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# **OUTBOUND PLANNING AND CHOICE OF ENTITY CONSIDERATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS**

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# Overview

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- Restructuring an Existing Business
- Special Cases: U.S. Citizens Abroad and Temporary U.S. Residents
- Attribution Rules: The Impact of Amended Section 958(b)(4)
- Repatriation Planning

# Review of Relevant Law



# Individuals and CFCs: Casually Forgotten Castoffs

- The 2017 Act expanded the definition of CFCs and the classes of income subject to Subpart F.
  - ◆ For U.S. corporations, it implemented a quasi-territorial (?) system with GILTI functioning as a minimum tax on low-taxed income.
  - ◆ But for U.S. individuals, the Act dramatically increased the tax associated with business income earned through CFCs.
    - This was not necessarily contemplated, but it results from pre-existing features of U.S. tax, including (a) the fact that Subpart F (and therefore GILTI) inclusions are not entitled to qualifying dividend treatment (see *Rodriguez v. Commissioner*, 5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2013); (b) the fact that high taxed income is treated as GILTI but individuals are not entitled to indirect foreign tax credits; (c) individuals are not entitled to the dividends received deduction; section 956 remains in place for non-Subpart F income or GILTI.

# Taxing Business Income

- For individuals, what was deferred business income has become GILTI taxed at 37% (plus 3.8% when the income is distributed) plus state tax and with no foreign tax credit.
  - ◆ Some states follow Federal rules and tax Subpart F income when earned; others (e.g., California) tax income when distributed.
- This presentation is concerned with how individuals can deal with this harsh system in a number of situations:
  - ◆ Establishing a new business
  - ◆ Restructuring choices for an existing business
  - ◆ Special situations
    - U.S. citizens residing abroad
    - Temporary U.S. residents
- We are concerned with closely held businesses and, with one exception, we assume that the business needs to operate abroad through some form of local business entity.

# Individual U.S. Shareholder of a CFC

	Income (Deduction)	Tax
Gross Income – GILTI	\$1,000,000	
Foreign Tax on CFC (assume 20%)		\$200,000
Federal Tax (37%) on individual (no FTC)		\$296,000
Distribution from CFC	\$800,000	
PTI	(\$800,000)	
Foreign withholding tax (15%)	\$120,000	\$120,000
State Tax (assume 8%)		\$64,000
Net Investment Income Tax (3.8%)		\$30,400
<b>Total Taxes</b>		<b>\$710,100</b>

Effective Tax Rate: 71% (49.6% when income earned; 20.4% when distributed)

Note: Summary of GILTI rules set out in Appendix

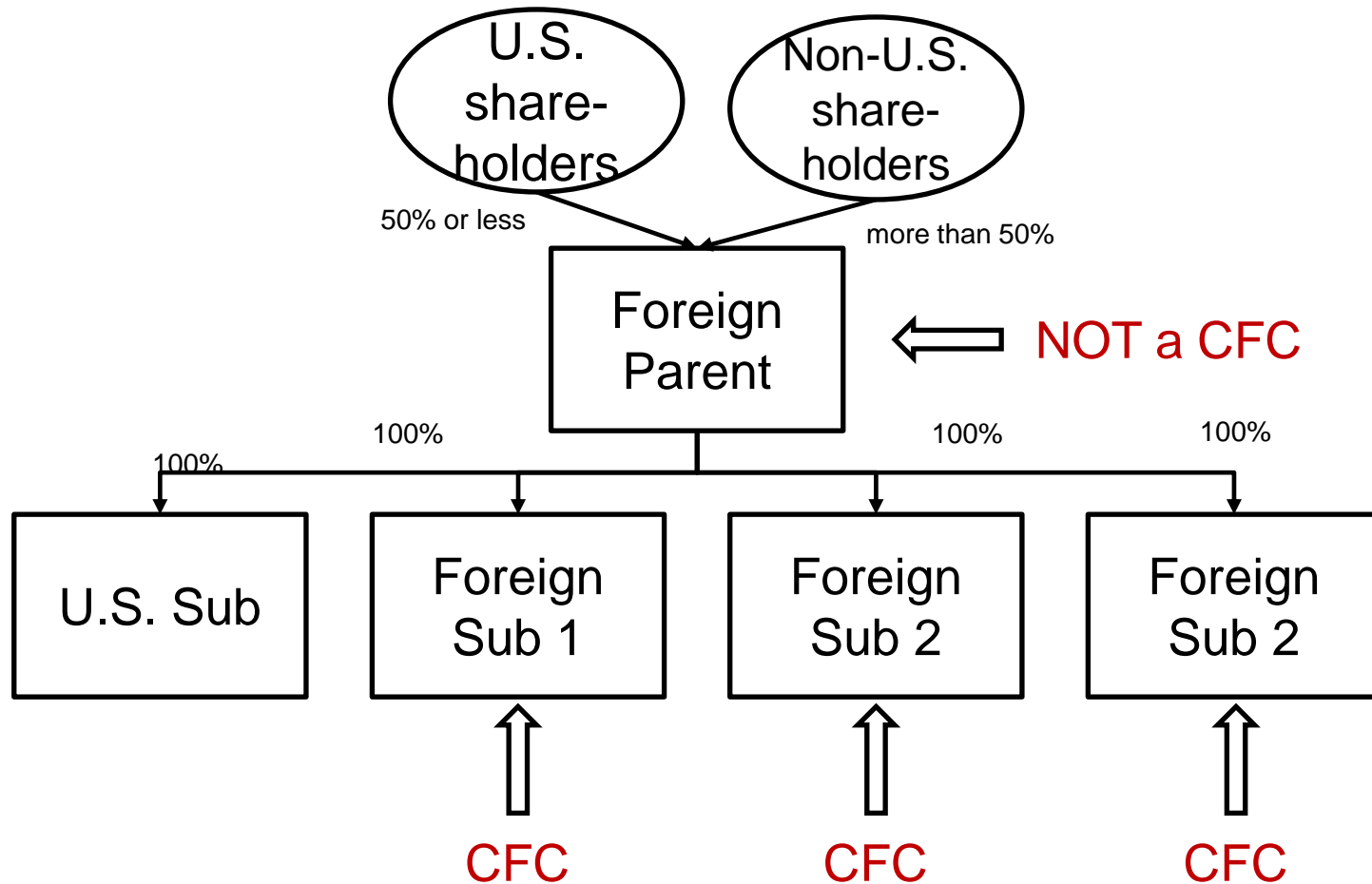
Note: May be possible to get a refund of withholding tax under IRC sec. 960

# Expanded Definition of CFC

- Subpart F (and now GILTI) apply to “U.S. shareholder” where U.S. shareholders hold in aggregate hold more than 50% of the CFC by votes or value
  - ◆ BEFORE: U.S. shareholder was U.S. person who held 10% or more of the voting power
  - ◆ AFTER: U.S. shareholder was U.S. person who held 10% or more of the voting power or value of the stock
- Congress eliminated the requirement that a foreign corporation be a CFC for at least 30 days during the year
- Section 958(b)(4): Downward attribution
  - ◆ BEFORE: No downward attribution of share ownership from foreign shareholders, partners, or beneficiaries
  - ◆ AFTER: Shares owned by foreign corporation are attributed to U.S. subsidiary for purposes of determining CFC status

# Downward Attribution

- The 2017 Act expanded coverage of CFC rules by allowing for so-called “downward attribution”. E.g., foreign subsidiaries of foreign group with just one U.S. member may be CFCs.





# Structuring a New Business



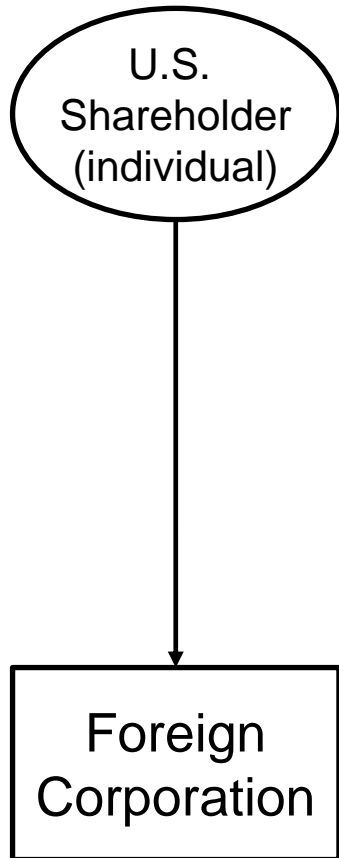
# Choice of Entity (U.S.–Controlled)

- The choices, illustrated in the following slides, are:
  - ◆ Direct ownership of a foreign corporation that will be a CFC
  - ◆ U.S. corporation which will operate through:
    - A foreign corporation that will be a CFC
    - A foreign entity that is classified as a partnership or disregarded entity (whether by default or based on a check-the-box election)
  - ◆ Direct ownership of a foreign entity that is classified as a partnership or disregarded entity
- Or, consider staying home and take advantage of:
  - ◆ Section 199A
  - ◆ FDII
  - ◆ Interest charge DISC

# Considerations

- U.S. considerations
  - ◆ Entity classification
  - ◆ Foreign tax credit
  - ◆ High tax kickout rules
  - ◆ Whether to plan for Section 962 election
  - ◆ Availability of qualifying dividend treatment
- Foreign considerations
  - ◆ Foreign rules on classifying entities – in many foreign countries, most entities are taxed as companies
  - ◆ Corporate tax rates
  - ◆ Withholding tax
  - ◆ Other taxes – e.g., social contributions, surtaxes, etc., digital
- Multilateral considerations
  - ◆ Overall effective rate (U.S. and foreign)
  - ◆ Availability of tax treaty
  - ◆ Anti-hybrid rules

# Individual U.S. Shareholder



- As noted earlier, this structure may result in very high effective rates of tax (see Slide 6)
- Consider whether to make a section 962 election – see sample computation on next page

# Section 962 Election – Basic Rules

- 2017 (pre-Tax Act): Assume \$1,000,000 Subpart F income and \$200,000 foreign tax
- When income earned: Corporate-type tax
  - ◆ U.S. individual pays tax on the Subpart F income at corporate rates, taking into account indirect FTC
  - ◆ “Corporate” (type) tax paid by U.S. individual after FTC is \$150,000 ( $\$350,000 - \$200,000 = \$150,000$ )
- When income distributed: Shareholder-level tax
  - ◆ Subpart F tax on “corporation” (\$150,000) is tax-free PTI
  - ◆ Under section 962(d), remaining \$650,000 is taxable to U.S. individual when distributed (if any foreign withholding tax, FTC given)
  - ◆ So, U.S. Individual pays tax twice!
- If distribution is a qualified dividend, tax will be \$130,000 plus  $3.8\% \times 800,000 = 30,400$
- Second tax is deferred, possibly for a long time
- Tax on fully distributed income:
  - ◆  $\$200,000 + \$150,000$  (when earned) +  $\$160,400 = \$510,400$

# Section 962 Election – Tax on the Distribution

- Under section 962(d), the E&P in excess of the U.S. corporate-type tax previously "shall, when such earnings and profits are distributed, notwithstanding the provisions of section 959(a)(1), be included in gross income ..."
- Is the distribution a dividend?
- If so, is the dividend qualified?
- See *Smith v. Commissioner*, 151 T.C. No. 5 (2018)
  - ◆ No “deemed U.S. corporation” except for purposes of computing Subpart F tax
  - ◆ Therefore, actual distribution should be treated as made by the corporation for purposes of section 1(h)(11)
  - ◆ Issue not fully resolved in *Smith*, but clearly implied:
    - One CFC was Hong Kong corporation – clearly not qualified
    - One CFC was Cyprus and court remanded to determine if treaty applied

# Section 962 Election – GILTI Example

- Assume in 2018 \$1,000,000 GILTI and \$200,000 foreign tax
  - GILTI – No 962 Election
    - ◆  $\$800,000 \times 37\% = \$296,000$
    - ◆ Total taxes  $\$200,000$  foreign +  $\$296,000$  GILTI =  $\$496,000$  (plus 3.8% on dividend from CFC plus state tax)
  - GILTI – With 962 Election
    - Corporate-type tax =  $\$105,000 - (80\% \times \$200,000) = 0$ , i.e., no residual U.S. tax
    - Shareholder-level tax on dividend =  $\$800,000 \times (37\% + 3.8\%) = \$326,400$  or  $\$800,000 \times (20\% + 3.8\%)^{**} = \$190,400$
    - Total U.S. tax =  $\$326,400$  or  $\$190,400$  (deferred until distribution)
    - Total of foreign and U.S. taxes =  $\$526,400$  or  $\$390,400$
- \*\* Assumes CFC is a qualified foreign corporation and dividend is a qualified dividend

# Section 962 Election – GILTI Example

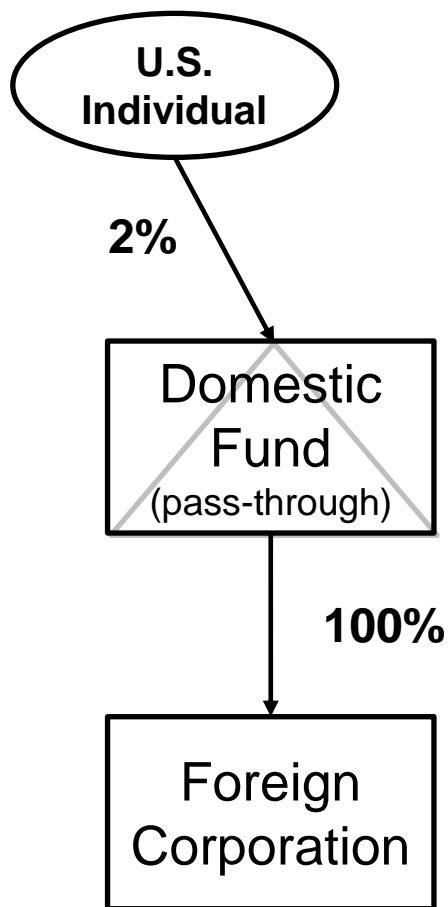
- Assume in 2018 \$1,000,000 GILTI and no foreign tax paid (Cayman company, for example)
- GILTI – No 962 Election
  - ◆  $\$1,000,000 \times 37\% = \$370,000$
  - ◆ Total taxes **\$370,000** GILTI (plus 3.8% on dividend from CFC plus state tax)
- GILTI – With 962 Election
  - Shareholder-level tax from GILTI =  $\$105,000$  ( $\$210,000 \times .50$ ) (becomes PTI)
  - Shareholder-level tax on dividend\*\* =  $\$895,000 \times (37\% + 3.8\%) = \$365,160$
  - Total U.S. tax = **\$470,160** ( $\$365,160$  deferred until distribution)

\*\* Assumes CFC is NOT a qualified foreign corporation and dividend is NOT a qualified dividend

- Above illustrates 962 election not always the best choice
  - ◆ Generally, not advisable if FC is in low-tax jurisdiction and dividends don't qualify for preferred dividend rates

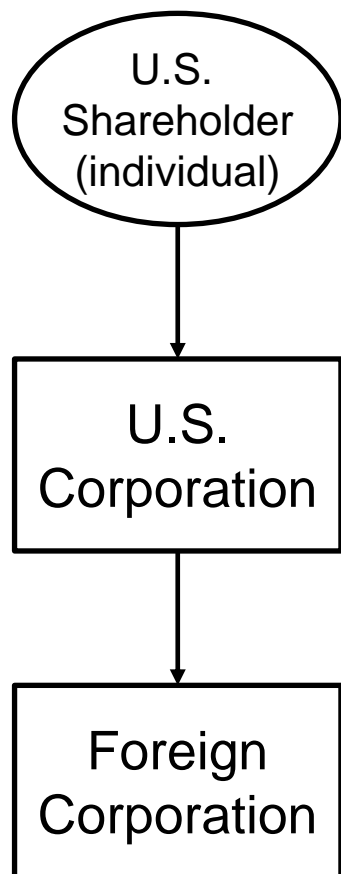


# Section 962 Election – Who Can Elect?



- Domestic Fund, a U.S. shareholder, has GILTI or Subpart F income or an investment in U.S. property.
- U.S. Individual would like to elect section 962.
- However, only U.S. shareholder, as defined in section 951(b), may elect.
- In this case, U.S. Individual does not qualify.
- Note: If Domestic Fund was a foreign partnership, Foreign Corporation status as a CFC would depend on other U.S. investors' percentage shares in the Fund.

# U.S. Holding Corporation with CFC



- As the computation on the next slide shows, tax is paid when Foreign Corporation earns income and again when it makes a distribution and a third time when U.S. Corporation pays dividend

*Rate on original pre-tax profit*

- ◆ When Subpart F income or GILTI earned: Foreign tax + Federal tax at 21% – foreign tax credit (80% FTC)

20.0%

- ◆ When Foreign Corporation pays dividend – foreign withholding tax plus state tax

9.6%

- ◆ When U.S. Corporation pays dividend 20% + 3.8% plus state tax

22.4%

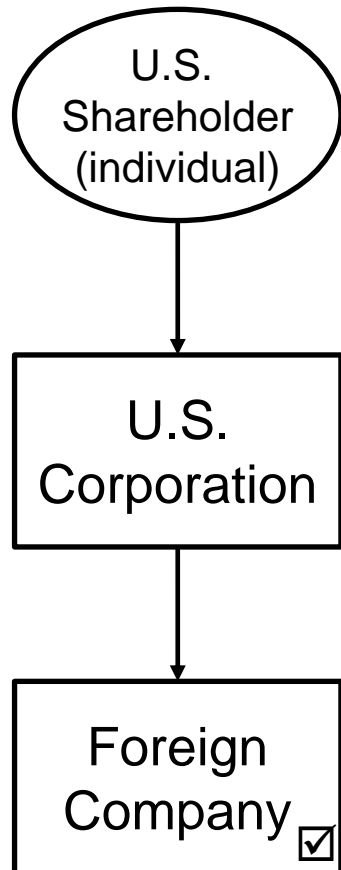
- Timing is key; consider accumulated earnings tax (AET)

# U.S. Holding Corporation with CFC

	Income (Deduction)	Tax	
Gross Income (GILTI)	\$1,000,000		
Foreign Tax (20%)			\$200,000
Federal Tax (21%)		\$105,000	
Foreign Tax Credit		(\$105,000)	
Net Federal tax			\$0
Distribution to U.S. Corporation	\$800,000		
Foreign withholding tax (5%)			\$40,000
Additional Foreign Tax Credit (245A)			(0)
Distribution from U.S. Corporation	\$760,000		
Federal Tax (20%)			\$152,000
State Tax (assume 8%)			\$60,800
Net Investment Income Tax (3.8%)			\$28,880
Total Taxes			\$481,680

Effective Tax Rate: 48.2% (20% when income earned; 0% when distributed to U.S. corporation; 28.2% when distributed to U.S. shareholder)

# U.S. Holding Corporation – CTB, Branch or Partnership



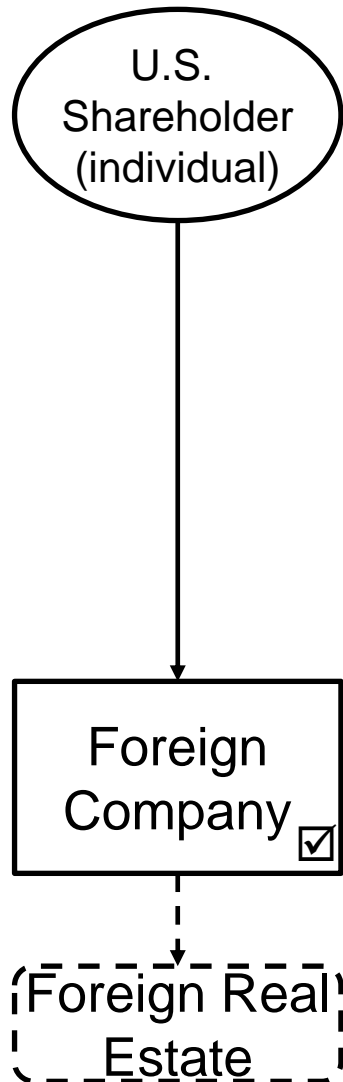
- No CFC or GILTI issues
- No deferral of U.S. corporate tax (even of non-Subpart F/non-GILTI income)
- 100% foreign tax credit available to U.S. Corporation (both indirect and withholding)
- Foreign tax likely not affected by check-the-box election but would be affected if foreign company is transparent for foreign purposes
  - ◆ When income earned: Foreign tax + Federal tax at 21% – foreign tax credit (100% FTC) + state tax (should be deductible)
  - ◆ When U.S. Corporation pays dividend 20% + 3.8% plus state tax
- Timing still important; deferral within U.S. corporation but consider AET

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Foreign Tax (20%)			\$200,000
Federal Tax (21%)		\$210,000	
Foreign Tax Credit		(\$200,000)	
Net Federal tax			\$10,000
Distribution to U.S. Corporation	\$800,000		
Foreign withholding tax (5%)			\$40,000
Additional Foreign Tax Credit (timing)			(\$10,000)
Distribution from U.S. Corporation	\$790,000		
Federal Tax (20%)			\$158,000
State Tax (assume 8%)			\$63,200
Net Investment Income Tax (3.8%)			\$30,020
Total Taxes			\$501,220

Effective Tax Rate: 50.1% (21% when income earned; 3% when distributed to U.S. corporation; 25.1% when distributed to U.S. shareholder)

# Foreign Company – CTB, Branch or Partnership



- No CFC or GILTI issues
- No deferral
- 100% foreign tax credit available
- Foreign tax likely not affected by check-the-box election but would be affected if foreign company is transparent for foreign purposes
- Tax results:
  - ◆ When income earned: Foreign tax + Federal tax at 37% or 20% – foreign tax credit (100% FTC) + state tax (probably not deductible)
  - ◆ When foreign company pays dividend, no U.S. tax but there may be foreign withholding tax (note section section 960)
- This structure may make particular sense for foreign real estate investments

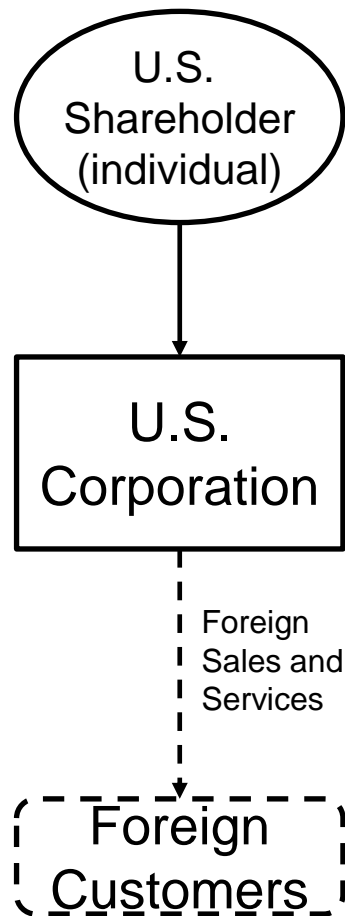
# Foreign Company – CTB, Branch or Partnership

	Income (Deduction)	Taxes (Credit)	
Gross Income	\$1,000,000		
Foreign Tax (20%)			\$200,000
Federal Tax (37%)		\$370,000	
Foreign Tax Credit		(\$200,000)	
Net Federal tax			\$170,000
Distribution to U.S. Individual	\$800,000		
Foreign withholding tax (15%)			\$120,000
Additional Foreign Tax Credit (timing)			(\$120,000)
State Tax (assume 8%)			\$80,000
Net Investment Income Tax (3.8% but could be 0% if taxpayer materially participates)			\$38,000
Total Taxes			\$488,000

Effective Tax Rate: 48.8% all payable when income earned

But note possible 0% NII

## U.S. Company – FDII Planning



- US C corporations taxed at 13.125% rate on income (above fixed routine return on tangibles) derived from foreign sales or services
  - This is accomplished through a deduction of 37.5% of the qualifying income. After 2025, this deduction is reduced to 21.875%, which increases the effective tax rate to 16.406%.
    - Formula for calculating FDII set forth in Appendix
- Note, foreign branch income is excluded from the calculation and will not result in FDII; thus, use of prior structure may not be possible. However, a corporate subsidiary acting as an intermediary to the foreign market is permissible



# U.S. Company – FDI Planning

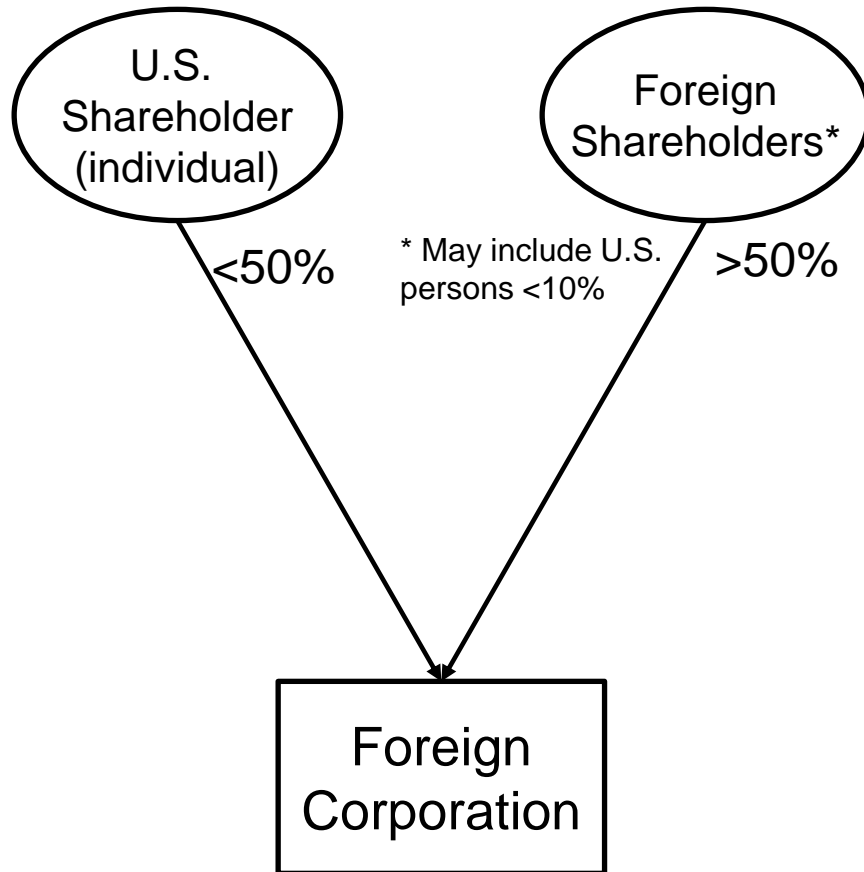
	Income	Deduction	Tax
Gross Deduction Eligible Income	\$1,000,000		
Deductions Allocable to Gross DEI		-	
Deduction Eligible Income	\$1,000,000		
Deemed Tangible Return		-	
Deemed Intangible Income (QBAI)	\$1,000,000		
Foreign-Derived Ratio	1.00		
Foreign Derived Intangible Income	\$1,000,000		
FDII Deduction		\$ 375,000.00	
Net Income	\$ 625,000		
Federal Tax (21%)			\$ 131,250.00
Distribution from U.S. Corporation	\$ 868,750		
Federal Tax (20%)			\$ 173,750.00
State Tax (assume 8%)			\$ 69,500.00
Net Investment Income Tax (3.8%)			\$ 33,012.50
Total Taxes			\$ 407,512.50

Effective Tax Rate: 40.75%; 13.125% when income is earned; balance when distributed

# Choice of Entity (Minority)

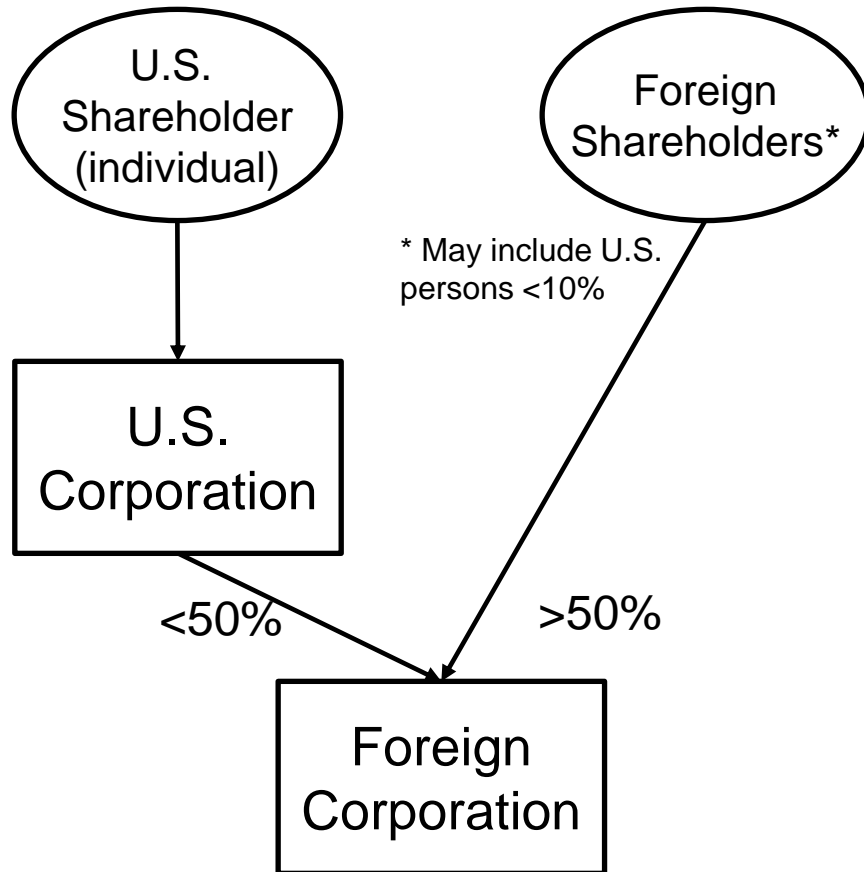
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    - A foreign entity that is classified as a partnership or disregarded entity (whether by default or based on a check-the-box election)
  - ◆ Direct minority ownership of a foreign entity that is classified as a partnership or disregarded entity

# Individual Shareholder Holds Foreign Corporation Directly



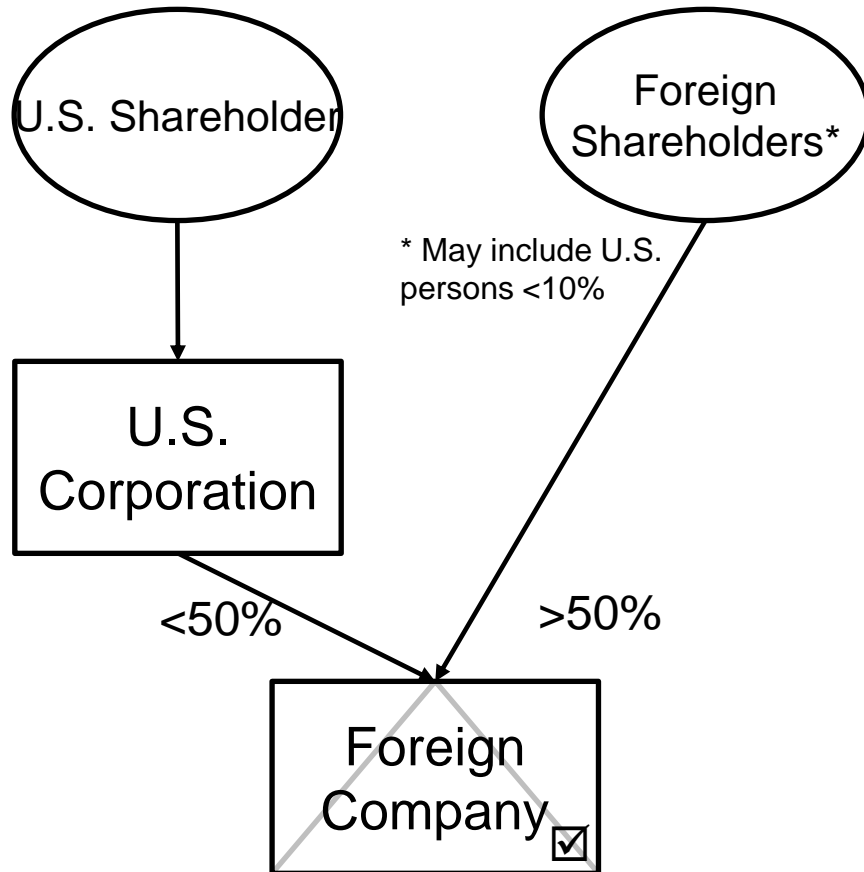
- Foreign corporation is not a CFC – but track CFC status in case of redemptions, sales, etc. and change of status of foreign shareholder
- No U.S. tax before dividend
- No FTC, except for withholding tax
- 20% (qualifying dividend) or 37%, + 3.8% in either case
- PFICs (section 1291 funds): Dividends don't qualify, excess distributions attract interest charge; gains on sale are ordinary; consider QEF election if available

# Individual Shareholder Holds Foreign Corporation Through U.S. Corporation



- Foreign corporation not a CFC – but track CFC/PFIC status
- U.S. corporation no longer entitled to indirect FTC
  - ◆ Many treaties provide for indirect FTCs for 10% or greater shareholders
  - ◆ Unclear if 2017 Act overrides treaties - it has been stated that legislation passed through Budget reconciliation cannot override a treaty
- Structure results in double taxation but not until U.S. Corporation pays dividend
- AET can apply

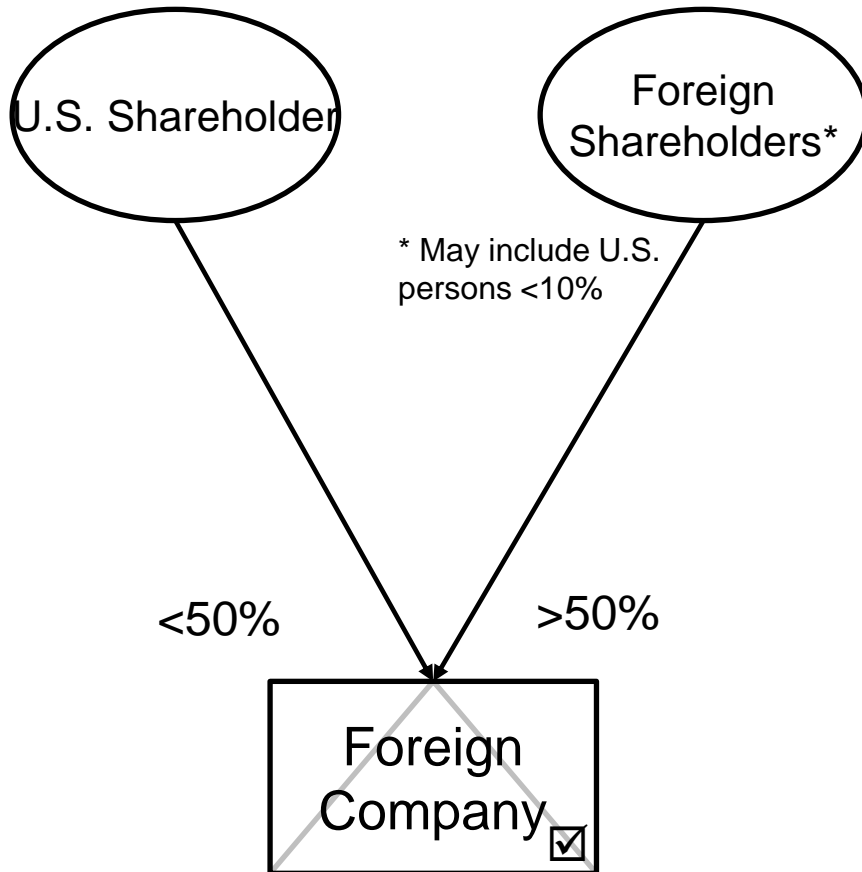
# Individual Shareholder Holds Foreign Partnership Through U.S. Corporation



- Same as Slides 20-21
- May be difficult to persuade Foreign Company to make the CTB election

# Individual U.S. Shareholder

- Same as Slides 22-23
- But again, may be difficult to persuade Foreign Company to make the CTB election



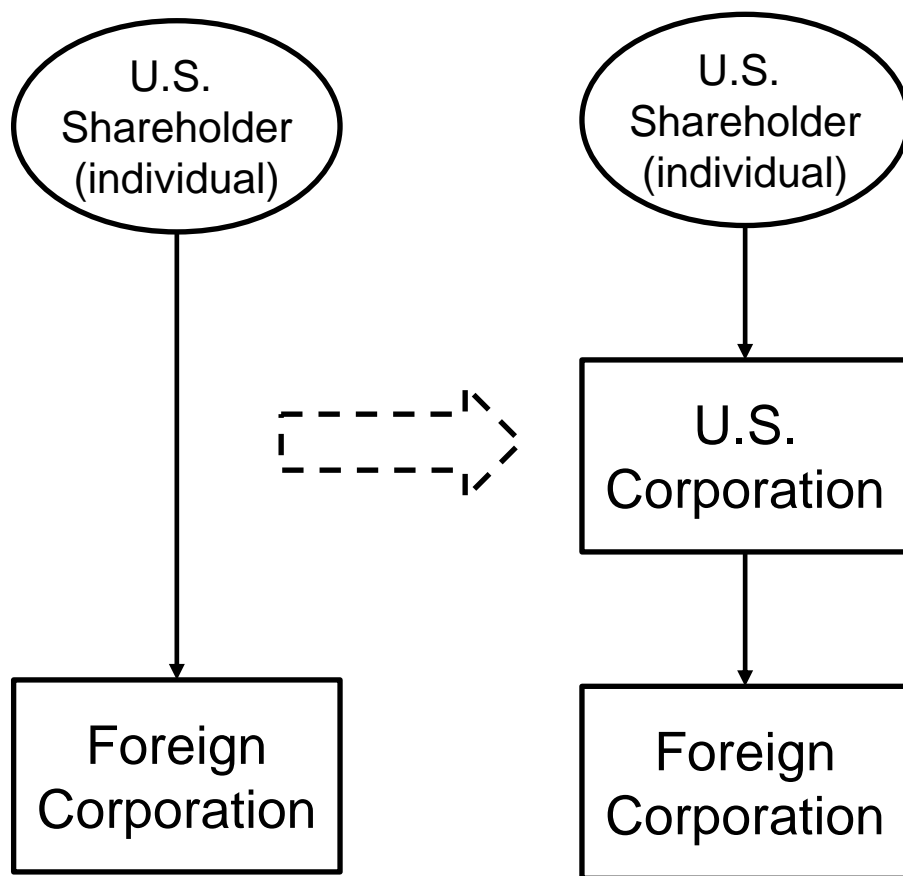
# Restructuring an Existing Business

# Choice of Entity Considerations

- Assumption that individual shareholder is a U.S. Shareholder of a CFC
- The choices of entity are the same as in the context of setting-up a new business
- The impact of converting an existing business to the desired structure, however, largely drives the decision
- Choices are:
  - ◆ Interposing a U.S. holding company
  - ◆ Converting an existing CFC to a pass-through entity
  - ◆ Liquidating an existing CFC and establishing a U.S. entity
  - ◆ “De-Control” transaction

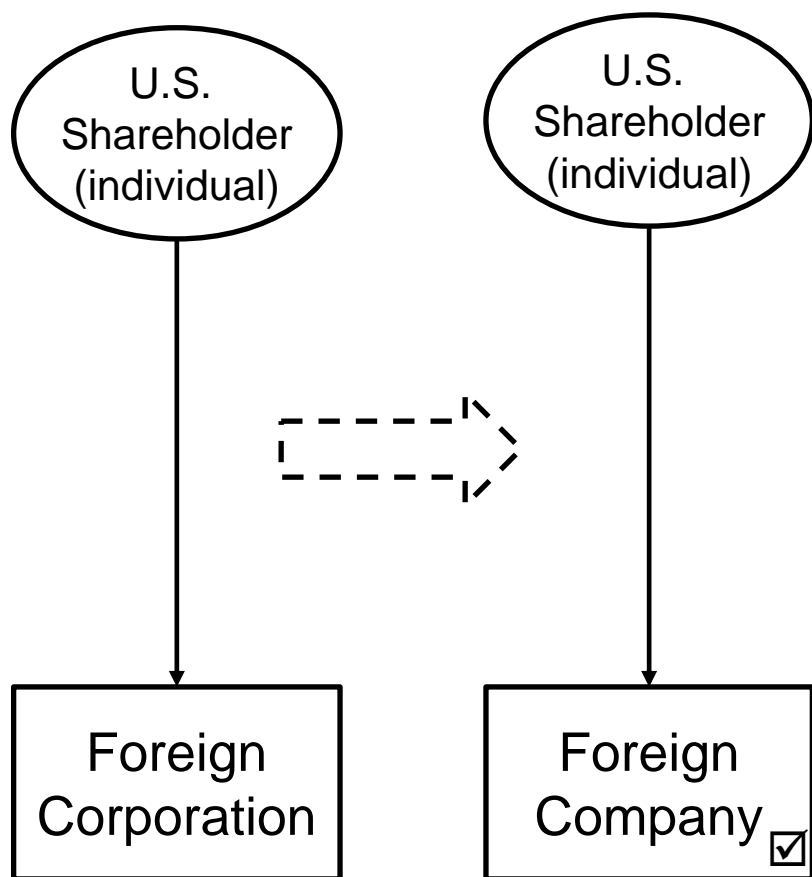


# Interposing U.S. Holding Company



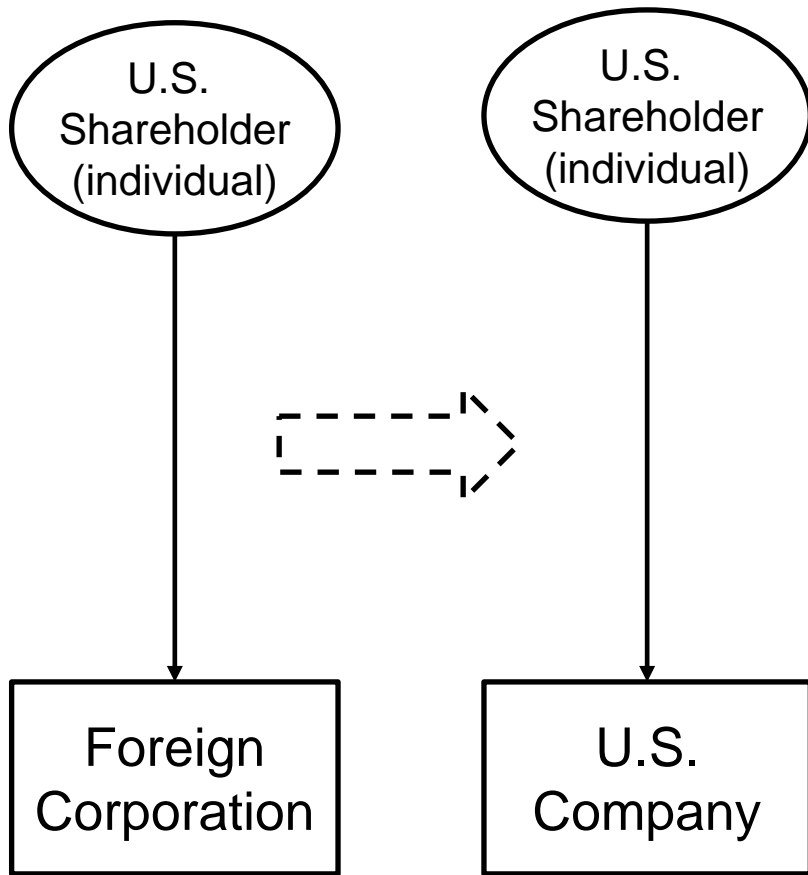
- Tax-free section 351 exchange for U.S. purposes
- Does the transfer trigger foreign tax?
- Is sale of foreign corporation the anticipated exit?
- Is U.S. individual shareholder a tax resident of another country (see Slide 40)?
- Any 965 acceleration concerns (see Slides 37-38)?

# Converting Existing CFC to Pass-Through



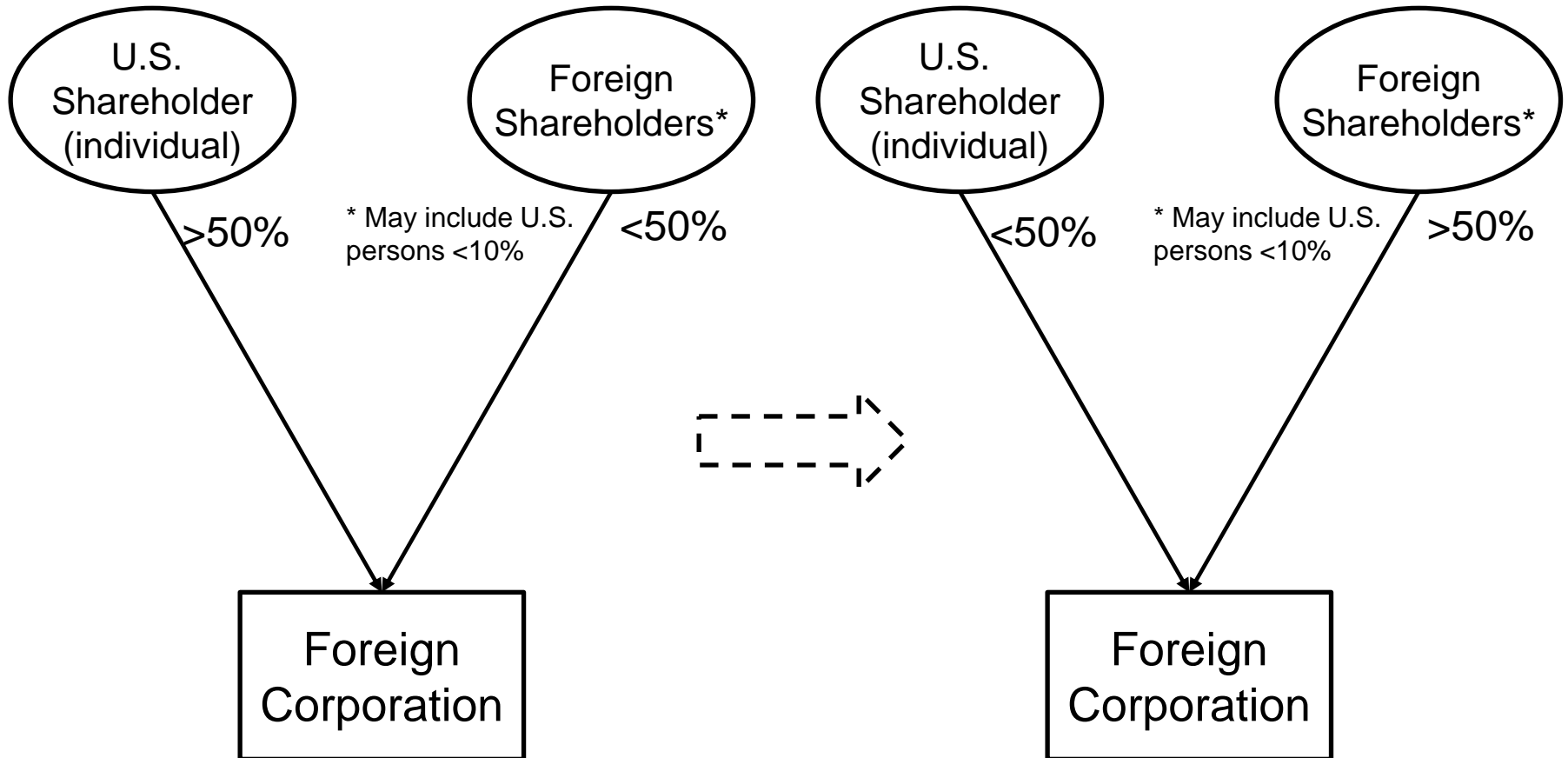
- Check-the-box election causes a taxable liquidation
  - Model outcome; given proximity to 965 repatriation, may still be a viable solution
  - Deemed disposal of assets incl. goodwill may trigger large amounts of GILTI or Subpart F income
- Any 965 acceleration concerns (see Slides 37-38)?
- FDII limitations on foreign branch income
- CTB election not possible for some privately held foreign entities, e.g., Canada company or corporation, French or Swiss S.A., Mexican S.A. de C.V.

# Liquidating CFC and Establish U.S. Company



- Taxable liquidation for U.S. and foreign purposes.
  - Possible to interpose U.S. parent followed by section 332 liquidation of CFC, but may still be taxable in U.S.
  - Timing foreign tax credit.
- Any 965 acceleration concerns (see Slides 37-38)?
- Foreign tax on liquidation or transfer of assets to U.S. company

# “De-Control” Transaction



Beware anti-avoidance rules – Regulation 1.957-1(b)(2) is still in effect to counteract shifts in formal voting power

# Not Quite Past History – IRC Sections 965(h) and (i)

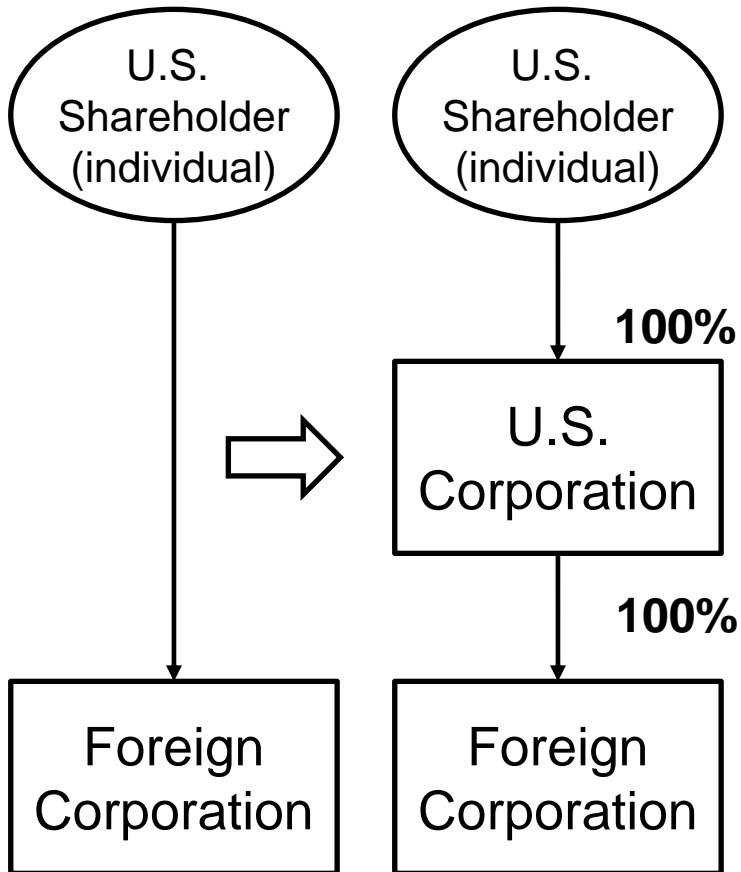
- Section 965(h)(3) provides for acceleration of the transition tax if:
  - ◆ An addition to tax for failure to timely pay any installment
  - ◆ A liquidation, sale, exchange, or other disposition of substantially all of the assets of the person (including in a title 11 or similar case, or, in the case of an individual, by reason of death)
  - ◆ In the case of a person that is not an individual, a cessation of business by the person
  - ◆ Any event that results in the person no longer being a United States person, including a resident alien
  - ◆ In the case of a person that was not a member of any consolidated group, the person becoming a member of a consolidated group
  - ◆ Determination by the Commissioner that there was a material misrepresentation with respect to a transfer agreement
- Eligible 965 Transferee Exception
  - ◆ For our purposes, a liquidation, sale, exchange or other disposition of substantially all of the assets of the person (other than by reason of death (no exception there)) and enters into a transfer agreement.

# Not Quite Past History – IRC Sections 965(h) and (i)

- Section 965(i), applicable to S corporations, provides for unlimited deferral of the transition tax until a triggering event:
  - ◆ Such corporation ceases to be an S corporation (determined as of the first day of the first taxable year that such corporation is not an S corporation)
  - ◆ A liquidation or sale of substantially all the assets of such S corporation (including in a title 11 or similar case), a cessation of business by such S corporation, such S corporation ceases to exist, or any similar circumstance
  - ◆ A transfer of any share of stock in such S corporation by the taxpayer (including by reason of death, or otherwise)
- Eligible section 965(i) transferee exception:
  - ◆ A transfer of any share of stock in such S corporation by the taxpayer (including by reason of death, or otherwise), AND
  - ◆ Enter into a transfer agreement

# Expatriates and Temporary U.S. Residents

# Expatriates



- U.S. expats income tax resident in a foreign country may not be able to utilize a U.S. corporation holding company vehicle
- ◆ Interposing a domestic corporation may create a sandwich (foreign-U.S.-foreign)
- ◆ There may be other adverse foreign tax consequences (e.g., gain realization)



# Temporary U.S. Persons

- Temporary U.S. persons exiting in the short-to-medium term also may find it overly costly to utilize a U.S. corporation holding company vehicle, which is not attractive once that individual ceases to be a U.S. person
  - ◆ Move to foreign country may create sandwich
  - ◆ Exit event may be cumbersome
- Therefore Section 962 election may be preferable for U.S. resident alien who expects to become an NRA in future
  - ◆ Non-covered expatriate: *Smith* holds that any distribution is made by the foreign corporation, if no distribution is made until the resident alien is an NRA, theoretically should be no tax on post-residence distribution
  - ◆ Covered expatriate
    - Under section 877A, taxpayer deemed to sell stock of CFC while still a resident
    - Gain will be taxed
      - Section 1248 may cause part of gain to be treated as dividend, which may be qualified dividend if CFC is a qualified foreign corporation
      - But are earnings and profits previously taxed at corporate rates under section 962 nevertheless taxable under section 1248? See Treas. Reg. § 1.1248-2(e)(3)(iii)

# Takeaways

- There is no single approach
- The taxpayer's situation will depend on numerous factors
- If there is one constant, every structure, actual and proposed, should be subject to a projection of the overall tax on fully distributed income and the timing for payment of the components of that tax – foreign taxes, U.S. corporate taxes, U.S. individual taxes at Federal and state levels
- Most often, this will require realistic income projections from the taxpayer, an understanding of taxes in the foreign jurisdiction, and the expected timing of distributions and of any potential exit
- A reliable crystal ball into political developments would also be helpful

# Repatriation Planning

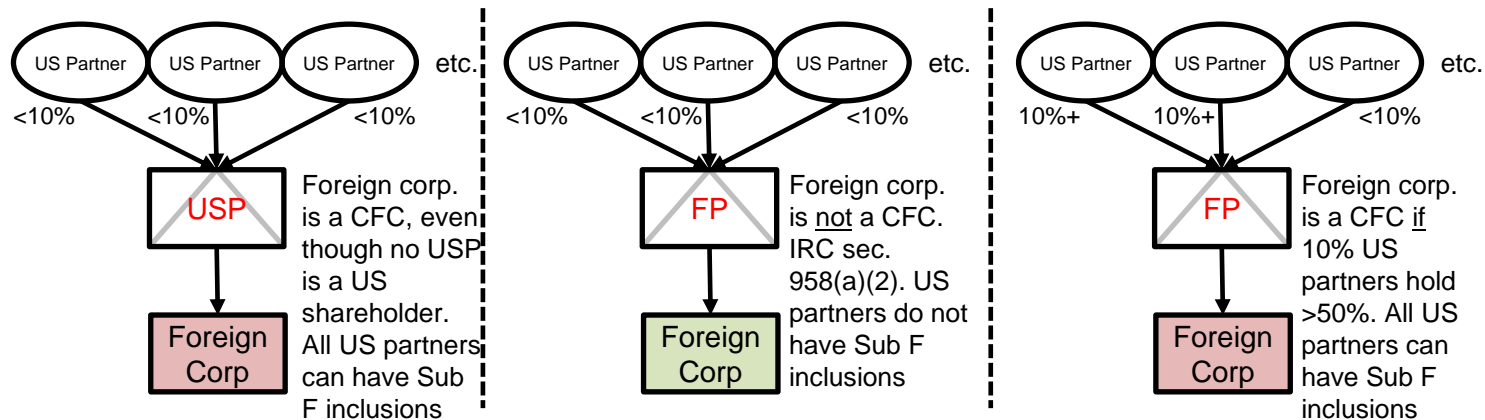
# Section 960(c) – Dealing with Timing Mismatches

- Section 965 and 951A may create large amounts of PTEP
  - ◆ Distribution of PTEP does not result in additional U.S. tax (other than possible state and ACA taxes), but may incur a foreign withholding tax
    - What to do about this given income was included in prior year for U.S. purposes?
- Section 960(c) allows the taxpayer in these circumstances to increase his or her applicable limitation under section 904(a)
  - ◆ Effect is to allow a foreign tax credit to offset U.S. source income
- Insufficient taxable income. -- If an increase in the limitation under 960(c) exceeds the tax imposed for such year, the amount of such excess shall be deemed an overpayment of tax for such year

# Regulations on Treatment of Partnerships

# Treatment of Partnerships – 1

- June 21, 2019 final regulations addressed the treatment of partnerships
- Current law: A domestic partnership treated as an entity to determine if a corporation is a CFC and who has the Subpart F inclusions; look-through for foreign partnerships

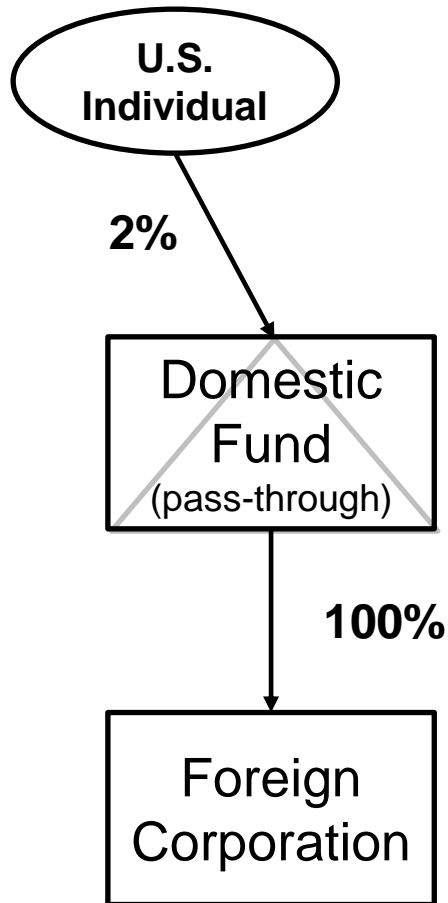


- October 2018 GILTI proposed regs: Hybrid approach – where foreign corporation is a CFC but partner in domestic partnership is not a U.S. shareholder, partner has a distributive share of partnership GILTI; if partner is a U.S. shareholder, GILTI calculated as if partnership were foreign

## Treatment of Partnerships – 2

- June 2019 GILTI final regs: Pure aggregate approach – stock owned by domestic partnership is treated as owned by partners for purposes of determining GILTI. Result: Entity approach for Subpart F continues, but aggregate approach adopted for GILTI
- June 2019 GILTI proposed regs: Aggregate approach extended to Subpart F for most purposes. Result:
  - ◆ Domestic partnership not treated as owning stock of foreign corporation within the meaning of section 958(a)
  - ◆ For purposes of determining stock owned under section 958(a) by partner of a domestic partnership, domestic partnership is treated in the same manner as foreign partnership
  - ◆ But rule does not apply for purposes of determining whether any U.S. person is a U.S. shareholder, whether U.S. shareholder is a “controlling domestic shareholder”, or whether foreign corporation is a CFC
- “[T]reating domestic partnerships inconsistently for subpart F and GILTI purposes would be inconsistent with legislative intent.”

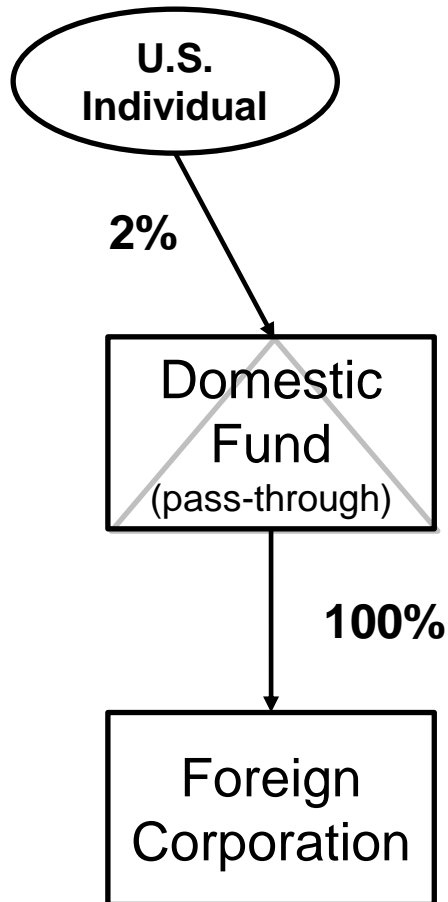
# Treatment of Partnerships – Example



- Under prior rules, Domestic Fund is a U.S. Shareholder for purposes of section 958(a)
- Thus, Foreign Corporation is a CFC
- Domestic Fund was required to allocate its share (100%) of Foreign Corporation's subpart F and GILTI allocated among its partners
- U.S. Individual, therefore, would have an inclusion
- Moreover, U.S. Individual was not a U.S. Shareholder and could not make a 962 election



# Treatment of Partnerships – Example



- Under proposed regulations, for purposes of section 958(a), Domestic Fund is treated as a foreign partnership and thus the partners calculate their inclusions based on whether they are U.S. Shareholders (the aggregate approach)
- For purposes of determining whether a foreign corporation is a CFC and who is a U.S. Shareholder, Domestic Fund is treated as an entity
- In this example, U.S. Individual will not have a subpart F or GILTI inclusion, but Domestic Fund is a U.S. Shareholder for purposes of determining whether Foreign Corporation is a CFC

# Appendix – GILTI Basics and FDI Calculation

# Subpart F, GILTI and QBAI – Overview

U.S. Shareholder

CFC

Subpart F income	GILTI – section 951A (most business income)	Qualified business assets income (QBAI) and high taxed FPHC income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ No change but note high tax kickout income increased due to cut in U.S. rate (i.e., passive and related-party income is not Subpart F income if foreign tax is 90% of 21% (18.9%), down from 90% of 35% (31.5%)) – <i>but see June 2019 proposed regulations</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10% C corporation shareholders:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Immediate taxation at 50% (10.5%)</li> <li>◆ 80% foreign tax credit available</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>Individuals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Full individual rates</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Must consider section 962 election</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ QBAI = 10% return on tangible depreciable assets (adjusted basis)</li> <li>■ High foreign tax FPHC (threshold now 18.9%) <i>or perhaps all high tax income</i></li> <li>■ 100% dividends received deduction for 10% C corporation shareholders; no section 956</li> <li>■ Other shareholders               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Deferral</li> <li>◆ Sections 956 and 1248 not repealed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Typical Business Profile (Especially Individually–Owned)

U.S.  
Individual

CFC

Subpart  
F  
income

**GILTI**

QBAI

# Or Will It Be . . . ?

U.S.  
Individual

CFC

Subpart  
F  
income

**GILTI**

QBAI and  
**Income Subject to  
High Foreign Tax**  
(see Slides 38 and 39)

# GILTI Basics – 1

- GILTI =
  - ◆ CFC net tested Income (computed on a consolidated or aggregate basis for each U.S. shareholder)
  - ◆ Less “net deemed tangible income return”
- "Tested income" = CFC gross income, except:
  - ◆ Income effectively connected with conduct of U.S. trade or business
  - ◆ Subpart F income
  - ◆ High foreign tax FPHC income (effective rate of 90% of U.S. corporate rate) – but see possible broadened high tax exception – Slides 38 and 39
  - ◆ Dividends received from a related person
  - ◆ Foreign oil and gas extraction income
  - ◆ Less deductions allocable to such gross income
- Net deemed tangible income return =
  - ◆ Qualified business asset investment ("QBAI") (basis not FMV) x 10%
  - ◆ Less interest expense
- GILTI clearly includes income that does not derive from intangibles.

# GILTI Basics – 2

- Current inclusion as subpart F income
- 80% of foreign tax credits can be used against GILTI for C corporation shareholders
- Calculation of GILTI done at U.S. Shareholder level:
  - ◆ **"Net CFC Tested Income:"** Excess of shareholder's pro rata share of the sum of tested income and tested losses from all of CFCs over
  - ◆ **"Net Deemed Tangible Income Return", i.e.:**
    - Deemed 10% return on shareholder's pro rata share of adjusted basis of tangible depreciable property of CFCs that earn **tested income**, reduced by
    - **Interest expense** taken into account in determining net tested income to the extent the related interest income is not taken into account in determining the shareholder's net CFC tested income

# Dividends Received Deduction

- 100% dividend received deduction ("DRD") for foreign source dividends and section 1248/964(e) amounts received from specified foreign corporations, but only if received by a U.S. C corporation shareholder
  - ◆ Limited to income that is neither Subpart F income nor-GILTI
  - ◆ Subpart F income and GILTI income don't need DRD because treated as previously taxed income
- Minimum 366-day holding period
- No DRD for hybrid dividends from a CFC
  - ◆ Think PECs or instruments treated as debt in foreign country but equity in United States
- No FTC on income for which DRD allowed



# FDII Computation

- $FDII = \text{deemed intangible income ("DII")} \times \text{foreign-derived ratio}$ 
  - ◆  $DII = \text{deduction eligible income ("DEI")} - \text{deemed tangible income return ("DTIR")}$
  - ◆  $DEI = \text{gross DEI} - \text{deductions properly allocable to gross DEI}$ 
    - $\text{Gross DEI} = \text{gross income of the corporation without regard to the following items of gross income:}$ 
      - Subpart F income
      - GILTI
      - Financial services income
      - Dividends received from a CFC
      - Domestic oil and gas extraction income; and
      - Foreign branch income
  - ◆  $DTIR = QBAI \times 10\%$
  - ◆  $\text{Foreign-Derived Ratio} = \text{the ratio (not to exceed 1) of the foreign-derived deduction eligible income (FDDEI) for the year to the DEI}$ 
    - $FDDEI = \text{gross FDDEI} - \text{deductions properly allocable to gross FDDEI}$ 
      - $\text{Gross FDDEI} = \text{the portion of gross DEI derived from all of its FDDEI transactions.}$ 
        - ▶  $FDDEI \text{ transactions} = FDDEI \text{ sale or FDDEI service.}$

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