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## About the International Tax Policy Forum

Founded in 1992, the International Tax Policy Forum is an independent group of 35 major U.S. multinationals with a diverse industry representation. The Forum's mission is to promote research and education on the taxation of multinational companies. Although the Forum is not a lobbying organization, it has testified before the Congressional tax-writing committees on the effects of various tax proposals on U.S. competitiveness. The ITPF also briefs Congressional staff periodically and sponsors public seminars on major international tax policy issues. Most recently, in December 2003, the ITPF co-sponsored a conference on "Competition vs. Cooperation in Global Tax Policy" with the American Enterprise Institute.

On the research front, the Forum has commissioned over 20 papers on international tax policy topics such as the effects of the interest allocation rules on the competitiveness of U.S. firms, the compliance costs of taxing foreign source income, and differences in effective tax rates faced by U.S. domestics and U.S. multinationals (*see* [www.ITPF.org](http://www.ITPF.org)).

Members of the Forum meet three times a year in Washington, DC to discuss key international tax policy issues with leading experts in government, academia, and private practice.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP serves as staff to the Forum. **John Samuels**, Vice President and Senior Counsel for Tax Policy and Planning with General Electric Company, chairs the Forum. The ITPF's *Board of Academic Advisors* is chaired by Prof. **Glenn Hubbard** (Columbia University) and includes Prof. **James Hines** (University of Michigan) who also directs the ITPF research program, Prof. **Michael Graetz** (Yale), and Prof. **David Bradford** (Princeton).

### ITPF Mission Statement

The primary purpose of the Forum is to promote research and education on U.S. taxation of income from cross-border investment. To this end, the Forum sponsors research and conferences on international tax issues and meets periodically with academic and government experts. The Forum does not take positions on specific legislative proposals.