

## WHITE COLLAR CRIME

### Criminal tax law and related offences

The firm's lawyers regularly defend the interests of companies and their officers in proceedings initiated on the grounds of tax fraud, laundering the proceeds of tax fraud and customs infractions.

- We defended the interests of a former officer of a leading Swiss trust company involved in criminal proceedings initiated on the grounds of fraud by an organised gang and laundering of the proceeds of tax fraud by an organised gang in connection with the sale of fake antique furniture through offshore structures.
- We defended the interests of a spirits group in connection with an investigation initiated in France concerning various exports to Morocco.
- We defended the interests of the head of a company who made a personal loan to a politician accused of tax fraud.
- We defended the interests of a lawyer in a case involving tax fraud, laundering the proceeds of tax fraud, misappropriation of company assets, bankruptcy and complicity also implicating the Luxembourg directors of a real estate group.
- We defended the interests of a mayor in a case involving alleged tax fraud.
- We defended the interests of the chairman and chief executive officer of a leader in the hardware and software distribution sector who was prosecuted for VAT fraud, and obtained the quashing of the indictment and then a dismissal of the charges.
- We defended the interests of a Swiss bank and its chief executive officer who were prosecuted in France on the grounds of aggravated laundering of the proceeds of tax fraud for acts committed in France, Switzerland and Singapore by a former Budget Minister.
- We defended the interests of a Swiss bank and its chief executive officer who were prosecuted in France on the grounds of aggravated laundering of the proceeds of tax fraud for acts committed in France, Switzerland and Singapore, and obtained two favourable decisions (charges dismissed against the officer and the first plea bargain ("CRPC") negotiated by the national financial crimes prosecutor ("PNF") and the French government in this field).
- We defended the interests of a Swiss bank and its chief executive officer who were prosecuted in France on the grounds of aggravated laundering of the proceeds of tax fraud for acts committed in France, Luxembourg, Singapore and Switzerland.
- We defended the interests of an aircraft manufacturer in proceedings initiated on the grounds of laundering of the proceeds of tax fraud against a Russian citizen who was a customer of the company, and obtained a dismissal of the charges.
- We defended the interests of two former managers of customer accounts opened with a well-known Swiss institution that appeared on the Falciani lists, and obtained a dismissal of the charges.
- We defended the interests of a former officer of a leading Swiss bank in proceedings initiated against the bank on the grounds of aggravated laundering of the proceeds of tax fraud and illegal solicitation, and against its French establishment on the grounds of aiding and abetting these two offences, for acts committed in France and Switzerland.
- We participated in the defence of the interests of a former president of the Ivory Coast in proceedings for tax fraud initiated in France and Switzerland, and obtained a dismissal of the charges in both cases.
- We participated in the defence of the interests of an officer of a French equipment manufacturer in the aeronautics sector that is based in Malta in a tax fraud case, and obtained a lenient decision.

- We defended the interests of the head of various Swiss foundations in proceedings initiated in France on the grounds of tax fraud and laundering of the proceeds thereof.
- We defended the interests of a world-renowned jeweller in customs proceedings initiated against it on the grounds of customs duties owed in France, and obtained the release of the customs seizures exercised and a lenient decision (low customs fine).
- We defended the interests of a French manufacturer and importer of pins in customs proceedings initiated against it on the grounds of customs duties owed in France, and negotiated a favorable settlement.
- We were consulted in connection with a whistle-blower's disclosure of false information to a foreign judicial authority investigating a tax fraud matter, in breach of the French Blocking Statute.