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With over 20 years of experience, Abhinav Ashwin specializes in direct tax matters. He also supports the Mergers & Acquisitions, Joint Ventures and General Corporate practice. Abhinav regularly advises domestic and international clients on a range of direct tax and international tax issues, with a special focus on India entry, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate restructurings, private equity transactions, permanent establishment issues, aircraft leasing, employee incentives and succession/ estate planning

Experience

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2014 – Present)

Key Practice Areas/Sectors

- Tax

Recent Work Highlights

- Honeywell on various tax issues in relation to the global separation of its homes and turbo businesses
- Bharti Airtel on several major consolidations and restructuring in the Indian telecom sector, including its (i) Merger with Telenor and (ii) Acquisition of Tata's consumer mobile wireless business; and (iii) USD 14.6 billion merger with Indus Towers
- GSK on its' (i) GBP 3 billion divestment of 'Horlicks' and other consumer healthcare nutrition brands to Unilever; (ii) Merger with Hindustan Unilever for USD 3.1 billion; and (iii) Sale of its entire stake in HUL for approximately GBP 3.4 billion
- Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank on tax implications on the proposed transition to Shivalik Small Finance Bank Limited pursuant to RBI guidelines
- Amazon on India tax issues in relation to its in India operations, reorganisations, and acquisitions
- Coinbase on (i) India tax issues relating to its investment in Coinswitch Kuber; and (ii) Its acquisition of PM Labs, Inc. and its Indian wholly owned subsidiary Halli Labs (Agara)

Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations

- Supreme Court Bar Association (2011)
- Delhi High Court Bar Association (2008)
- Bar Council of Delhi (2008)

Professional Qualifications

- BA, LL.B. (Hons.), National Law School of India University, Bangalore (2005)

Recommended Lawyer for Tax by Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2023 – 2024)
