

Edrington-Beam Suntory UK Distribution Limited- TAX STRATEGY

Tax policy: Financial year ending 31 March 2020.

Ensuring that Edrington-Beam Suntory UK Distribution Limited pay the right amount of tax, in the right place, at the right time is core to our commitment to being a responsible business.

Our tax policy comprises five key components:

1. Commitment to compliance

Edrington-Beam Suntory UK Distribution Limited is committed to compliance with tax law and practice in the UK. Compliance for us means paying the right amount of tax in the right place at the right time. It involves disclosing all relevant facts and circumstances to the tax authorities and claiming reliefs and incentives where available.

2. Responsible attitude to arranging our tax affairs

In structuring our commercial activities Edrington-Beam Suntory UK Distribution Limited will consider – among other factors – the tax laws of the countries in which Edrington-Beam Suntory UK Distribution Limited operate, with a view to maximising value on a sustainable basis for our partners or employees. Any structuring that is undertaken will have commercial and economic substance and will have full regard to the potential impact on our reputation and broader goals. Edrington-Beam Suntory UK Distribution Limited will not put in place any arrangements that are contrived or artificial.

3. Effective risk management

Given the scale of our business and volume of tax obligations, risks will inevitably arise from time to time in relation to the interpretation of complex tax law and the nature of our compliance arrangements. Edrington-Beam Suntory UK Distribution Limited actively seeks to identify, evaluate, monitor and manage these risks to ensure they remain in line with our objectives. Where there is significant uncertainty or complexity in relation to a risk, external advice will be sought, from our professional tax advisors. Tax risk will be effectively managed in accordance with the low risk appetite set by the Board.

4. Constructive approach to engaging with HMRC

Edrington-Beam Suntory UK Distribution Limited engages with HMRC with honesty, integrity, respect and fairness and in a spirit of co-operative compliance. Wherever possible, we do on a real time basis, to minimise tax risk, engage with our Customer Compliance Manager in accordance with the Business Risk Review cycle set by HMRC, and additionally as appropriate when the need arises.

5. Board ownership and oversight

This tax policy is aligned with our Code of Conduct and is approved and owned by the Executive management and overseen by the company Board.

Edrington-Beam Suntory UK Distribution Limited regards this publication as complying with the duty under para 16(2) and para 25(1), Sch 19 FA16.

Edrington-Beam Suntory UK Distribution Limited's reputation is founded on our underlying values of integrity, ethical standards, independence, trustworthiness and quality.

