



Private markets

New centralized IRS partnership audit regime begins January 1, 2018

New proposed regulations issued June 14, 2017 apply to all partnerships required to file a U.S. tax return. IRS focus on pass-thru entities continues to increase.

Potential impact of the new regime

Effective tax years beginning January 1, 2018, a centralized IRS partnership audit regime will significantly transform partnership audits and the assessment and collection of tax from partnerships. The new regime:

- Applies to all partnerships regardless of the number of partners
- Imposes an entity level tax at a potential 39.6% tax rate
- Replaces the Tax Matters Partner (TMP) with a Partnership Representative who has exclusive broad-ranging authority over the partnership and its partners.

Significance to our clients today

By subjecting partnerships to a potential 39.6% tax rate, entities may be in a worse position under the new regime than if taxes were paid at the investor level. The new regime potentially impacts:

- The ability to attract investors
- An entity's cash management position
- Capital accounts, special allocations, and basis and valuation determinations

Elimination of the TMP for a Partnership Representative with sole authority to bind the partnership and its partners makes updates to partnership agreements a critical component of client readiness for the new centralized regime.

How KPMG can help



Identification & pre-regime planning

- Evaluate tax positions in open tax years. Consider potential impact to capital accounts, special allocations, inside and outside basis and valuation determinations
- Assist with updating partnership agreements to designate a Partnership Representative and define regime protocol
- Establish a document management system to assist with Imputed Underpayment Amount (IUA) modification requests
- Consider potential financial reporting & state tax return implications



Beginning January 1, 2018

- Is the partnership eligible to elect out of the new regime?
 - Timely election, disclosure of partner information to IRS, and partner notification
- IRS exam representation & planning consultation
- Modeling—Partnership “Pay” vs “Push” scenarios (including calculation of additional 2% interest toll)
 - If Partnership Pays—prepare timely IUA modification requests
 - If Partnership Pushes—prepare timely election and related statements for both reviewed year partners and IRS
- Amendments to partnership returns (AARs) including IUA modification requests and preparation of timely push out elections and related statements

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