

UK TAX STRATEGY STATEMENT

Lifco offers secure ownership for small and medium-sized businesses. Lifco's business concept is to acquire and develop profitable, market-leading, sustainable niche businesses with the potential to deliver sustained earnings growth and robust cash flows. Lifco's ownership is very long-term and its culture is marked by decentralisation, customer focus and an emphasis on sustainability in everything we do. The Group has three business areas: Dental, Demolition & Tools and Systems Solutions. At year-end, the Lifco Group consisted of 233 operating companies in 31 countries.

Lifco and its United Kingdom (UK) subsidiaries regard the publication of this tax strategy statement as complying with their duty under paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 19 of the Finance Act 2016 to publish their tax strategy in the current financial year. This statement relates to financial year 2024, ending 31 December 2024.

Lifco Group has the following subsidiaries in the United Kingdom:

Legal name:

*Always Ball Units Ltd
Always Engineering Ltd
Amayse Ltd
Auger Torque (Europe) Ltd
Brian James Trailers Holdings Ltd
Brian James Trailers Ltd
Brokk UK Ltd
Broughton Plant Hire and Sales Ltd
C F Vending Ltd
Cardel Group Ltd
Cardel Ltd
Caring Technology Ltd
Cleveland Cascades Ltd
Condale Holdings Ltd
Condale Plastics Ltd
Didsbury Engineering Co. Ltd
EFKA Frame Solutions Ltd
Kefla UK Ltd
Kinshofer UK Ltd
Modul-System Ltd
Ortho-Care (U.K.) Ltd
Prolec Ltd
Rijo 42 Ingredients Ltd
Rijo 42 Machines Ltd
Silvent UK Ltd
Specialist Alarm Services Ltd
Spinaclean Ltd
Swallow Dental Supplies Ltd
T. Freemantle Ltd
The Real Spirit of Coffee Ltd
Topdental (Products) Ltd
UK Point of Sale Group Ltd
Wholesale Coffee Company and Machines Ltd*

Location:

*Birmingham
Birmingham
Esher, Surrey
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Daventry, Northamptonshire
Daventry, Northamptonshire
Crooklands, Milnthorpe
Romford, Essex
Bolton
Baldock
Baldock
Newcastle Upon Tyne
Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland
East Grinstead, West Sussex
East Grinstead, West Sussex
Cheshire
Carle Donington, Derbyshire
Buckingham
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Buckinghamshire
West Yorkshire
Poole
Bolton
Bolton
Birmingham
Newcastle upon Tyne
Brackmills, Northampton
Silsden, West Yorkshire
Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire
Bolton
Silsden, West Yorkshire
Bredbury, Stockport
Bolton*

Approach to risk management and governance arrangements

Governance

Responsibility for the tax strategy, the supporting governance framework and management of tax risks ultimately sits with the Chief Financial Officer of the Lifco Group, supported by the Group Finance department. Key risks and issues related to tax are escalated to and considered by the Group Audit Committee on a regular basis.

Risk Management

Given the Group's scale of business and the volume of tax obligations, tax uncertainties and risks will inevitably arise from time to time with respect to the interpretation of tax laws and the nature of compliance obligations. Lifco proactively seeks to identify, evaluate, manage and monitor tax uncertainties and risks to ensure that they are appropriately addressed in accordance with these principles. The Group is exposed to a variety of tax risks which can be grouped under the following headings:

Tax compliance and reporting risks

Tax compliance and reporting risks are risks associated with compliance failures such as submission of late or inaccurate returns, the failure to submit claims and elections on time or where systems and processes are not sufficiently robust to support tax compliance and reporting requirements.

Transactional risks

Transactional risks are risks associated with undertaking transactions without appropriate consideration of the potential tax consequences or where advice taken is not correctly implemented.

Reputational risks

Reputational risks are non-financial tax risks that may have an impact on the firm's relationship with stakeholders, clients, tax authorities and the generic public.

Lifco aims to manage tax risks in a similar way to any area of operational risk. The business is supported by oversight functions from the Group Finance department. Where appropriate, Lifco look to engage with tax authorities to disclose and resolve issues, risks and uncertain tax positions. The subjective nature of many tax rules does however mean that it is often impossible to mitigate all known tax risks. As a result, at any given time, the Group may be exposed to financial and reputational risks arising from its tax affairs. Where the interpretation or application of tax laws is not clear, Lifco will take well-reasoned positions considering legal precedents and administrative positions of HMRC and engaging external advisors where considered necessary.

Attitude to tax planning

Lifco recognises the responsibility to pay an appropriate amount of tax in each of the principal jurisdictions in which it operates. The aim is to balance this with the responsibility to shareholders to structure its affairs in an effective manner. In structuring its commercial activities, Lifco will consider the tax laws of the countries within which it operates (in addition to other relevant matters) with a view to maximizing value on a sustainable basis for the stakeholders. Tax planning related to the UK is not undertaken unless it is consistent with commercial objectives.

Lifco intends to fulfil its tax obligations in accordance with UK tax laws and practice. Relevant facts and circumstances and reliefs or incentives (where available) claimed shall be disclosed to HMRC. Lifco also ensures that appropriate arrangements are in place to calculate accurately the tax liabilities and to pay the appropriate amount of tax in the right place on a timely basis.

Attitude towards risk

Lifco sees compliance with tax legislation as key to managing its tax risk. The aim is to be compliant in all jurisdictions with regards to taxes. Where there is significant uncertainty or complexity relating to an identified risk, external professional tax advice may be sought. The Group's tax risk appetite requires that, where tax law is unclear or subject to interpretation, its adopted tax position is at least more likely than not to be allowable under applicable tax laws.

Relationship and dealings with HMRC

Lifco engage with HMRC with openness, honesty, integrity, respect and fairness and with cooperative and proactive compliance. Lifco seeks to avoid disputes and, wherever possible, seeks to resolve any disputed matter through proactive and transparent discussion and negotiation. Positions on UK related tax matters that may create reputational risk or jeopardise the good standing with HMRC are avoided.