

Richer Tax

Published: January 13, 2026, 11:21 pm

I should have covered this one before now, [from the Guardian](#):

A wealthy former Tory party donor is to fund a new independent tax watchdog that will pore over the opaque finances of multinational companies and individuals to expose tax avoidance. Julian Richer, who founded the hi-fi and TV specialist Richer Sounds, is bankrolling the non-profit venture Taxwatch after growing angry at the UK's increasingly "broken" tax system.

*Taxwatch will involve journalists and tax professionals working together to expose abuses of the tax system in a bid to galvanise public opinion. Its advisers include Private Eye journalist Richard Brooks, author of *The Great Tax Robbery*.*

"It is early days," said Brooks. "The idea is to keep the spotlight on large-scale tax abuse, particularly in relation to big business and the wealthy. Julian Richer has provided the seed funding and we are hoping to get more people involved."

I am pleased to report that Richer Sounds has a [Fair Tax Mark](#).

I welcome this move. I am not involved.