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for 2019?



Foreword



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Welcome! I'm honored to serve as host to the jury members, coaches and, most importantly, finalists in the 2019 Young Tax Professional of the Year (YTPY) competition. Now in its ninth year, the YTPY competition remains both an annual highlight for our organization and an important showcase of young tax talent throughout the world. In the following pages, you will find short biographies of all those involved in this year's competition, as well as insight into what motivates and inspires them.

With close to 7,000 applicants in over 20 different countries, the YTPY is truly a global event. The International Final allows us the opportunity to offer all the participants insightful and engaging programing, while we, in the EY Tax Practice, appreciate getting to network with and learn from a group of exceptional professionals newer to the industry.

Various practical, technical and social activities and challenges have been designed to make this year's event an informative (and fun) experience for all. With another dynamic economic year underway, it is essential to also highlight the importance of technology and Tax transformation.

Technology and transformation permeate much of what we do at EY. The Tax environment is active, constantly transforming to reflect legislative, regulatory and technological changes. Now more than ever, Tax and Tax transformation are taking a seat at the global table, traversing borders to highlight the power in international, multilateral thinking and decision-making.

The competition this year will therefore place a strategic emphasis on digital readiness and innovation with technology-based challenges, case-study delivery, research opportunities and scoring tools.

In a period of rapid change and innovation, relationships and professional networks are assets that remain invaluable – we hope that our participants look at the upcoming challenges and activities as opportunities to connect and innovate together.

On behalf of EY and our Tax department, I can say that each year we are thoroughly impressed with the poise, creativity, determination and knowledge of all our applicants, participants and finalists. I am confident that this year's competition will prove no different.

Enjoy Amsterdam and good luck to all!

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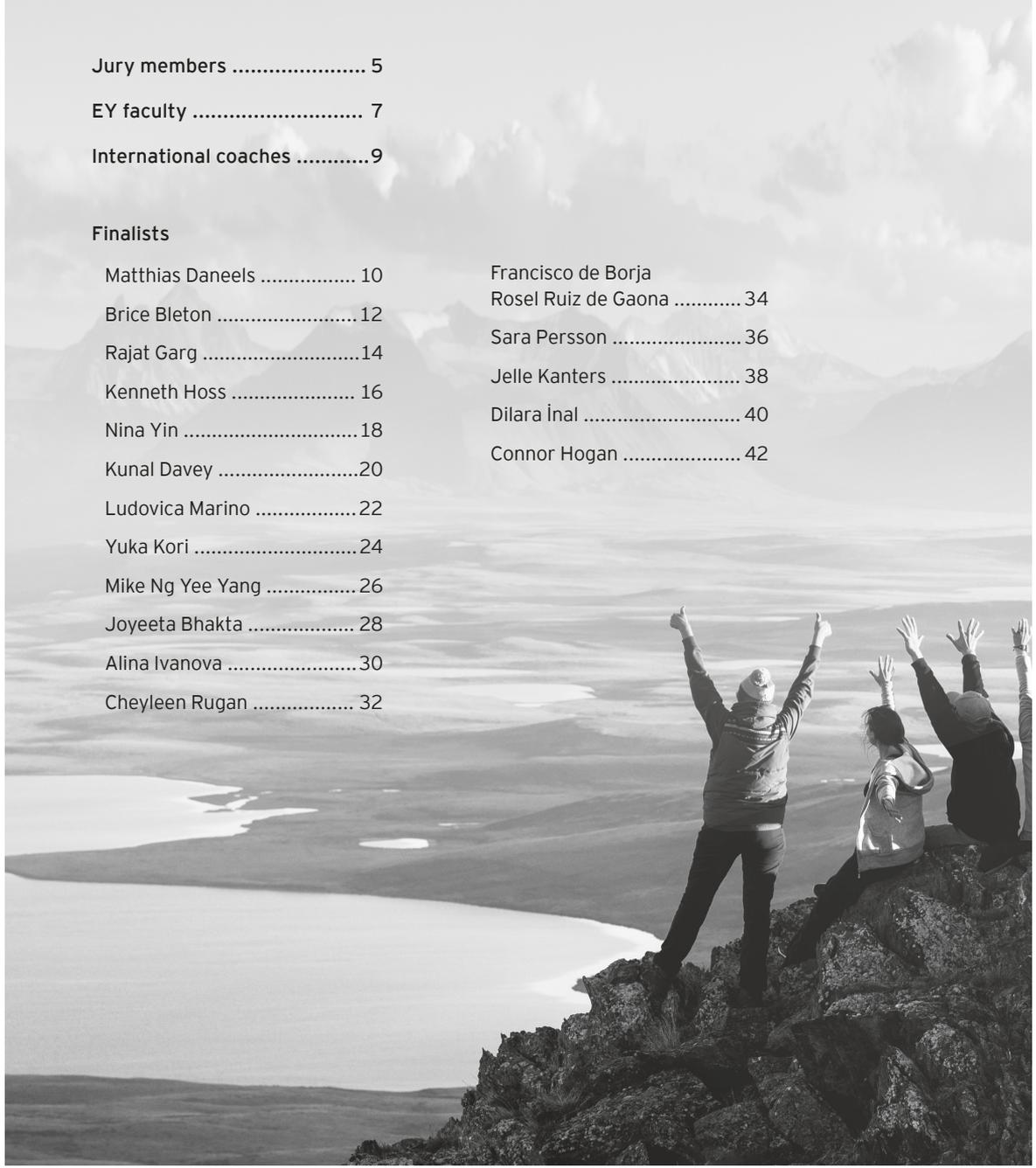
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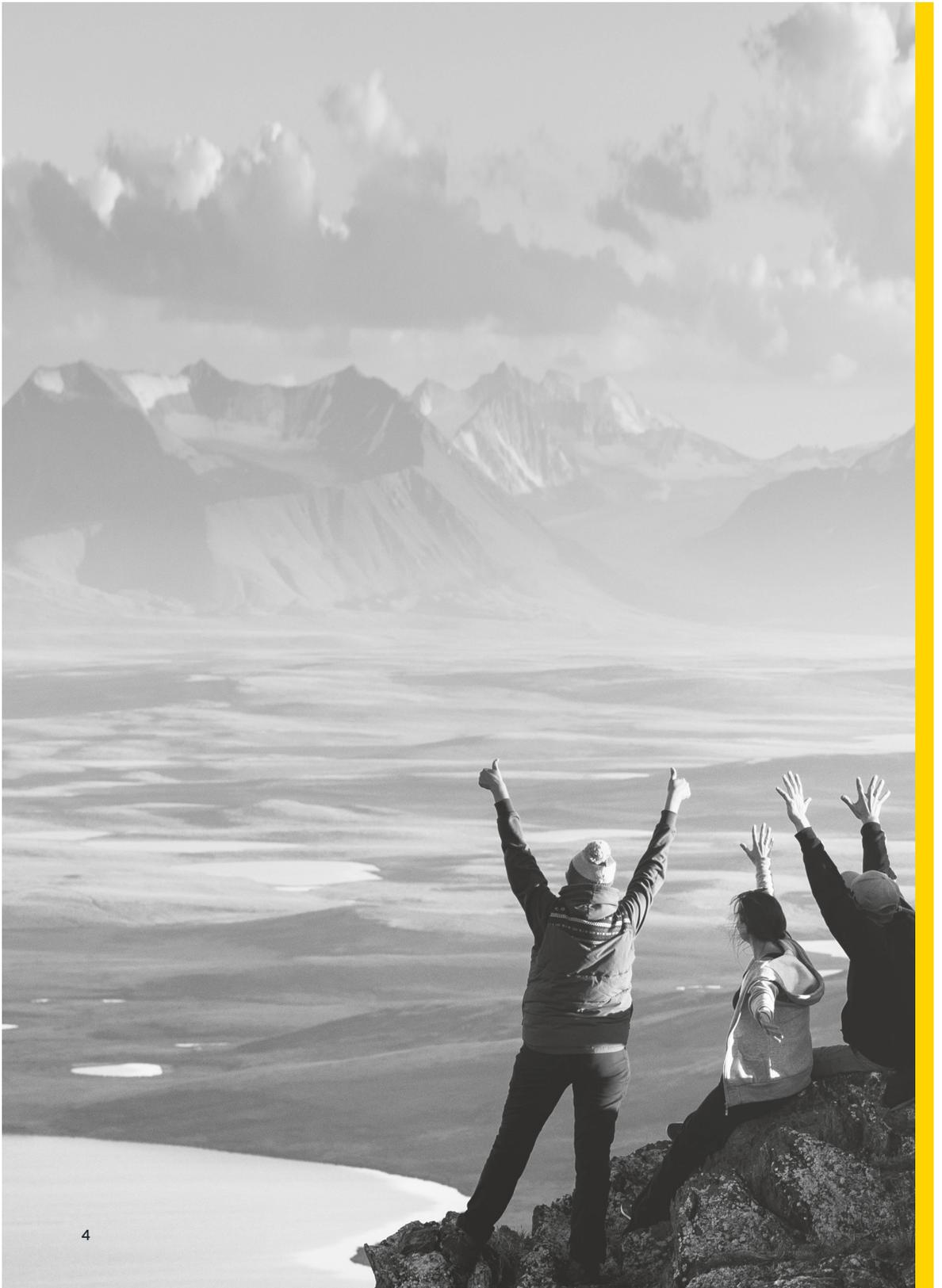
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Jury members



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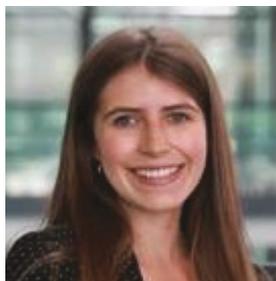
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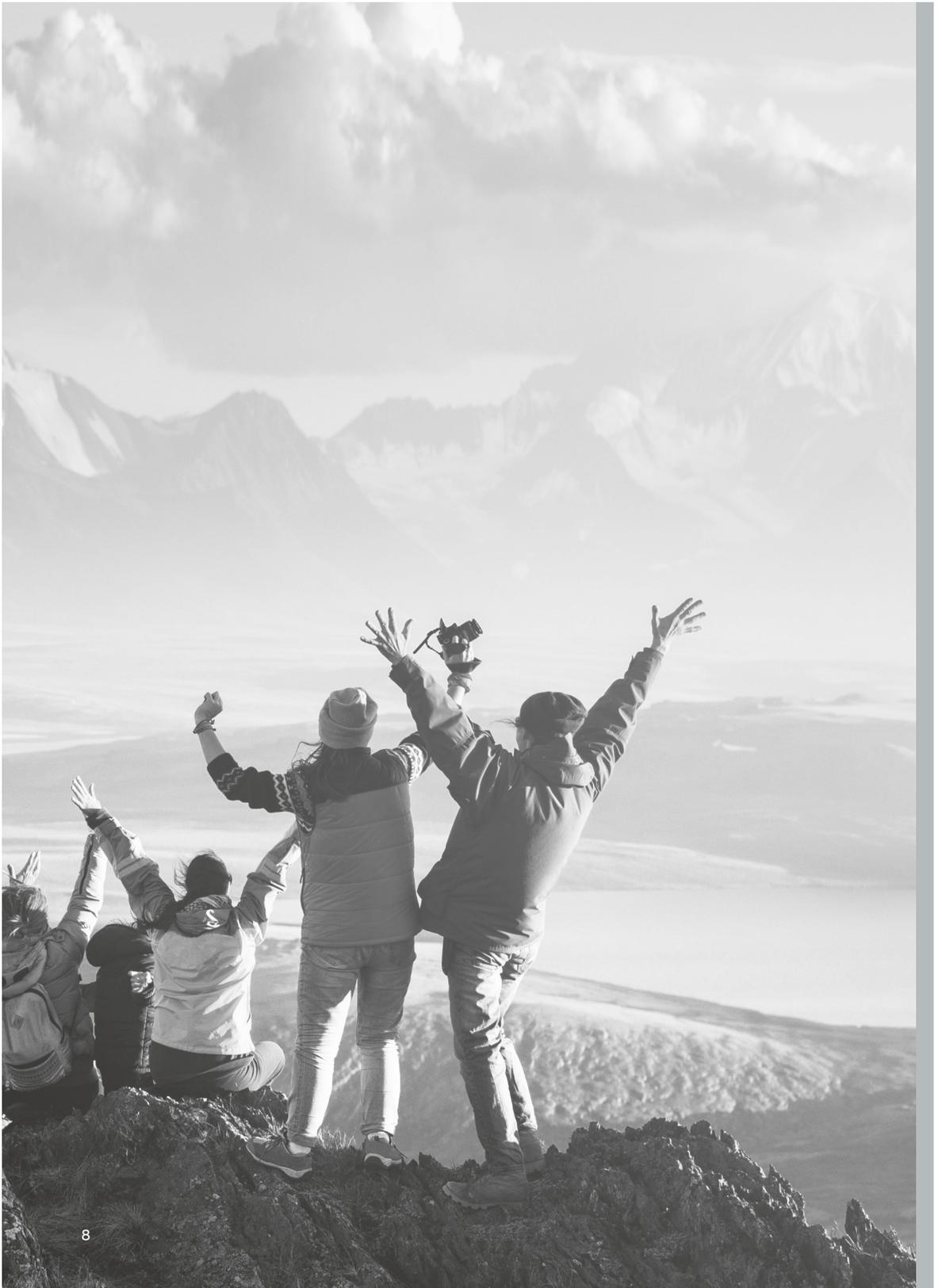
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Finalist



Belgium

Matthias Daneels

What are you currently doing?

I currently work as a tax consultant at the People Advisory Services department in the EY office in Antwerp. It's currently a busy season, so we are preparing tax returns at full speed! Other than that, we advise people on anything income tax related. On the side, I follow an extra master's degree in Taxation Law at the University of Antwerp.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

As a soon-to-be young graduate, I was looking for interesting opportunities to start my career. I stumbled upon the local Young Tax Professional of the Year (YTPY) competition and decided to participate. I like to challenge myself daily and put myself into situations out of my comfort zone. With that in mind, I set a new goal for myself: get selected for YTPY. Furthermore, it's an amazing opportunity to get in contact with likeminded young professionals with different cultures and backgrounds, and to get to know the EY organization in a different way.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

Some examples of me liking to challenge myself and setting goals are becoming captain of my football team at the age of 16 and eventually becoming president of the students' union at the Faculty of Law of the University of Antwerp, one of the biggest student unions in Belgium. Both experiences have allowed me to develop my leadership skills, work in a team, and build a big network, both professionally and in a social context and build friendships that will hopefully last for life. They also improved my negotiating skills, problem-solving and ability to think out of the box.



Finalist



France

Brice Bleton

What are you currently doing?

I am an attorney trainee at the Paris Bar school. As part of my training, I am interning in the Tax Department of the Paris office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe Law firm. Next year, I should become a tax lawyer.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

I attended the French local competition with other classmates to challenge our knowledge of the French tax law. I entered the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition with the main goal to meet young tax professionals from other countries. I am also curious to deal with the international tax issues we will have within the case study.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

I'm from Annecy in the French Alps. I like hiking as well as reading, especially historic novels taking place in the Middle Ages/ Renaissance.



Finalist



GDS – Global

Rajat Garg

What are you currently doing?

I am currently pursuing my first year of MBA at Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) Mumbai, with intended experience in Finance. Apart from that, I am a student member of Institute of Actuaries of India. I am also a proud BA English Literature (Hons.) graduate from Ramjas College, University of Delhi. I have no prior work experience.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

When the EY GDS team, led by Mr. Hemant Bommanahal, came to our institute to apprise us about this wonderful opportunity, I was awoken to a completely different perspective on the dynamic and exciting world of tax.

The promise of getting mentored by senior EY leadership was a strong incentive as I have had no prior corporate exposure. The competition in Amsterdam was an unbelievable proposition for an inquisitive student like me, who wanted to learn about the way the world is changing especially the way we distribute resources, of which tax is the greatest tool.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

I consider myself a Renaissance man living in the 21st century as I have a love of knowledge that is reflected in my peculiar academic path that spans across Literature, Economics, Actuarial Science and now, Corporate finance. I am a believer in dialogue, and I love being part of debates and discussions. I love reading about different cultures and history, and collect books from wherever I travel. I am inspired by great academicians and I aspire to join their ranks one day by creating something of immense value to the society.



Finalist



Germany

Kenneth Hoss

What are you currently doing?

Currently, I am a reviser in the redress office (opposition and complaint handling) at a tax office of Lower Saxony. In addition, I also study law at the University of Osnabrück and I'm in my 5th semester.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

After gaining years of experience in the area of tax law, I realized that I would like to experience more in regard to this area of law. And by "more" I particularly mean the possibility of an intensive exchange with a special focus on the increasingly important international

tax law. By entering the competition, I was hoping to be able to get together with students from all over the world and to live out the fascination of tax law at a level that is rarely possible in my current academic and working life. In addition, I was also hoping that I will be able to get to know EY better and to introduce myself to the company. I consider participation to be another important step on the path that can be taken from financial administration to law and then to tax consulting.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

I am not sure if it is something to smile about, or rather something that should make me sad. I love playing football. My team has a ritual that every new player who joins the team for the new season has to buy a box of beer. But because I get injured incredibly often, my friends regularly make fun of me having to watch them more often than I am allowed to play with them. So, every time I am allowed to play again after an injury, I have to buy a box of beer as if I were a new player in the team.



Finalist



Greater China

Nina Yin

What are you currently doing?

I am working as a tax staff accountant at EY.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

I first signed up for this contest thinking it would be a fun way to build my resume. I majored in public finance (taxation track) in college, so the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition is the perfect opportunity for me to challenge myself as well as showcase my skill sets. I also wanted a chance to connect and network with a top employer such as EY, which can otherwise be difficult to reach. I eventually landed a full-time job at EY, so I'm very happy I made the decision.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

I'm a self-professed thrill seeker. I've gone ziplining, paragliding and scuba diving with sharks. I like to try new things and engage in adventurous activities (even though I'm terrible at sports). These adventures allow me to experience the beauty (and risks) of nature, which is truly a luxury since I live in the city. However, one thing I will never try is caving. I'm extremely claustrophobic so the idea of caving gives me so much anxiety.



Finalist



India

Kunal Davey

What are you currently doing?

Working at EY in Indirect Tax services

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

I realized that participating in this program could expand the range of my thinking. It would pose questions I had not considered before and newer challenges to overcome. I was excited at the prospect of representing my country at a global stage and the competition itself promised to be a lot of fun. It guaranteed time and space to exchange ideas and to network with people across cultures from around the world.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

I love reading novels, particularly fantasy books. I consistently maintain that the Lord of the Rings trilogy is the only movie franchise to come close to matching the books. I'm a FIDE rated chess player who also enjoys playing badminton. A long pending mission I have set myself is to learn to play a musical instrument. I have mad respect for the performing arts and have dabbled briefly in the local theatre scene.



Finalist



Italy

Ludovica Marino

What are you currently doing?

I am currently enrolled in the fifth and final year of my Law Degree at Bocconi University and I am going to graduate in October 2020.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

I am highly motivated to build a career in Tax Law and I have always been keen to expand my horizons to international issues. I think that the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition is a brilliant opportunity to challenge myself, to meet young students from all over the world sharing the same passion and to test myself.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

I have lived in Ireland and in Singapore and I consider myself a very international person. However, I am very proud and sensitive about Italian food, which I love to cook with friends and family. Fun fact about myself – I was born 12 hours after the end of my mum’s bar exam: studying law was probably my destiny.



Finalist



Japan

Yuka Kori

What are you currently doing?

Studying Business at university

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

I thought the competition would be the best opportunity for me, as my aim is to work internationally as a tax professional. Also, I genuinely felt excited when I heard about the competition in Amsterdam. I was sure that the interaction with the representatives of each country would be very inspiring, and I would be able to learn a lot.

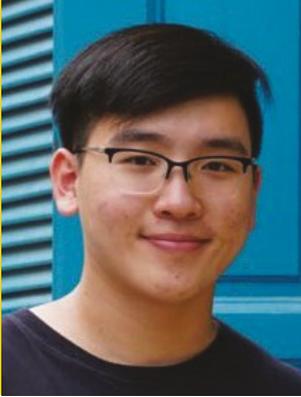
Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

I love communicating with people and I always enjoy talking to people from different backgrounds. This curiosity made me study abroad three times in my university life. I have done a summer abroad in Canada, USA and then I did a year abroad in the UK.

These international experiences got me interested in tax. I am still new in the field of tax, but I will do my best. I am looking forward to seeing all the participants in Amsterdam!



Finalist



Malaysia

Mike Ng Yee Yang

What are you currently doing?

Studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance at Sunway University

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

To me, the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet other like-minded young leaders from around the world. It will allow me to not only share, but also learn how others may approach a case study or issue. This competition will provide me with a platform to improve my skillsets and test my general business acumen. I am excited to be able to represent Malaysia on an international stage.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

I take pleasure in challenging and improving myself because I truly believe in striving to be a better person than who I was yesterday, and I will continue to try to be the best version of myself for the rest of my life. As for something fun and perhaps a little unexpected is that I enjoy baking. Though I may not be the best at it, and often I get nagged for messing up the kitchen, I'll still try to bake something during my long semester breaks and share it with my friends and family.



Finalist



Oceania

Joyeeta Bhakta

What are you currently doing?

I am currently completing a Bachelor of Laws (Honors) and Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) conjoint degree at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

I recently completed an internship in International Tax and Transactions Services at EY in the Auckland office, and I also work part-time at the University as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant. Once I complete my undergraduate studies, I'll be looking forward to writing my Honors dissertation next year – potentially related to the digital economy, technology and tax!

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

The (Oceania) case study looked very interesting – with a fantastic mix of tax and technology elements. Although I had little background knowledge about tax, the case brief provided great guidance on understanding key concepts and how they are being reformed. The more I researched, the more I was fascinated by the topic, and with a relatively light workload at 750 words – I decided to give it a go!

I also knew that EY has a fantastic reputation as a professional services leader in tax. Having industry experts judge your entry, a potential chance to work with EY and travel opportunities are all very good reasons to enter.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

I absolutely adore dogs – I don't have a canine companion yet, but this is a work in progress. Until then, I make do with friends' dogs and enjoy all dog-related memes. I also love the outdoors! Auckland, in New Zealand, is a beautiful place with beaches, forests, cityscapes and dormant volcanoes – all within a 30-minute drive. As New Zealand heads into summer, I look forward to lots of hiking, swimming and lazing around in the sand. I also enjoy reading, especially social commentary – and I look forward to reading more for leisure now that law school is over.



Finalist



Russia

Alina Ivanova

What are you currently doing?

At the moment, I am graduating from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations University, where I have my Master's Degree, and take part in various tax competitions. I do not have a job right now, but I have 2 years of experience in the tax sphere. I plan to start working next year.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

I decided to take part in this competition to improve my English skills and skills of applying tax law in practice. But if I took the principle purpose test, they wouldn't be my primary goals. The most important goal for me is to become a part of the tax crowd, tax society and to meet people I take example from and hope to work with one day.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

Along with studying tax law, I try to find time for my hobbies. I surf and skateboard in Portugal, study Hebrew for a trip to Israel and write reviews on plays, theatrical performances and musicals. I also dream of going to Macau, where the tallest bungee-jumping platform in the world is located. Last year I jumped from a height of 207 meters in Sochi.



Finalist



South Africa

Cheyleen Rugan

What are you currently doing?

I am currently in the process of completing B.com (honors) in taxation at the University of Pretoria.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

EY provides a great opportunity to university students through their competitions that shouldn't be passed up. Any competition is extremely daunting, however sometimes it's good to put oneself in a testing position. I viewed this opportunity as a challenge where I would witness where my capabilities lie and how I would apply myself under time constraints. I have always been under the impression that being placed into challenges that take a person out of their element is where they perceive their potential and strengths and can grow from it.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

I believe in a balanced life and thus when I'm not reading books I enjoy stepping into a different head space through exercise which allows me to have a healthy mind, spirit and body. My balanced life also involves me maintaining a family life – my family are my motivators and biggest supporters in both my studies and my ambitions. My interests are also in traveling as it means being exposed to diverse environments and cultures across the globe. Another fun fact about me is that I am one of three sisters and yes middle child syndrome does exist.



Finalist



Spain

Francisco de Borja Rosel Ruiz de Gaona

What are you currently doing?

I have been working with the EY organization since 9 September 2019.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

When I decided to sign up for the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition I was looking for the opportunity to enroll in one of the world's most well recognized firms in the professional services industry.

I also wanted to be involved in a project led by an EY manager, as I was very interested in developing an idea from scratch, taking advantage of the business-oriented overview of the team.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

When I was a child I used to sleepwalk at night. I can recall how one night I went downstairs to our living room, I unhooked a painting from the wall and afterwards, went to the garage, where I stayed standing up with my duvet around me until my parents found me a couple of hours after. I really owe too much to my parents.



Finalist



Sweden

Sara Persson

What are you currently doing?

Currently studying in my last semester at Uppsala University, Master of Law.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

I thought it would be a great experience and an opportunity to get an insight into what the day of a tax advisor could be like. I also wanted to meet other students that shared my interest in tax, so the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition seemed to be the perfect competition for me.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

At the age of eight I started to dance a Swedish partner dance and for about 10 years I was a competitive dancer. My not so successful dance career has been over for a while now, but I still love to bust out some dance moves from time to time!



Finalist



The Netherlands

Jelle KanTERS

What are you currently doing?

Studying Master Tax Law at
Tilburg University

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

I first heard about the Young Tax Professional of the Year (YTPY) competition during EY Netherlands' International Tax Challenge (ITC) this spring. We were told the individual winner of the ITC would go on to YTPY, which made me more excited to make the most of the ITC. This kind of event is a great way to get to know a lot of interesting people and to learn things you normally would not come across in your study program.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

Over the last few years, I have spent a lot of time on very interesting activities outside of my studies. I learned a lot from them and had fun doing them. At the end of the week though, I need to clear my head and be a little less serious. That's why I reserve my Sundays for field hockey matches and hanging out with my team. We proudly play in the very lowest league and are often more interested in the third half than the first two. We have a great time and it's an awesome stress reliever.



Finalist



Turkey

Dilara Inal

What are you currently doing?

Currently a senior Law student at Kadir Has University (Bachelor's Degree)

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

Since I started to understand tax law, international tax issues have become appealing to me and I took a selective course on international taxation in English where I got lectures on OECD MC and DTTs. Young Tax Professional of the Year is a unique opportunity to test my knowledge and extend it, because a competition which motivates candidates is the best way to learn more. I am planning to do my master's program on international taxation and building my career accordingly. Thus, I was immediately inspired when I first saw the advertisement of the competition.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

Although I was born into the era of technology and I was accustomed to computers and keyboards before I learnt writing, I always found typewriters more spiritual. Thus, I bought myself an antique portable typewriter, which was originally pink (a.k.a. my life-time-favorite color), in high school and it moved along with me to college. Sometimes I prepare my papers or course notes on it. I also write my short stories on it. In previous years, I participated in creative writing workshops where we examined famous authors' works and I had a chance to take feedbacks on my stories from respected Turkish authors. I might, therefore, be able to call myself an amateur author.



Finalist



United States

Connor Hogan

What are you currently doing?

I am currently in my final year of undergraduate studies at Bentley University, a school right outside of Boston.

What inspired you to enter the Young Tax Professional of the Year competition?

The Young Tax Professional of the Year program instantly caught my eye when I saw it on my university's website. Since starting my first internship in tax, I have really enjoyed seeing how different people interpret tax law, and how written tax law can be interpreted in so many different ways. I saw this competition as a great way to challenge myself to learn and ultimately get to learn from other young people looking to begin a career in tax, as well as EY professionals if I advanced to the later stages of the competition.

Tell us something interesting and fun about yourself

During my Spring semester last year, I was lucky enough to study in Barcelona for four months. Studying in Barcelona allowed me to travel throughout Europe and experience a bunch of new cultures while seeing new places and meeting new people. I have visited Amsterdam before on two different weekends with different groups of friends and thought it would be a long time before I would be back, but I am very excited to spend a few more days in this great city.



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