limited
Cauda Limited
SkipHire UK Limited
Network Waste Limited
Skips@Home Limited
Just Skips Limited
Reconomy Recycling Services Limited
MT Waste Management Limited
Closed Loop Compliance Limited
WEEE Connect Limited
ACM Eco Holdings Limited
Collectmywaste Limited
Waste Source Limited
Eurokey Recycling Limited
GAE Smith (Holdings) Limited
Casepak (Midlands) Limited
Reconomy Social Enterprise CIC
Advanced Supply Chain Limited
Advanced Supply Chain (COR) Limited
Advanced Supply Chain (Logistics) Limited
Advanced Forwarding Limited
Advanced Processing (Holmfield) Limited
Cycleon-Recare UK Limited

Project Roy Bidco Limited

TSB Holdings Limited

UK Waste Solutions Limited

Evolution Waste Management Limited

707 Limited

Ecofficiency Limited

Envirovert Limited

Paper Collect Company Limited

TSBIntellect Limited

TSB Returns Limited

AMA Waste Management Limited

C & M Waste Management Limited

Managed Waste Solutions Limited

Envirokey Limited

Smart Comply Limited

