UK Tax Strategy

The below statement is intended to meet the requirements set out under paragraph 19 (2), Part 2, Schedule 19 of the UK Finance Act 2016 to publish a Tax Strategy, for the financial year ended December 31st, 2019. This statement applies in equal measure to Jane Street Europe Limited, Jane Street Financial Limited, JSCT Europe Limited and Jane Street International Trading Limited (collectively, “Jane Street UK”).

This Strategy was published on 4th December, 2019 and has been approved by the Boards of the UK companies.

Tax Risk and Governance

Jane Street UK seeks to manage its tax affairs in an appropriate fashion, always aiming to pay the correct amount of tax in any given situation; we look to meet all our tax liabilities whilst utilising any applicable reliefs clearly available to us.

Whilst acknowledging that risk may never be completely eliminated, tax risk is managed by a specific team acting with professional diligence and care, who work to understand the tax consequences of any trade or situation relevant to the business.

The Tax Department maintains a risk framework in relation to UK taxes, identifying specific tax risks and the controls applied, to the extent possible, to mitigate those risks. The framework is subject to ongoing review and the Tax Department, in addition to monitoring new and evolving tax legislation, form part of the systemic new business/transaction evaluation process to allow them to identify new and arising risks and tax compliance obligations and enhance or update the framework as necessary.

Tax Risk Appetite

Where a tax position is uncertain, or unclear, we may refer to external advice for more detailed interpretation and if we are unable to reach a position of comfort in any specific situation, Jane Street UK is likely, without overly penalising ourselves, to take a conservative approach to minimise potential tax risks. In this context, decisions on whether to proceed with a transaction will be taken in partnership by senior Tax staff, Business Management and Legal and Compliance to ensure we meet our obligations and do not take an aggressive approach in interpreting or applying relevant legislation.

Tax Planning

Jane Street UK does not support tax as being an artificial motivator for a trade or business scenario, but will consider potential efficiencies when assessing business driven decisions.

Jane Street UK does not engage in aggressive tax planning and aims to demonstrate integrity in any given situation by not seeking to deliver a result contrary to the intentions of relevant tax legislation.

Jane Street UK and HMRC

Jane Street UK looks to maintain an open and honest relationship with HMRC, aiming to pro-actively engage in transparent communications to facilitate a clear understanding of our business and so allow mutually agreeable outcomes to the tax consequences of that business.

We are committed to working with HMRC to resolve any differences that arise and to providing appropriate disclosure of relevant facts to enable progression of HMRC enquiries.