

## Are you in command of the legal regulation of fund taxation?

### Aquin's new fund tax reporting software finds a remedy

The German Investment Tax Act (Investmentsteuergesetz, abbr. InvStG) has been in effect since 01.01.2004. Nevertheless, many investment companies are still unsatisfied with its application. According to a market survey carried out by Aquin Components GmbH, major obstacles concerning the implementation are in the following areas:

- Investment companies need highly educated employees in order to clarify correct interpretation of tax law as well as differing or even contrary opinions of tax accountants.
- Work peaks, especially for profit-retaining funds, data sourcing of target funds as well as manual calculation and processes with insufficient system support are an additional burden for the employees.
- Tracking, evaluation and implementation of changes in tax regulation into often in-house self-developed systems (e.g. Excel) ties up additional resources.

Retrospective corrections of already-published tax regulations e.g. during audits increase reputational and operational risks concerning employees, processes and systems. To successfully mitigate and eliminate these risks is very expensive.

Aquin Components has identified this need and developed the software solution TAX. TAX generates the **tax regulations according to §5 of the German Investment Tax Act** and WM notifications. In order to secure the correctness from a taxation and legal perspective, Andreas Patzner, lawyer / tax accountant at KPMG, and other KPMG experts were involved during the whole process as advisory partners.

TAX is currently being integrated at Citigroup as well as at WARBURG INVEST and M.M. Warburg-LuxInvest. "WARBURG INVEST and M.M. Warburg-LuxInvest S.A. have been satisfied RBK users for years. We have decided to implement the Fund Tax Reporting Service from Aquin Components because we were convinced by the concept of embedding the taxation expertise of the partner KPMG. Moreover, we are looking forward to a fruitful cooperation with other users", comments Dr. Detlef Mertens, Managing Director of Warburg Invest Kapitalanlagegesellschaft mbH, on the decision.

Further information concerning the market survey and the offered software solution is available at the [Aquin Fonds Steuerreporting Service](#) or by e-mail at [tax@aquin.com](mailto:tax@aquin.com).

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