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#### Two Pillars of BEPS 2.0







Pillar 2
Introduction of global minimum effective tax rate

## Singapore is actively involved in the ongoing international negations on Pillar 1



• As a small and open economy, Singapore has always supported the multilateral rules-based order, including for international tax.

Pillar 1 is intended to stabilize the international tax system as its adoption comes with the promise of withdrawal of all relevant unilateral measures. This provides for a more certain international tax environment

### On Pillar 2, Singapore is studying adjustments to our tax system



This includes:

1.

A domestic top-up tax to raise MNE group's effective tax rate in Singapore to 15%

2.

The implementation of the Global Anti-Base Erosion Rules

# We will consult the industry on the technical details, and monitor international developments



Key principles:

Abide by internationally agreed standards

2

Ensure that Singapore continues to be an attractive place for investments

Minimise the compliance burden for businesses

3

Safeguard our taxing rights



## BEPS2.0 will reduce the scope for tax competition, but not global competition for investments



- BEPS 2.0 represents a **fundamental change** in the competitive environment.
- It limits the room for tax competition, e.g. curtails the flexibility of all jurisdictions to pursue their tax policy such as the use of tax incentives.
- Room for tax competition is narrowed, but competition for investment remains intense.
- Companies will review their existing and new investments.
- Governments including Singapore will need to strengthen their
   competitiveness to attract investment, such as skilled labour force, rule of law, connectivity, and certainty.

Post-BEPS 2.0, smaller economies, such as Singapore, will need to strengthen non-tax factors to stay competitive



#### Tax incentives

- Tax incentives will still have a role to play, especially for smaller MNE groups.
- We will continue to periodically review the tax incentives to ensure that they remain relevant, competitive and compliant with international standards.

#### Non-tax factors

- We want to continue to attract substantive economic activities, to create quality growth and good jobs for Singaporeans.
- The key is to double down on the non-tax
  factors that will enable us to stay
  competitive investing more in our workers,
  building new infrastructure, incentivising R&D,
  and enhancing our connectivity including
  digital connectivity.



## Thank you