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## INTRODUCTION

In an increasingly complex and dynamic business context, tax management has become a crucial aspect that must be managed carefully by every company. As tax regulations continue to change and vary across jurisdictions, companies are faced with the challenge of remaining compliant while optimizing financial efficiency (Pohan, 2013). Effective tax management not only enables companies to meet their tax obligations in a timely and regulatory manner, but can also provide a competitive advantage through strategic tax planning. Companies that are able to manage taxes well can minimize their tax burden legally, increase cash flow, and ultimately strengthen their financial stability (Putra, 2019).

Tax management is defined as a comprehensive effort carried out continuously by Taxpayers so that all aspects of taxation can be managed properly, effectively, efficiently, and economically (Rusydi, 2017). With proper tax management, companies can ensure that all tax obligations are met in the most profitable way without ignoring applicable regulations. In this process, companies must be able to manage resources carefully to

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maximize the results obtained from tax management. In addition, tax management also plays an important role in maintaining the continuity of Taxpayers' businesses while still paying attention to the interests of state revenues, so that there is a balance between the interests of the company and the government (Finrely et al., 2023).

The ultimate goal of tax management is to achieve optimization of the tax burden for the company, or even legitimate minimization of the tax burden. It is not only about making mature tax planning, but also about carrying out controlled and well-structured organization, implementation and supervision (Pohan, 2014). In the organizational stage, the company must form a clear structure related to tax management, starting from resource allocation to task division. Furthermore, in the implementation, the company must be able to implement the tax plan effectively and in accordance with applicable provisions (Irawan, 2009). Finally, good supervision is needed to ensure that all processes run according to plan, so that potential risks can be minimized and tax objectives can be achieved optimally without sacrificing compliance with existing regulations (Riningsih et al., 2023).

Tax management plays an important role in helping companies optimize their tax burden in a legal and efficient manner . With a deep understanding of applicable tax regulations, companies can identify opportunities to take advantage of various available tax incentives, such as tax breaks, tax credits, and other tax burden reductions (Liani et al., 2023). These tax incentives are often provided by governments as an encouragement for companies to invest in certain sectors or develop environmentally friendly and sustainable business practices. By taking advantage of these incentives, companies can legally reduce their tax burden, thereby strengthening cash flow and increasing the company's ability to reinvest in developing its business (Enjelina et al., 2023).

Furthermore, by implementing the right tax strategy, companies can increase profits without having to ignore compliance with tax regulations. Companies that fully understand the tax reduction mechanism can also reduce the risk of errors in tax reporting, which can result in detrimental fines or sanctions (Suandy, 2008). Thus, good tax management not only helps companies achieve financial efficiency through tax reduction, but also contributes to the long-term stability of the company. This gives the company a competitive advantage, because funds that should be allocated to pay taxes can be diverted to other purposes, such as research and development, business expansion, or improving the quality of products and services (Rusydi & Kusumawati, 2010).

Effective tax management is closely related to corporate financial management, as both support each other in maintaining financial stability and efficiency. Good tax management can help companies prepare a more accurate budget, as an optimal tax burden will minimize unnecessary expenses (Astutik & Mildawati, 2016). This allows companies to be more efficient in allocating their financial resources. By knowing the exact tax burden that will be imposed, companies can plan cash flow better, maintain liquidity, and ensure that the funds they have are sufficient to support daily operations and meet other financial obligations (Ernawati, 2015).

In addition, strategic tax management allows companies to adjust investment plans and other financial strategies to suit the company's long-term goals (Tatnya et al., 2023). For example, successful tax savings can be diverted to larger capital investments or used to

strengthen the company's financial reserves. Thus, tax management contributes to strengthening the company's financial position, which ultimately increases competitiveness in the market. Tax optimization also allows companies to have more flexibility in managing resources, both to meet urgent needs and to face unexpected economic challenges (Fionasari, 2020).

In the long term, good integration between tax management and financial management will help companies create greater value for shareholders and other stakeholders (Abidin, 2022). With the ability to manage tax burdens effectively, companies can not only maintain higher profitability, but also strengthen their financial statements, increase investor confidence, and maintain the company's reputation in the eyes of tax authorities (Bana & Ghozali, 2021). Therefore, tax management should be viewed as an integral part of a company's overall financial strategy, which plays a key role in ensuring business sustainability and success in an increasingly competitive market (Putri & Rahmanida, 2023).

The purpose of this study is to analyze the benefits and challenges of tax management as an important foundation in corporate financial management. The benefits of this study are to provide a deeper understanding for companies about the importance of integration between tax management and financial management, and how the implementation of the right tax strategy can provide competitive advantages, improve cash flow, and help companies adapt to complex tax regulatory changes without sacrificing compliance with the law.

## METHOD

This research is a descriptive qualitative research that focuses on the analysis of the benefits and challenges of tax management as an important foundation in corporate financial management. The qualitative approach was chosen because it allows researchers to explore in-depth experiences and perceptions of various business actors and financial practitioners related to tax management in the corporate context. By using qualitative research methods such as in-depth interviews and literature studies, this study will focus on collecting data in the form of words, concepts, and descriptions related to tax management strategies and how these strategies play a role in increasing the efficiency and financial stability of companies. In accordance with the views of Anggito & Setiawan, (2018) this approach is relevant to understanding how companies face tax challenges amidst increasingly complex business dynamics and evolving regulations.

In this qualitative descriptive study, the data collected are not in the form of numbers, but rather words, images, or other information relevant to the context of corporate taxation and finance. Following Moleong's opinion (2014), descriptions obtained through literature studies and interviews will be key in understanding the dynamics and strategies implemented by companies in tax management. After the data is collected, data analysis steps will be carried out using the approach suggested by Sugiyono (2010), namely through the stages of data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing/verification. This process will help simplify complex data, display relevant patterns and trends, and draw conclusions that can be used to understand the role of tax management in improving corporate financial



efficiency and provide practical recommendations for the development of corporate financial strategies in the future.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### Benefits of Tax Management in Strengthening the Foundation of Corporate Financial Management

The ultimate goal to be achieved from implementing tax management is to optimize or minimize the company's tax burden legally and efficiently. Optimizing the tax burden is not only limited to reducing the amount of tax to be paid, but also includes efforts to ensure that the company continues to comply with applicable tax regulations (Furqon & Suwanda, 2022), while maintaining business sustainability. By managing taxes effectively, companies can take advantage of various incentives and opportunities provided by the government, such as tax breaks or tax credits, which are designed to encourage the growth of certain sectors. This strategy allows companies not only to reduce their tax burden, but also to increase profits and cash flow, which ultimately strengthens their financial position in the market (Saputro & Meivira, 2020).

However, optimizing or minimizing the tax burden cannot be achieved only through careful planning. A more comprehensive approach is needed that includes several important stages, namely organizing, implementing, and supervising. At the organizing stage, the company must form a clear and organized structure, which involves appointing special staff or teams responsible for tax management. This team usually consists of tax and accounting experts who understand the applicable tax regulations and are able to design tax strategies that are in accordance with the company's conditions and objectives. Good organization also includes mapping out the resources and tools needed to support tax management, such as sophisticated tax software or an integrated reporting system.

The next stage is implementation or actuating, where the tax plan that has been prepared is executed. At this stage, it is important for the company to ensure that all strategies that have been designed are implemented properly according to the schedule and applicable regulations. This includes timely filing of tax returns, correct payment of taxes, and implementation of tax reduction strategies such as managing deductible expenses, deferring tax payments, or taking advantage of certain incentives. Effective implementation requires good coordination between various departments within the company, including finance, legal, and operations, to ensure that every decision made supports the goal of tax optimization.

The final stage is supervision or controlling, where the company monitors and evaluates the implementation of tax management. This oversight is important to ensure that the strategies implemented are running according to plan and can be adapted if there are changes in regulations or market conditions. This process also involves internal audits to assess compliance with tax regulations and identify potential risks or non-compliances that may arise. With strict oversight, companies can manage tax risks more proactively, avoid fines or sanctions from tax authorities, and continue to adjust their tax strategies to remain relevant and effective in the long term. There are several benefits related to Tax

Management that can be the foundation of a company's strong financial management so that it can become a healthy and high-performance company.

1. Optimization of Tax Burden

With proper tax management, companies can proactively design tax strategies that comply with applicable legal regulations, allowing them to optimize or even minimize their tax burden legally. This is done through a deep understanding of the various tax incentives and policies offered by the government, such as tax credits, deductions, or tax breaks that companies can take advantage of to reduce their tax liabilities. With this strategy, companies are able to reduce significant tax expenditures without violating tax regulations, so that resource allocation can be more efficient. Funds previously allocated to pay large amounts of taxes can now be used to support more productive operational activities, such as expanding production capacity, developing new products, or strengthening business infrastructure. In addition, with these savings, companies also have more flexibility to invest in strategic initiatives that can drive long-term growth and increase competitiveness in the market.

2. Maintaining compliance with tax regulations

Maintaining compliance with tax regulations is a crucial aspect of tax management that not only protects the company from financially detrimental sanctions and fines, but also maintains the reputation and trust of stakeholders. By understanding and following all applicable tax regulations, companies can avoid legal risks arising from non-compliance, such as tax audits that could potentially reveal errors in tax reporting or payments. This compliance process involves regular review and updating of tax policies, training of relevant staff, and implementing effective systems to ensure that all tax obligations are met on time and accurately. With a systematic and planned approach, companies can not only maintain compliance status, but can also use the information for better strategic decision-making, improve operational efficiency, and build positive relationships with tax authorities and other stakeholders.

3. Cost Efficiency

Cost efficiency in tax management refers to a company's ability to manage tax expenditures in a way that allows them to minimize the costs associated with tax obligations without compromising compliance with applicable laws. By implementing smart tax strategies, companies can identify and capitalize on opportunities to reduce their tax burden, such as using appropriate tax deductions or incentives, and optimizing their cost structure and financial reporting. In addition, this cost efficiency can be achieved through the use of technology and software that supports automation in tax management, thereby minimizing human error and reducing the time required for the tax reporting process. In doing so, companies not only save on costs associated with taxes but can also divert greater resources to productive investments and innovations that will improve their long-term competitiveness and profitability.

4. Providing Accurate Information in Business Decision Making

Providing accurate information in business decision making is one of the main benefits of effective tax management, as accurate and up-to-date tax information can be a strong foundation for a successful business strategy. With accurate tax analysis and reporting,

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companies can understand the impact of tax liabilities on cash flow, profitability, and resource allocation. This allows management to make more informed decisions about investment, expansion, or cost reduction, as well as plan future strategic moves. Clear tax information also helps identify opportunities for better tax planning, so companies can take advantage of tax incentives or deductions that may have been missed. Thus, accuracy in tax information management not only supports compliance and cost efficiency, but also plays an important role in increasing the competitiveness and sustainability of companies in an increasingly dynamic market.

5. Improve the company's image and reputation in the public eye

When a company consistently complies with tax regulations and is committed to paying taxes on time, it reflects high integrity and social responsibility in the eyes of the public and stakeholders. Companies that have a good reputation for tax compliance can build strong trust with customers, investors and communities, which is critical to long-term business sustainability. In addition, this positive reputation can be a competitive advantage, as consumers tend to prefer doing business with companies that have a good track record of compliance and contribution to the country's economic development. In other words, effective tax management not only has an impact on the financial aspect, but also plays a key role in building positive and lasting relationships with the public, increasing loyalty, and strengthening the company's position in the market.

### **Tax Management Challenges as an Important Pillar of Corporate Financial Management**

The challenges of tax management as an important pillar in corporate financial management include:

1. Changes in Tax Regulations

Frequently changing tax regulations pose a significant challenge for companies in managing their tax obligations. When tax authorities issue regulatory changes, companies must quickly assess their impact on their tax practices. This often requires rapid strategic adjustments, both in terms of tax management and reporting. Companies that fail to adapt quickly may risk facing sanctions and fines for non-compliance. In addition, uncertainty regarding new regulations may cause concerns among management, which may hinder investment decisions and long-term business development.

In addition, uncertainty in tax regulations can also affect financial planning and resource allocation within a company. Companies may have difficulty planning their tax budget and expenses if they do not have a clear understanding of their future tax obligations. This uncertainty can lead to conservative decision-making, where companies tend to hold back on investments or expansions that could otherwise add value. Therefore, it is important for companies to have an effective monitoring system and invest in training and development of human resources in the field of taxation, so that they can better face regulatory changes and reduce the risk of non-compliance.

2. Complexity of the Tax System

A complex and multi-layered tax system often becomes an obstacle for companies in carrying out their tax obligations efficiently. With different types of taxes, different rates, and interrelated regulations, companies must conduct an in-depth study to understand the overall tax structure in place. This requires not only an understanding of complex tax laws,

but also high analytical skills to interpret the various provisions and ensure that all obligations are met according to the specified schedule. Failure to understand the tax system can lead to errors in reporting, which can ultimately result in sanctions or fines that are financially detrimental to the company.

Furthermore, the complexity in the tax system also hinders companies from taking advantage of available tax incentives and deductions. Many companies are unaware of the opportunities to reduce their tax burden due to difficulties in navigating the various regulations in place. Without a clear understanding of the incentives that are accessible, companies lose out on potential savings that could be allocated to further investment or development. Therefore, it is important for companies to have an experienced tax management team or consult with a tax expert to ensure that they are not only complying with their tax obligations, but also taking full advantage of all the possible incentives available in this complex tax system.

### 3. Lack of Knowledge and Skills

The limited human resources trained in taxation is a significant challenge for many companies, especially small ones. Often, these companies do not have sufficient budget to hire or train dedicated staff focused on tax management. As a result, tax responsibilities are often allocated to employees who have inadequate background in tax. This can increase the risk of errors in tax planning, filling out forms, and reporting tax obligations, which can lead to sanctions and fines from the tax authorities. In addition, a lack of knowledge in the field of taxation can hinder a company's ability to respond to regulatory changes quickly and effectively.

In addition, a lack of skills and knowledge in tax management can result in missed opportunities for strategic tax planning. Without a thorough understanding of taxation, companies may miss out on available tax incentives, cost reductions, or ways to optimize their tax structure. This can negatively impact the financial health of the company, reducing liquidity and competitiveness in the market. To overcome this challenge, companies need to consider investing in training for their employees or working with experienced tax consultants. This will not only help in meeting tax obligations, but also allow companies to make better and more strategic decisions in their overall financial management .

### 4. Tax Risk Management

Identifying and managing tax risks becomes increasingly important as the complexity of business activities continues to grow. Every business decision, from asset management to corporate structure, can have significant tax implications. Therefore, companies need to proactively analyze the potential risks that may arise from their actions, including risks related to tax compliance and possible audits by tax authorities. Non-compliance or errors in tax reporting can not only result in large fines, but can also damage the company's reputation in the eyes of the public and business partners. Therefore, a systematic approach in assessing tax risks should be adopted by every company.

Tax risk mitigation strategies are essential to ensure that companies can manage their tax obligations effectively. One step that can be taken is to establish clear internal policies and good procedures for tax management. This includes staff training on applicable tax regulations and the importance of compliance. In addition, the use of tax management

technology and software can help companies in reporting and monitoring tax obligations more accurately and efficiently. Through these steps, companies can not only reduce audit risks and potential sanctions, but also create an environment where tax management is seen as an integral part of the broader business strategy, enabling companies to operate better in the face of complex tax challenges.

#### 5. High Compliance Costs

Managing tax compliance does require a significant commitment of resources from the company, both in terms of time and cost. The process of ensuring that all tax obligations are met in accordance with applicable regulations often involves complex data collection and processing. This includes filling out tax forms, preparing reports, and preparing necessary documents. For many companies, especially smaller ones, managing tax compliance can be a heavy burden without trained staff or efficient systems in place. In addition, companies often have to deal with constant regulatory changes, which adds another layer of difficulty to ensuring compliance.

To address these challenges, many companies choose to invest in tax consulting services or tax management software that can help automate the process and ensure reporting accuracy. While this comes at an additional cost, this investment can yield long-term savings by reducing the risk of errors and potential penalties from tax authorities. An experienced tax consultant can provide valuable insights into the latest regulations, optimal tax planning strategies, and assistance with audits, so that companies can focus more on their operations. Thus, although tax compliance management requires significant initial investment, the long-term benefits in the form of better compliance and reduced tax risks can provide substantial added value to companies.

#### 6. Difficulties in Integrating Taxes into Business Strategy

Integrating tax considerations into financial planning and business decisions is often a challenge because tax management is often not considered an important element of a company's overall strategy. Many companies view taxes as an obligation to be met, rather than as a component that can influence strategic decision-making. As a result, when business decisions are made, such as new investments, product development, or organizational restructuring, the tax aspects are often overlooked or considered only cursorily. This can lead to suboptimal decisions, where potential tax savings and incentives that could support a company's financial goals are not fully utilized.

Additionally, a lack of collaboration between the tax management team and other business units can hinder more effective decision-making. To create a more integrated approach, it is important for companies to involve tax professionals at every stage of business planning. By promoting dialogue and collaboration between finance and tax teams, companies can more easily identify opportunities for strategic tax planning and avoid risks associated with non-compliance. Additionally, this better integration can help companies respond quickly to changes in tax regulations, minimize their negative impact, and ensure that all business decisions are aligned with the company's long-term goals. Thus, making tax management an integral part of corporate strategy can provide significant competitive advantages in an increasingly complex marketplace.

## CONCLUSION

Effective tax management plays an important role in strengthening the foundation of a company's financial management by legally optimizing tax burdens, maintaining compliance with tax regulations, and creating cost efficiencies. Through comprehensive planning—which includes organizing, implementing, and monitoring—companies can design tax strategies that take advantage of government incentives, avoid penalties, and minimize tax expenditures. Accurate tax information also supports better business decision making, increasing the competitiveness and sustainability of companies. In addition, commitment to tax compliance creates a positive image in the eyes of the public, building trust and loyalty from customers and stakeholders, which is important for long-term business sustainability. Tax management is an important pillar in corporate financial management, but faces various complex challenges. Frequent changes in tax regulations, a complex tax system, and a lack of knowledge and expertise in the field of taxation can hinder companies from fulfilling their tax obligations and taking advantage of potential incentives available. In addition, managing tax risks and high compliance costs add to the burden on companies, especially small ones. To address these challenges, it is important for companies to integrate tax management into their overall business strategy, involve tax professionals in decision-making, and invest in training and technology that can help improve the efficiency and accuracy of tax reporting. With a proactive and collaborative approach, companies can improve tax compliance, reduce risks and maximize the added value of tax management.

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In the increasingly complex Business Development, tax management becomes a key element in the financial management of a company. Good tax management good tax management can be a strategic tool to improve the financial stability of the company. This study aims to identify the benefits and challenges of tax management as an important foundation in corporate financial management. This study uses a qualitative method with a descriptive approach, through literature analysis and case studies of companies that have successfully implemented tax management. The research results show that tax management plays an important role as a foundation in corporate financial management. Through effective tax management, companies can optimize tax burdens, maintain compliance with tax regulations, and increase cost efficiency. However, emerging challenges, such as rapid regulatory changes, complex tax systems, and limited trained human resources, require special attention and good mitigation strategies. Therefore, integration of tax considerations into financial planning and other business decisions is critical to avoid the risk of non-compliance and maximize tax benefits. By making tax management an integral part of corporate strategy, organizations can improve their financial performance, reduce risks, and ensure business sustainability in the face of increasingly complex market dynamics.

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## INTRODUCTION

In an increasingly complex and dynamic business context, tax management has become a crucial aspect that must be managed carefully by every company. As tax regulations continue to change and vary across jurisdictions, companies are faced with the challenge of remaining compliant while optimizing financial efficiency (Pohan, 2013). Effective tax management not only enables companies to meet their tax obligations in a timely and regulatory manner, but can also provide a competitive advantage through strategic tax planning. Companies that are able to manage taxes well can minimize their tax burden legally, increase cash flow, and ultimately strengthen their financial stability (Putra, 2019).

Tax management is defined as a comprehensive effort carried out continuously by Taxpayers so that all aspects of taxation can be managed properly, effectively, efficiently, and economically (Rusydi, 2017). With proper tax management, companies can ensure that all tax obligations are met in the most profitable way without ignoring applicable regulations. In this process, companies must be able to manage resources carefully to

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15 maximize the results obtained from tax management. In addition, tax management also plays an important role in maintaining the continuity of Taxpayers' businesses while still paying attention to the interests of state revenues, so that there is a balance between the interests of the company and the government (Finrely et al., 2023).

31 The ultimate goal of tax management is to achieve optimization of the tax burden for the company, or even legitimate minimization of the tax burden. It is not only about making mature tax planning, but also about carrying out controlled and well-structured organization, implementation and supervision (Pohan, 2014). In the organizational stage, the company must form a clear structure related to tax management, starting from resource allocation to task division. Furthermore, in the implementation, the company must be able to implement the tax plan effectively and in accordance with applicable provisions (Irawan, 2009). Finally, good supervision is needed to ensure that all processes run according to plan, so that potential risks can be minimized and tax objectives can be achieved optimally without sacrificing compliance with existing regulations (Riningsih et al., 2023).

16 Tax management plays an important role in helping companies optimize their tax burden in a legal and efficient manner. With a deep understanding of applicable tax regulations, companies can identify opportunities to take advantage of various available tax incentives, such as tax breaks, tax credits, and other tax burden reductions (Liani et al., 2023). These tax incentives are often provided by governments as an encouragement for companies to invest in certain sectors or develop environmentally friendly and sustainable business practices. By taking advantage of these incentives, companies can legally reduce their tax burden, thereby strengthening cash flow and increasing the company's ability to reinvest in developing its business (Enjelina et al., 2023).

35 Furthermore, by implementing the right tax strategy, companies can increase profits without having to ignore compliance with tax regulations. Companies that fully understand the tax reduction mechanism can also reduce the risk of errors in tax reporting, which can result in detrimental fines or sanctions (Suandy, 2008). Thus, good tax management not only helps companies achieve financial efficiency through tax reduction, but also contributes to the long-term stability of the company. This gives the company a competitive advantage, because funds that should be allocated to pay taxes can be diverted to other purposes, such as research and development, business expansion, or improving the quality of products and services (Rusydi & Kusumawati, 2010).

Effective tax management is closely related to corporate financial management, as both support each other in maintaining financial stability and efficiency. Good tax management can help companies prepare a more accurate budget, as an optimal tax burden will minimize unnecessary expenses (Astutik & Mildawati, 2016). This allows companies to be more efficient in allocating their financial resources. By knowing the exact tax burden that will be imposed, companies can plan cash flow better, maintain liquidity, and ensure that the funds they have are sufficient to support daily operations and meet other financial obligations (Ernawati, 2015).

In addition, strategic tax management allows companies to adjust investment plans and other financial strategies to suit the company's long-term goals (Tatnya et al., 2023). For example, successful tax savings can be diverted to larger capital investments or used to

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strengthen the company's financial reserves. Thus, tax management contributes to strengthening the company's financial position, which ultimately increases competitiveness in the market. Tax optimization also allows companies to have more flexibility in managing resources, both to meet urgent needs and to face unexpected economic challenges (Fionasari, 2020).

In the long term, good integration between tax management and financial management will help companies create greater value for shareholders and other stakeholders (Abidin, 2022). With the ability to manage tax burdens effectively, companies can not only maintain higher profitability, but also strengthen their financial statements, increase investor confidence, and maintain the company's reputation in the eyes of tax authorities (Bana & Ghozali, 2021). Therefore, tax management should be viewed as an integral part of a company's overall financial strategy, which plays a key role in ensuring business sustainability and success in an increasingly competitive market (Putri & Rahmanida, 2023).

The purpose of this study is to analyze the benefits and challenges of tax management as an important foundation in corporate financial management. The benefits of this study are to provide a deeper understanding for companies about the importance of integration between tax management and financial management, and how the implementation of the right tax strategy can provide competitive advantages, improve cash flow, and help companies adapt to complex tax regulatory changes without sacrificing compliance with the law.

## METHOD

This research is a descriptive qualitative research that focuses on the analysis of the benefits and challenges of tax management as an important foundation in corporate financial management. The qualitative approach was chosen because it allows researchers to explore in-depth experiences and perceptions of various business actors and financial practitioners related to tax management in the corporate context. By using qualitative research methods such as in-depth interviews and literature studies, this study will focus on collecting data in the form of words, concepts, and descriptions related to tax management strategies and how these strategies play a role in increasing the efficiency and financial stability of companies. In accordance with the views of Anggito & Setiawan, (2018) this approach is relevant to understanding how companies face tax challenges amidst increasingly complex business dynamics and evolving regulations.

In this qualitative descriptive study, the data collected are not in the form of numbers, but rather words, images, or other information relevant to the context of corporate taxation and finance. Following Moleong's opinion (2014), descriptions obtained through literature studies and interviews will be key in understanding the dynamics and strategies implemented by companies in tax management. After the data is collected, data analysis steps will be carried out using the approach suggested by Sugiyono (2010), namely through the stages of data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing/verification. This process will help simplify complex data, display relevant patterns and trends, and draw conclusions that can be used to understand the role of tax management in improving corporate financial

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efficiency and provide practical recommendations for the development of corporate financial strategies in the future.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### Benefits of Tax Management in Strengthening the Foundation of Corporate Financial Management

The ultimate goal to be achieved from implementing tax management is to optimize or minimize the company's tax burden legally and efficiently. Optimizing the tax burden is not only limited to reducing the amount of tax to be paid, but also includes efforts to ensure that the company continues to comply with applicable tax regulations (Furqon & Suwanda, 2022), while maintaining business sustainability. By managing taxes effectively, companies can take advantage of various incentives and opportunities provided by the government, such as tax breaks or tax credits, which are designed to encourage the growth of certain sectors. This strategy allows companies not only to reduce their tax burden, but also to increase profits and cash flow, which ultimately strengthens their financial position in the market (Saputro & Meivira, 2020).

However, optimizing or minimizing the tax burden cannot be achieved only through careful planning. A more comprehensive approach is needed that includes several important stages, namely organizing, implementing, and supervising. At the organizing stage, the company must form a clear and organized structure, which involves appointing special staff or teams responsible for tax management. This team usually consists of tax and accounting experts who understand the applicable tax regulations and are able to design tax strategies that are in accordance with the company's conditions and objectives. Good organization also includes mapping out the resources and tools needed to support tax management, such as sophisticated tax software or an integrated reporting system.

The next stage is implementation or actuating, where the tax plan that has been prepared is executed. At this stage, it is important for the company to ensure that all strategies that have been designed are implemented properly according to the schedule and applicable regulations. This includes timely filing of tax returns, correct payment of taxes, and implementation of tax reduction strategies such as managing deductible expenses, deferring tax payments, or taking advantage of certain incentives. Effective implementation requires good coordination between various departments within the company, including finance, legal, and operations, to ensure that every decision made supports the goal of tax optimization.

The final stage is supervision or controlling, where the company monitors and evaluates the implementation of tax management. This oversight is important to ensure that the strategies implemented are running according to plan and can be adapted if there are changes in regulations or market conditions. This process also involves internal audits to assess compliance with tax regulations and identify potential risks or non-compliances that may arise. With strict oversight, companies can manage tax risks more proactively, avoid fines or sanctions from tax authorities, and continue to adjust their tax strategies to remain relevant and effective in the long term. There are several benefits related to Tax

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Management that can be the foundation of a company's strong financial management so that it can become a healthy and high-performance company.

#### 1. Optimization of Tax Burden

With proper tax management, companies can proactively design tax strategies that comply with applicable legal regulations, allowing them to optimize or even minimize their tax burden legally. This is done through a deep understanding of the various tax incentives and policies offered by the government, such as tax credits, deductions, or tax breaks that companies can take advantage of to reduce their tax liabilities. With this strategy, companies are able to reduce significant tax expenditures without violating tax regulations, so that resource allocation can be more efficient. Funds previously allocated to pay large amounts of taxes can now be used to support more productive operational activities, such as expanding production capacity, developing new products, or strengthening business infrastructure. In addition, with these savings, companies also have more flexibility to invest in strategic initiatives that can drive long-term growth and increase competitiveness in the market.

#### 2. Maintaining compliance with tax regulations

Maintaining compliance with tax regulations is a crucial aspect of tax management that not only protects the company from financially detrimental sanctions and fines, but also maintains the reputation and trust of stakeholders. By understanding and following all applicable tax regulations, companies can avoid legal risks arising from non-compliance, such as tax audits that could potentially reveal errors in tax reporting or payments. This compliance process involves regular review and updating of tax policies, training of relevant staff, and implementing effective systems to ensure that all tax obligations are met on time and accurately. With a systematic and planned approach, companies can not only maintain compliance status, but can also use the information for better strategic decision-making, improve operational efficiency, and build positive relationships with tax authorities and other stakeholders.

#### 3. Cost Efficiency

Cost efficiency in tax management refers to a company's ability to manage tax expenditures in a way that allows them to minimize the costs associated with tax obligations without compromising compliance with applicable laws. By implementing smart tax strategies, companies can identify and capitalize on opportunities to reduce their tax burden, such as using appropriate tax deductions or incentives, and optimizing their cost structure and financial reporting. In addition, this cost efficiency can be achieved through the use of technology and software that supports automation in tax management, thereby minimizing human error and reducing the time required for the tax reporting process. In doing so, companies not only save on costs associated with taxes but can also divert greater resources to productive investments and innovations that will improve their long-term competitiveness and profitability.

#### 4. Providing Accurate Information in Business Decision Making

Providing accurate information in business decision making is one of the main benefits of effective tax management, as accurate and up-to-date tax information can be a strong foundation for a successful business strategy. With accurate tax analysis and reporting,

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companies can understand the impact of tax liabilities on cash flow, profitability, and resource allocation. This allows management to make more informed decisions about investment, expansion, or cost reduction, as well as plan future strategic moves. Clear tax information also helps identify opportunities for better tax planning, so companies can take advantage of tax incentives or deductions that may have been missed. Thus, accuracy in tax information management not only supports compliance and cost efficiency, but also plays an important role in increasing the competitiveness and sustainability of companies in an increasingly dynamic market.

5. **Improve the company's image** and reputation in the public eye

When a company consistently complies with tax regulations and is committed to paying taxes on time, it reflects high integrity and social responsibility in the eyes of the public and stakeholders. Companies that have a good reputation for tax compliance can build strong trust with customers, investors and communities, which is critical to long-term business sustainability. In addition, this positive reputation can be a competitive advantage, as consumers tend to prefer doing business with companies that have a good track record of compliance and contribution to the country's economic development. In other words, effective tax management not only has an impact on the financial aspect, but also plays a key role in building positive and lasting relationships with the public, increasing loyalty, and strengthening the company's position in the market.

### Tax Management Challenges as an Important Pillar of Corporate Financial Management

The challenges of tax management as an important pillar in corporate financial management include:

1. Changes in Tax Regulations

Frequently changing tax regulations pose a significant challenge for companies in managing their tax obligations. When tax authorities issue regulatory changes, companies must quickly assess their impact on their tax practices. This often requires rapid strategic adjustments, both in terms of tax management and reporting. Companies that fail to adapt quickly may risk facing sanctions and fines for non-compliance. In addition, uncertainty regarding new regulations may cause concerns among management, which may hinder investment decisions and long-term business development.

In addition, uncertainty in tax regulations can also affect financial planning and resource allocation within a company. Companies may have difficulty planning their tax budget and expenses if they do not have a clear understanding of their future tax obligations. This uncertainty can lead to conservative decision-making, where companies tend to hold back on investments or expansions that could otherwise add value. Therefore, it is important for companies to have an effective monitoring system and invest in training and development of human resources in the field of taxation, so that they can better face regulatory changes and reduce the risk of non-compliance.

2. Complexity of the Tax System

A complex and multi-layered tax system often becomes an obstacle for companies in carrying out their tax obligations efficiently. With different types of taxes, different rates, and interrelated regulations, companies must conduct an in-depth study to understand the overall tax structure in place. This requires not only an understanding of complex tax laws,

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but also high analytical skills to interpret the various provisions and ensure that all obligations are met according to the specified schedule. Failure to understand the tax system can lead to errors in reporting, which can ultimately result in sanctions or fines that are financially detrimental to the company.

Furthermore, the complexity in the tax system also hinders companies from taking advantage of available tax incentives and deductions. Many companies are unaware of the opportunities to reduce their tax burden due to difficulties in navigating the various regulations in place. Without a clear understanding of the incentives that are accessible, companies lose out on potential savings that could be allocated to further investment or development. Therefore, it is important for companies to have an experienced tax management team or consult with a tax expert to ensure that they are not only complying with their tax obligations, but also taking full advantage of all the possible incentives available in this complex tax system.

### 3. Lack of Knowledge and Skills

The limited human resources trained in taxation is a significant challenge for many companies, especially small ones. Often, these companies do not have sufficient budget to hire or train dedicated staff focused on tax management. As a result, tax responsibilities are often allocated to employees who have inadequate background in tax. This can increase the risk of errors in tax planning, filling out forms, and reporting tax obligations, which can lead to sanctions and fines from the tax authorities. In addition, a lack of knowledge in the field of taxation can hinder a company's ability to respond to regulatory changes quickly and effectively.

In addition, a lack of skills and knowledge in tax management can result in missed opportunities for strategic tax planning. Without a thorough understanding of taxation, companies may miss out on available tax incentives, cost reductions, or ways to optimize their tax structure. This can negatively impact the financial health of the company, reducing liquidity and competitiveness in the market. To overcome this challenge, companies need to consider investing in training for their employees or working with experienced tax consultants. This will not only help in meeting tax obligations, but also allow companies to make better and more strategic decisions in their overall financial management.

### 4. Tax Risk Management

Identifying and managing tax risks becomes increasingly important as the complexity of business activities continues to grow. Every business decision, from asset management to corporate structure, can have significant tax implications. Therefore, companies need to proactively analyze the potential risks that may arise from their actions, including risks related to tax compliance and possible audits by tax authorities. Non-compliance or errors in tax reporting can not only result in large fines, but can also damage the company's reputation in the eyes of the public and business partners. Therefore, a systematic approach in assessing tax risks should be adopted by every company.

Tax risk mitigation strategies are essential to ensure that companies can manage their tax obligations effectively. One step that can be taken is to establish clear internal policies and good procedures for tax management. This includes staff training on applicable tax regulations and the importance of compliance. In addition, the use of tax management

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technology and software can help companies in reporting and monitoring tax obligations more accurately and efficiently. Through these steps, companies can not only reduce audit risks and potential sanctions, but also create an environment where tax management is seen as an integral part of the broader business strategy, enabling companies to operate better in the face of complex tax challenges.

#### 5. High Compliance Costs

Managing tax compliance does require a significant commitment of resources from the company, both in terms of time and cost. The process of ensuring that all tax obligations are met in accordance with applicable regulations often involves complex data collection and processing. This includes filling out tax forms, preparing reports, and preparing necessary documents. For many companies, especially smaller ones, managing tax compliance can be a heavy burden without trained staff or efficient systems in place. In addition, companies often have to deal with constant regulatory changes, which adds another layer of difficulty to ensuring compliance.

To address these challenges, many companies choose to invest in tax consulting services or tax management software that can help automate the process and ensure reporting accuracy. While this comes at an additional cost, this investment can yield long-term savings by reducing the risk of errors and potential penalties from tax authorities. An experienced tax consultant can provide valuable insights into the latest regulations, optimal tax planning strategies, and assistance with audits, so that companies can focus more on their operations. Thus, although tax compliance management requires significant initial investment, the long-term benefits in the form of better compliance and reduced tax risks can provide substantial added value to companies.

#### 6. Difficulties in Integrating Taxes into Business Strategy

Integrating tax considerations into financial planning and business decisions is often a challenge because tax management is often not considered an important element of a company's overall strategy. Many companies view taxes as an obligation to be met, rather than as a component that can influence strategic decision-making. As a result, when business decisions are made, such as new investments, product development, or organizational restructuring, the tax aspects are often overlooked or considered only cursorily. This can lead to suboptimal decisions, where potential tax savings and incentives that could support a company's financial goals are not fully utilized.

Additionally, a lack of collaboration between the tax management team and other business units can hinder more effective decision-making. To create a more integrated approach, it is important for companies to involve tax professionals at every stage of business planning. By promoting dialogue and collaboration between finance and tax teams, companies can more easily identify opportunities for strategic tax planning and avoid risks associated with non-compliance. Additionally, this better integration can help companies respond quickly to changes in tax regulations, minimize their negative impact, and ensure that all business decisions are aligned with the company's long-term goals. Thus, making tax management an integral part of corporate strategy can provide significant competitive advantages in an increasingly complex marketplace.

## CONCLUSION

Effective tax management plays an important role in strengthening the foundation of a company's financial management by legally optimizing tax burdens, maintaining compliance with tax regulations, and creating cost efficiencies. Through comprehensive planning—which includes organizing, implementing, and monitoring—companies can design tax strategies that take advantage of government incentives, avoid penalties, and minimize tax expenditures. Accurate tax information also supports better business decision making, increasing the competitiveness and sustainability of companies. In addition, commitment to tax compliance creates a positive image in the eyes of the public, building trust and loyalty from customers and stakeholders, which is important for long-term business sustainability. Tax management is an important pillar in corporate financial management, but faces various complex challenges. Frequent changes in tax regulations, a complex tax system, and a lack of knowledge and expertise in the field of taxation can hinder companies from fulfilling their tax obligations and taking advantage of potential incentives available. In addition, managing tax risks and high compliance costs add to the burden on companies, especially small ones. To address these challenges, it is important for companies to integrate tax management into their overall business strategy, involve tax professionals in decision-making, and invest in training and technology that can help improve the efficiency and accuracy of tax reporting. With a proactive and collaborative approach, companies can improve tax compliance, reduce risks and maximize the added value of tax management.

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