

# Statement of tax principles

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## **About us**

Founded in 1995, The Airline Seat Company Limited, trading as Canadian Affair, is the UK's leading specialist tour operator to Canada, offering tailor made holidays all over the country. There is a dedicated expert sales team on hand to offer first-hand knowledge and experiences from their own extensive travel within Canada.

We have grown into a multi-million turnover business and in 2006, Canadian Affair became part of the Transat A.T inc Group under the UK parent company Transat Europe Limited. Transat A.T inc is widely recognised as the leading integrated holiday travel group in Canada, offering direct flights between the UK, Ireland and Canada from 5 of the UK & Ireland's most popular airports to 4 of Canada's most exciting cities.

As a medium sized business and employer, we account for and pay a wide range of taxes including Corporation Tax, VAT, Pay As You Earn income tax and National Insurance for our employees.

## **Our Tax Strategy**

We are committed to ensuring that we pay the tax we are legally required to and this forms part of our corporate responsibility objectives, contributing to our government's ability to fund essential public expenditure. We comply with all tax rules and regulations in the territory that we trade in, safeguarding our reputation as a responsible taxpayer.

**The level of risk in relation to taxation that we are prepared to accept** – we have a low tolerance towards tax risk and seek to minimise the risk of a dispute with the taxing authorities by being straightforward and transparent on all tax matters. We also seek tax advice from both the tax authorities and external advisors in managing our tax related obligations.

**Our attitude towards tax Planning** – any tax planning that we undertake considers the tax reliefs available to us that are clearly within the spirit of the legislation.

**Our approach towards our dealings with tax authorities** – we are committed to dealing with tax authorities openly, honestly and proactively. This includes seeking advice where the tax treatment is uncertain and making full disclosure of key transactions in relevant tax returns.

**Our approach to risk management and governance arrangements in relation to UK taxation** – we seek to ensure that we always pay the tax we are legally required to and comply fully with our tax obligations in the territory in which we operate.

## **Summary**

Transat Europe Limited and its subsidiary The Airline Seat Company Limited is committed to ensuring it pays the correct amount of tax in the UK and works collaboratively with the tax authorities to ensure it is properly regarded as a low-risk business.