

Our Tax Principles are integral to and have been framed in light of SBI Group's Corporate Governance – Code of Conduct – 2016-17. The Tax principles have been approved by SBI UK Ltd's Board of Directors and the Management Committee of the Bank. These Tax Principles guide how we manage our tax affairs, for ourselves, our staff, suppliers, market counterparts and on behalf of our clients. We take in to account our stakeholders, including governments and communities, when making decisions related to our tax affairs. Importantly, we play an important role on behalf of governments as collector of taxes in relation to payments made to our customers and staff.

This document sets out SBI UK's Tax Strategy as it relates to UK taxation and satisfies the requirement to publish a tax strategy under UK legislation, specifically Schedule 19 of the Finance Act 2016. The document relates to the year ended 31 March 2020.

Tax Principles

We are signatories of HMRC's Code of Practice on Taxation for Banks and our Tax Principles are framed in the spirit thereof.

1. Our taxation approach is aligned with our purpose and values, having regard to building long-term shareholder value and maintaining our reputation as a responsible taxpayer.
2. We comply with the spirit as well as the letter of tax laws and fully meet our tax obligations.
3. We ensure that the tax risk appetite remains low and that any inherent tax risks are mitigated expeditiously.
4. We do not engage in tax planning other than that which supports our genuine commercial activity.

Tax Management

The following apply in respect of the way SBI UK Ltd attend to their tax affairs, the risks associated with their tax affairs and the management of the relationship with HMRC.

1. SBI UK's Board of Directors and the Management Committee of the Bank are accountable for the Tax Principles and governance thereof.
2. The Senior Management of SBI UK are responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate processes to ensure adherence with the Tax Principles in business decision-making.
3. We maintain effective internal controls over our tax affairs and have clear lines of accountability. All tax management is subject to a robust and regular review and approval process.
4. We do not undertake, nor facilitate, transactions which are designed to achieve tax results that are contrary to the intention of tax legislation. We are committed to combating financial crime including money laundering arising from tax evasion.
5. We are transparent in our interaction with taxation authorities and maintain an open and honest relationship based on collaboration and integrity. Issues with taxation authorities are resolved in a timely manner and where a difference of opinion arises, we work to resolve these quickly and efficiently.