

New financial services company for diplomats and staff of international organizations started in Vienna!



Editorial

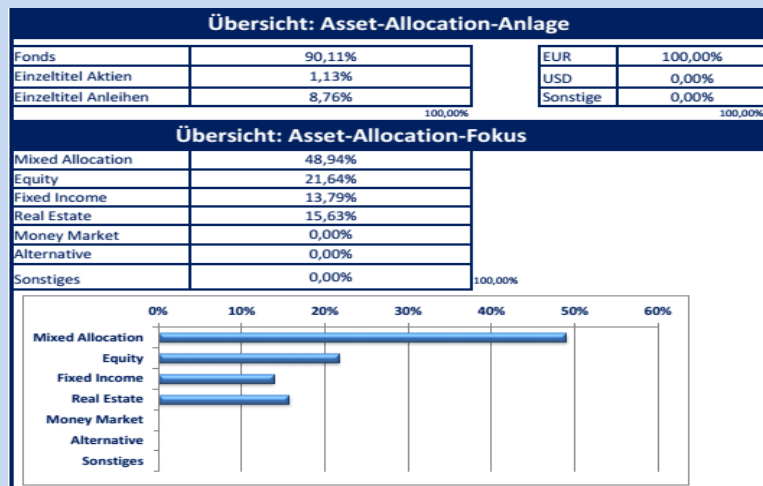
Welcome to our first and quarterly Newsletter. My Name is Ramin Monajemi and I am the founder and CEO of Monajemi Financial Services, a registered securities broker based in Vienna.

With more than 20 years of experience in financial sector and working experience at international financial institutions I am ready to share my great knowledge on investments with all my clients. My office is located next to the Opera house and we welcome your inquiries through our webpage:

www.monajemi.com

This publication should inform you about investment, real estate, tax and legal issues which could be very important for expats living in Austria.

The content on tax regulations for this Newsletter was contributed by LBG Austria, our tax advising partner.



To analyze your current investment situation (see extract of a sample portfolio analysis above) an individual meeting is necessary. We recommend a minimum consultation time of one hour at our office or any other location. All documents are available in German and English language.



Welcome to our kickoff event at
my new office: **Kärntner Ring 5-7 /
7th Floor, 1010 Vienna**
On Thursday **March 10th 2016**

5:00 pm at our Business Lounge

welcome drink

6:00 pm at Hotel Imperial

(Society Event)

7:00 pm Ardeshir Enea Monajemi

performing on the piano!

End of the event at approx. 8 pm.

RSVP: office@monajemi.com

What has changed in Luxembourg regarding taxation of investments income?

From 1st January 2015, Luxembourg applies the automatic exchange of information on interest payments made by a paying agent established in Luxembourg to individuals residing in another Member State. The first information exchange will take place in early 2016 with respect to interest payments made in 2015.

Kickoff event in Hotel Imperial

We celebrate our operation on March 10th at 5 p.m. at our office in Kärntner Ring 5-7/7th floor. After a glass of welcome drink, we will go to Hotel Imperial to listen classical music and enjoy food served by Imperial genius cuisine!

Our exclusive partner for tax advice:



LBG Steuerberatung is one of the leading Austrian tax consultancy firms with about 500 employees and 30 subsidiaries in Austria.

There is a cooperation between LBG and Mr. Monajemi for special tax services for his clients.

By means of this newsletter we would like to inform you about the most recent developments concerning the effects on the individual tax situation since the introduction of the European and Austrian legislation changes.

We have tried to compile the most important questions arising for you!

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But what about your other income?

In general, if your tax residence is in Austria, you have to declare your whole worldwide income in Austria. Apart from the tax exempted UN income, any other income such as income from other employment, capital and rental income from all over the world has to be declared (with some exemptions for active UN employees). As a result, there is a possibility for you to become liable to pay Austrian taxes.

Especially concerning capital income, the international

communication obligations of the (investment) banks to local governments and their financial authorities have become more extensive and will be getting stricter in the future. Main reason is the ESD and CRS.



EU Savings Directive (EUSD)

The European Savings Directive came into effect on 1st July 2005. It was introduced as a European approach to attack banking secrecy. It provides a mechanism whereby EU Member States automatically exchange information about interest earned in one Member State by a resident of another Member State. Only Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria were entitled, during a transitional period, to levy a withholding tax at a rate of, currently, 35% in place of information exchange. Belgium switched, in January 2010, to the automatic exchange of information. From 1st January 2015, Luxembourg applies the automatic exchange of information on interest payments made by a paying agent established in Luxembourg to individuals residing in another Member State.



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„European Union withholding tax” definition:

ESD or EUSD is a directive to regulate the withholding tax which is deducted from interest earned by European Union residents on their investments made in another Member State, by the state in which the investment is held. The aim of the tax is to ensure that citizens of one member state do not evade taxation by depositing funds outside the jurisdiction of residence and so distort the single market. The tax is withheld at source and passed on to the EU Country of residence.

Why are there advantages of transferring your investments to Austrian Banks?

With the transfer of the worldwide deposits of securities to Austria and the sole coupon paying agent situated in Austria, the fulfillments of Austrian tax obligations will be easier (and will cause lower costs).



Common Reporting Standard (CRS)

More than 100 countries have committed to CRS, including all EU member states and major financial centers worldwide.



The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has developed an international standard to improve transparency and the automatic exchange of tax information, which is called Common Reporting Standard (CRS).

The Standard provides for annual automatic exchange between governments.

They exchange financial account information, including balances, interest, dividends, and sales proceeds from financial assets, reported to governments by financial institutions and covering accounts held by individuals and entities, including trusts and foundations.

How does all mentioned information affect you personally?

If your fiscal residence is Austria and your income as a retiree from an international organization (UN) also contains income generated through capital investments from abroad, you are always obliged to submit a tax return in Austria.

We can assist you in optimizing your taxation situation by e.g. reimbursement or setting of withholding taxes or using double taxation treatments.

In Austria, there is a progressive tax rate.

Up to 11.000 € annual income there are no taxes to pay. Someone who has 12.000€ annual income will pay 25% for 1000 € and 0 for the rest.

For more than 90.000 € annual income, a 50% (progressive) tax rate will apply. If you have additional income from rental or investments, you need to declare those incomes in the country of your fiscal residence.

There are exemptions for legitimating card holders.

Capital gain tax:

In general, these progressive tax rates are applicable to all taxable income except capital income. Before the Austrian Tax Reform 2015/16 taxation from capital income was subject to a uniform withholding tax rate of 25%. Since January 2016 two different tax rates on capital income are applicable:

Withholding tax for dividends and capital gains, income from investment funds, derivatives etc. has been increased from 25% to 27.5%. (In Luxembourg: 35%).

Withholding tax for interest on savings accounts or interest on current accounts still remains at 25%.

Income Tax brackets in Austria:

Annual Taxable income	Tax rate
Up to 11.000 €	0%
11.000 € – 18.000 €	25%
18.000 € - 31.000 €	35%
31.000 € - 60.000 €	42%
60.000 € - 90.000 €	48%
90.000 € - 1.000.000 €	50%
More than 1.000.000 €	55%

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Source: LBG Steuerberatung (all Tax relevant information), Privat Consult Vermögensverwaltungs GmbH (Portfolio Analyzing tool), OECD.

Why is it important to invest partially in real estates in Austria?

Part of our investment strategy is to invest in newly built small apartments in Vienna. These so called “Vorsorgewohnungen” are one of the best alternatives to saving account or money markets. Only with professional advice on purchasing, rental and maintenance of the property you can ensure a secure investment and avoid headaches.

Euribor or European interbank offered rates has reached the level of zero. A mortgage to buy property in Austria will probably cost around 1% per year (€ and variable). There are Banks offering 1.7% fixed for 10 years (best credit profile customers). This is a great opportunity to finance your real estate investment.



Our partner for real estate investments:



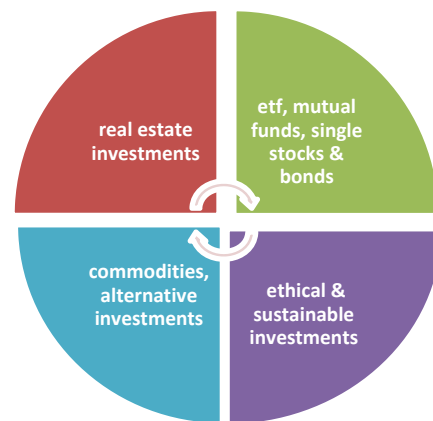
C&P is a leading residential developer active in Austria and Germany. C&P was founded in 2006 and has developed over 2400 condominiums for its clients with a total investment volume of more than 309 MLN Euros.

C&P has 65 full-time employees and an annual turnover of 65 MLN Euros.

Each property is developed in-house or with selected partners, sold by their own distribution team and distribution partners.

Our management team rents and administers the properties for our clients in the form of “full-service agreements”.

Diversification is the key for long term success in every balanced portfolio. Real estate plays an important role:

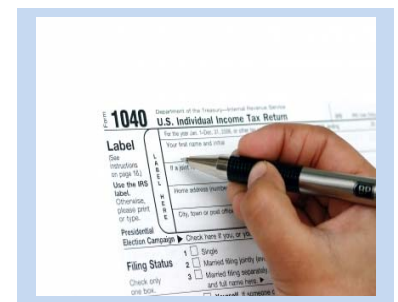


Who can help you filling out the forms?

To analyze your current tax situation an individual meeting is necessary. We recommend a consultation time of one hour at LBG office or any other location.

In order to receive the discount package for international organizations and embassies please contact Monajemi Financial Services first and schedule the appointment.

You need to bring all relevant documents to help filling the forms and declare your taxes to Austrian Authorities.



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