

# Ryan Forms Strategic Alliance with U.S. Tax Advantage, LLC to Strengthen International Tax Capabilities.

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**Dallas, Texas** -- Ryan, the leading tax services firm in North America, with the largest transaction tax practice in the United States and Canada, today announced a strategic alliance with U.S. Tax Advantage, LLC ("Tax Advantage"), an international tax professional services firm assisting U.S. and foreign-based companies with a comprehensive suite of international taxation services. This partnership supports Ryan's rapid growth in international tax services by providing a global network of professionals with jurisdictional expertise in Europe, Latin America, and Asia, as well as a suite of international tax planning tools to model complex cross-border transactions that facilitate better-informed intercompany transfer pricing decisions.

The alliance adds a comprehensive solution to help Ryan's U.S. and foreign-based clients navigate the complex issues of international taxation and minimize their worldwide tax burden through services that include international structuring, foreign repatriation planning, transfer pricing, and international tax compliance. Leveraging Tax Advantage's specialization in international tax will be a critical component of Ryan's international growth strategy, as it extends its North American leadership position in tax services overseas.

"Ryan's industry-leading transaction tax practice, coupled with Tax Advantage's focus on income tax and global tax management, provides a comprehensive international tax advisory offering and powerful technology platform for supporting global tax optimization," said Mark Gasbarra, National Managing Director of Tax Advantage. "Our combined network of seasoned state, local, federal, and international tax professionals provides Fortune 1000 clients access to the highest level of North American tax expertise available in the industry today."

"This partnership supports our vision of providing Ryan's innovative tax services on an increasingly global scale to support our expanding portfolio of multinational companies," said G. Brint Ryan, CEO and Managing Principal of Ryan. "We are excited to provide additional value for our multinational clients by substantially reinforcing our international tax planning and compliance capabilities to help structure their businesses in the most tax-efficient manner possible."

#### **About Ryan**

*Ryan is the leading tax services firm in North America, with the largest transaction tax practice in the United States and Canada. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, the Firm provides a comprehensive range of state, local, federal, and international tax advisory and consulting services on a multi-jurisdictional basis, including audit defense, tax recovery, credits and incentives, tax process improvement and automation, tax appeals, and strategic planning. With a multi-disciplinary team of more than 800 professionals and associates, Ryan serves many of the world's most prominent Fortune 1000 companies*

#### **About Tax Advantage**

*U.S. Tax Advantage, LLC is an international tax professional services firm headquartered in Illinois with offices in key markets throughout the United States. The firm provides high-value international tax solutions designed to improve its clients' decision-making capabilities, leading to increased profitability and improved cash flow. The firm's service offerings are enhanced by a proprietary suite of Web-based software tools, known as the Global Tax Management Site©. Tax Advantage was recently recognized by Inc. magazine as number 278 of the 500 fastest-growing U.S. private companies for 2009.*

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