



**CADESKY TAX**

EXPERIENCE. EXCELLENCE. DELIVERED.

## WHO WE ARE

Cadesky Tax is an independent tax-specialist firm. For more than 20 years, we have helped thousands of clients with specialized tax services for private businesses, international families, multi-national corporations, estates and trusts, and more.

The challenges of today's complex tax world mean hands-on specialist-level advice is needed more than ever. Increasing globalization means tax expertise must cross borders in terms of knowledge and experience. We provide all of this and more by developing customized tax strategies that resolve your issues and achieve your goals.

**Our commitment:**

To find the best possible solutions and provide outstanding service.

**Our promise:**

To bring to every client the values upon which we founded our firm.

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## OUR TAX SERVICES

Corporate Tax Planning and Structuring

Personal Tax Planning

Estate Planning

U.S. Tax and Canada-U.S. Cross-Border Planning

International Tax Planning and Structuring

Planning for Multi-National Families

Purchase and Sale of Businesses

Tax Dispute Resolution

Transfer Pricing

Planning for Special Needs Individuals

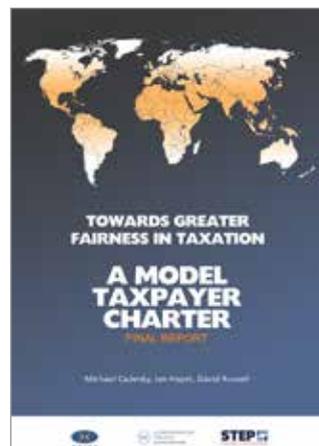
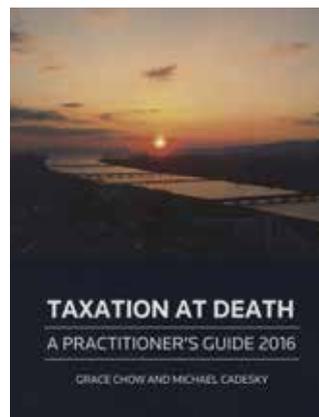
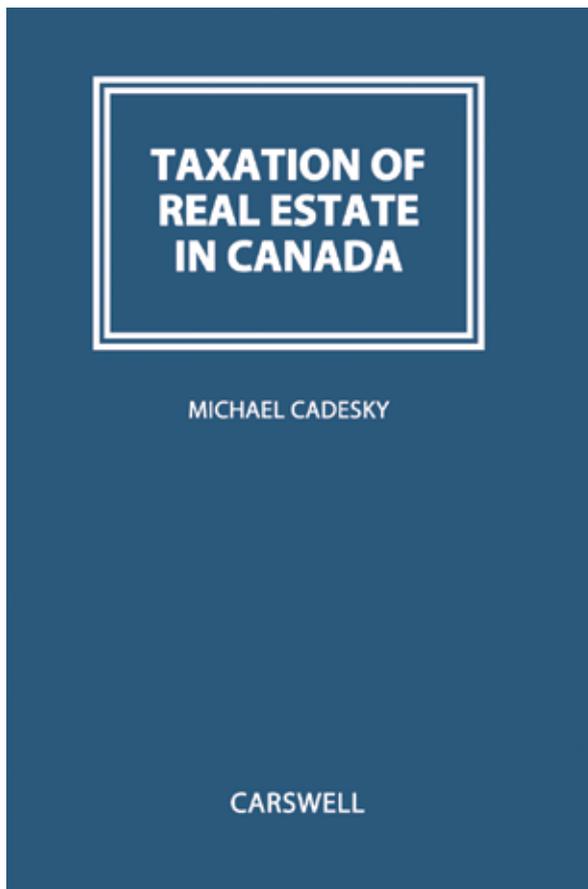
Trusts and Estates

Expert Witness Work



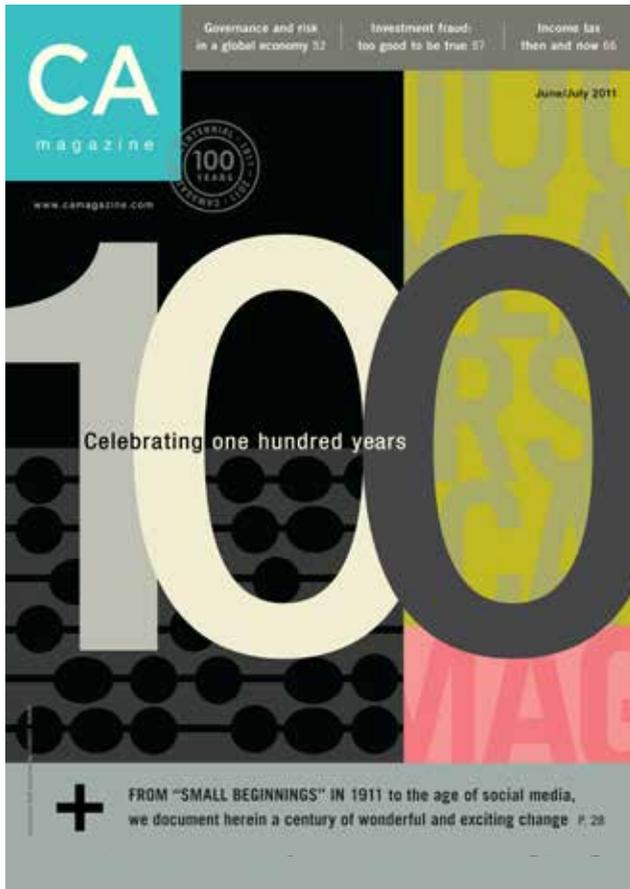
## SUPPORTING OTHER PROFESSIONALS

We are proud to be recognized as experts by our peers – it is an honour and a responsibility we take very seriously. We strongly believe that sharing knowledge and providing support to other professionals makes everyone a winner. It is a large part of what we do. 600 CPAs attend our monthly Tax Seminar Series to stay up to date on important tax changes.



## WHAT WE WRITE

As professionals, we are defined by what we write. We believe it is important to support our professional community and to give back by sharing our experience and knowledge. These books find their way onto the bookshelves of accountants, lawyers, and tax advisors across Canada and abroad.



**TAXATION**      **RETROSPECTIVE**      By Michael Cafsky + Peter Weinstock

## Income tax, then and now

A quick review of the past four decades of the tax system proves it's a complex Canadian tax world

**I**t has been almost 40 years since Canada overhauled its tax system, eliminating estate duties and bringing in capital gains tax. Since 1971, we have seen no less than 49 editions of the Income Tax Act. Its length has increased enormously and the complexity exponentially. Changes in technology have aided the Canada Revenue Agency in the selection and audit of tax payers. Ever-changing legislation, powerful audit tools, information exchange agreements and anti-avoidance rules have made tax-glossing harder, tax compliance more challenging and tax enforcement easier with key changes over the past 40 years and challenges presented to the accounting profession.

**Personal tax rates**  
In 1971, the top personal tax rate was close to 70%, when taxable income reached \$10,000. Today, the combined top personal tax rate is between 34% and 48% (depending on the province) when taxable income reaches about \$110,000. While the top personal tax rate has decreased noticeably, the expansion of the tax brackets has been far below inflation.

The first meaningful reduction in tax rates occurred with the 1981 federal budget. The objective was to broaden the tax base and lower personal tax rates. In 1981, tax rates were again lowered and the tax base was broadened further, along with the conversion of tax deductions to tax credits. We moved from higher rates and a smaller tax base to lower rates and a broader tax base.

**Corporate tax rates**  
Corporate tax rates have changed just as dramatically as personal tax rates. In 1971 the top corporate tax rate was about 54%. When the latest reductions came into effect in January 2011, Canada will have a combined federal and provincial corporate tax rate of about 27% (depending on

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## CA MAGAZINE: 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

Staying fully informed is an important and necessary part of our professional lives. So is informing others. It was a rare honour to be asked to write a keynote article about tax changes over the past 40 years for the official publication of CPA Canada for its 100 Year Anniversary Issue.



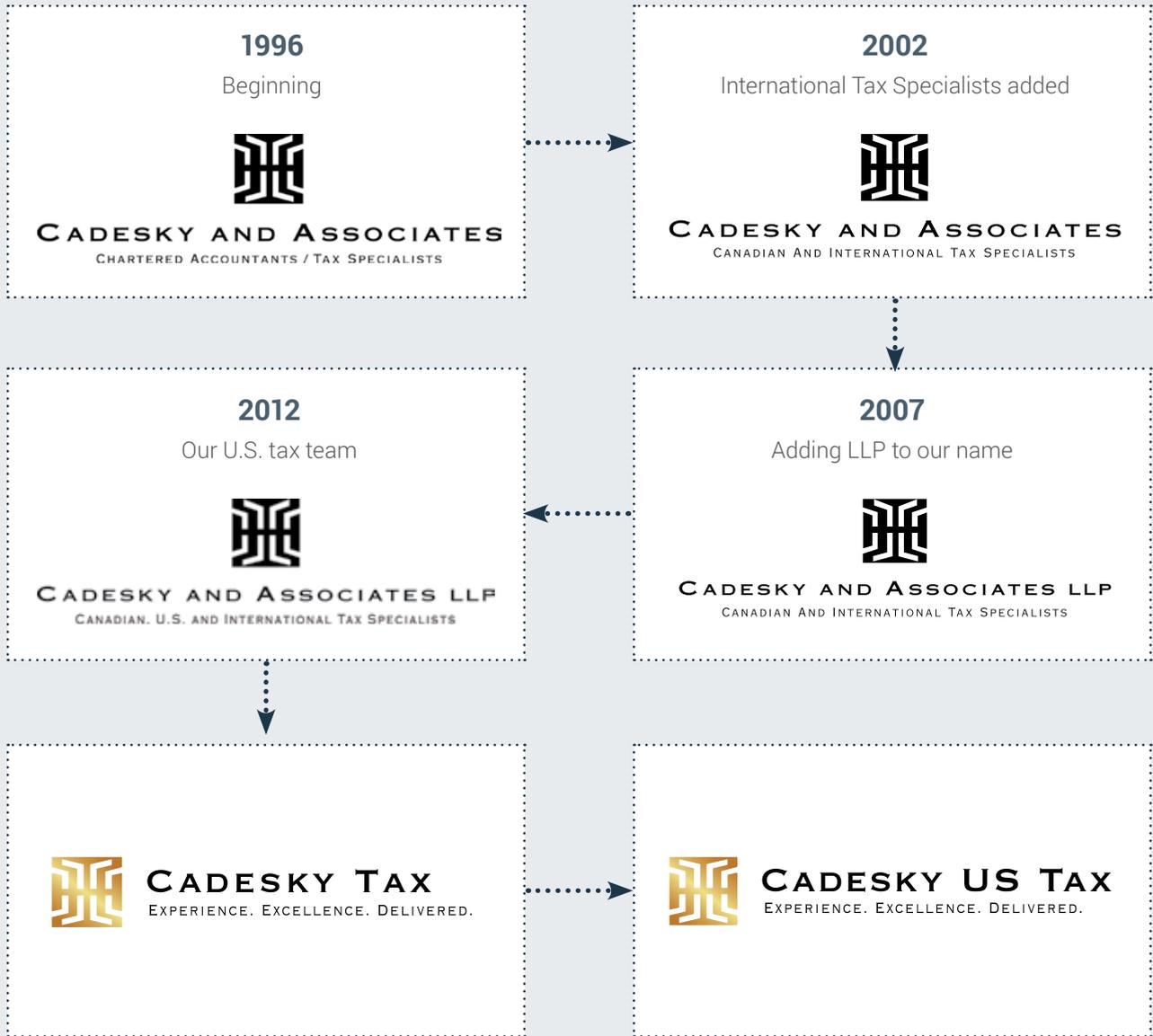
## ITSG: INTERNATIONAL TAX SPECIALIST GROUP

Many clients have international tax needs. Identifying the critical importance of accessing tax advice in other countries, Cadesky Tax helped create the International Tax Specialist Group (ITSG). Members of ITSG are highly experienced tax professionals, recognized for their expertise internationally. This collaborative network of independent tax specialists is represented in almost 50 countries and gives us – and by extension, our clients – a global reach to access tax experts around the world.



# EVOLUTION

The growth of our company is reflected in the changes we have made to our brand over the years.



Further growth of our U.S. team led to the creation of Cadesky U.S. Tax. Adding our company values — Experience. Excellence. Delivered. — represents the foundation upon which we built our firm and our commitment to excellence.



## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

At Cadesky Tax, we are committed to helping you align your tax strategy with your future objectives. You and your professional advisors can count on our value-added services all year long. We customize our services to match your needs in Canadian, U.S. and international tax.

Find more information on these and other services we provide at [www.cadesky.com](http://www.cadesky.com).



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