# 14 September 2021ITR AWARDS 2021Tax DisputesFirm of the Year

Zepos & Yannopoulos has won Tax Disputes Firm of the Year Award by the International Tax Review. It is with great pride that we welcome this recognition of our first-rate tax controversy services proving our excellence in legal and tax.

This award is an opportunity to thank and acknowledge our clients and friends who entrust us with some of the most significant transactions of the Greek market, assuring them we will continue to support them to the best of our abilities.

Our firm has a rock-solid track record in representing clients in the full spectrum of tax controversy matters and profound knowledge of the intricacies of the tax administration system.

Congratulations to the team.

# Over EUR 135 million of taxes and penalties won in 2020

### Abolition of stamp duty on loans

We won a landmark dispute before the Supreme Court concerning the highest ever stamp duty assessments made on company loans. The imposition of stamp duty on interest-bearing loans by (non-banking) companies was ruled contrary to VAT law and it was therefore abolished.

#### Foreign tax credit

We overturned the established position of Greek tax authorities and previous Supreme Court case law that limited the deduction of tax paid abroad. The Supreme Court has now allowed companies to deduct in full foreign tax paid in a country with which Greece has a concluded a Double Taxation Treaty.

#### Abolition of beer tax

We have achieved the annulment of beer tax on the grounds of its incompatibility with the EU Excise Duty Directive.

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## Withholding tax on royalties

We have succeeded in the refund of unduly withheld tax on service fess falsely classified as royalties by tax authorities.

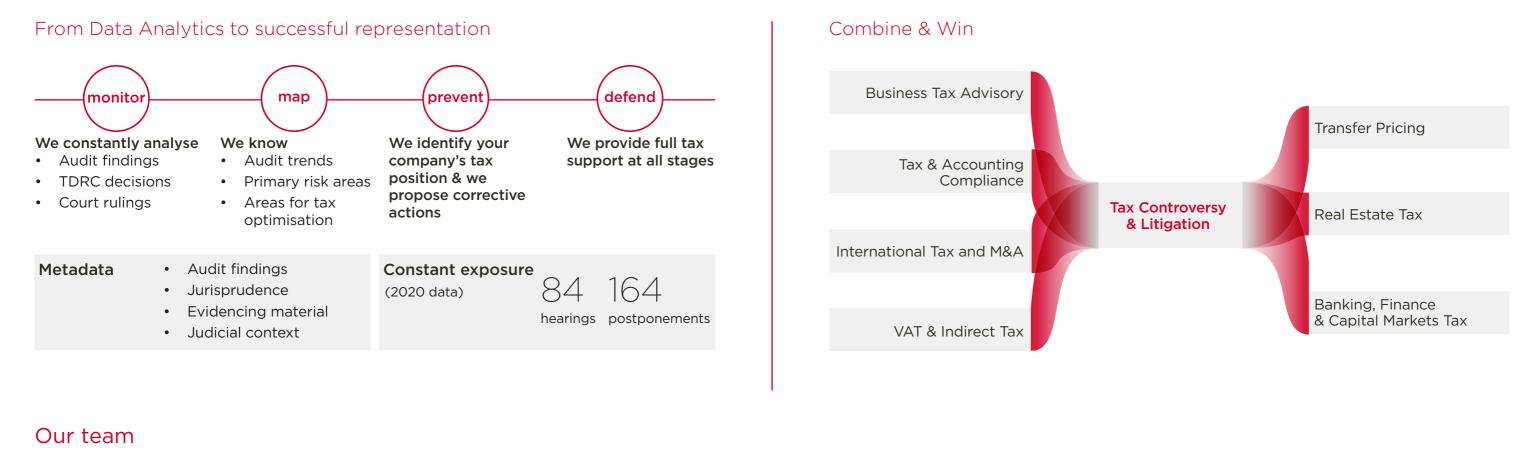
# Refund of VAT on bad debts due to bankruptcy

We have achieved the refund of VAT on bad debts arising from companies that have become bankrupt, although such possibility is not provided by Greek VAT law and respective administrative guidelines.

# Repeal of VAT assessment on the basis of fixed establishment

We have succeeding in repealing a preliminary VAT assessment that was made on the grounds of fixed establishment, which lately the tax authorities often invoke to deny VAT refunds of Greek service providers operating under cost plus schemes.

## What we do





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