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Gabriel Hernández is a leader, entrepreneur and expert in providing tax consulting services to clients in the US mainland and Puerto Rico, including structuring mergers, acquisitions, and outbound and inbound investments. In the past five years, he has developed the largest consulting practice that has provided support to more than 500 Individuals and corporations to establish themselves and their companies in the island under Puerto Rico Tax Incentive Laws.

He is the Head of the Tax Division at BDO Puerto Rico, the largest local CPA firm in Puerto Rico, serving a portfolio of more than 2,000 clients through a talented group of 14 partners and close to 200 professionals. Hernández is also the Head of Tax for the Caribbean for BDO International, the 5th largest global accounting firm with more than 1,400 offices and 67,000 employees throughout the world.

Hernández has substantial experience in assisting clients in negotiating tax exemption packages under the various tax incentive laws available in Puerto Rico. He also has taken an important role in the island's economic development efforts as evidenced in his direct efforts in forming the Action Tank "Puerto Rico is the Answer", and the MIT Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration Program, Puerto Rico cohort.

Prior to founding BDO Puerto Rico, he worked in the Tax Department of global firms PwC, Arthur Andersen and Ernst & Young.

He has been a member of the Puerto Rico State Society of Certified Public Accountants since 1990 and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants since 1998. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of St. John's School and the Executive Advisory Committee of the Puerto Rico Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. His recognitions include the Sales and Marketing Executive (SME) Association 2018 Top Management award.

Gabriel Hernández is a Certified Public Accountant and graduate of the University of Puerto Rico with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Magna Cum Laude).