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#### Effectiveness of Information Exchange

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#### Introduction

- Butler Snow, A Global Firm
- International Tax Planning Practice
- Our Singapore Office & Team

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#### Recent FATCA Audit Report

- Identified Deficiencies
  - Underfunded program
  - Failure to meet revenue projections
  - Abandonment of roadmap
- Recommendations
  - Extension of compliance checks to Form 8938 non filers
  - Extension of compliance checks to IGA FFI non-filers
  - Clear timeline and milestone development

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#### IGA Reciprocity and U.S. Participation in CRS

- Apples to Oranges
  - No Investment Entity Equivalence
  - No Internal Reporting
- Legislative Proposal

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#### Lessons Learned

- Utilize Disclosure Programs Before the IRS Identifies a Problem
- More Robust Data Exchange is Coming
- Always Be Contemplative

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#### Wrap-Up - Charting the Course

- Don't Give in to Analysis Paralysis
- Clean Up Sooner Rather Than Later
- Seek Expertise to Clearly Understand Any Problems

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#### **Questions?**

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