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Bahrain

Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism (MoICT) extends Economic Substance (ES) return deadline for certain entities

For entities who did not have their financial statements for FY 2021 audited by 31 March 2022, the MoICT has extended the deadline for ES return submission to mid-August 2022. Further, entities who have submitted their ES returns based on unaudited financial statements may be required to resubmit their ES return based on their audited financial statements.

National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) updates excise tax FAQs

The NBR has recently updated the excise tax FAQs available on its portal.

Click [here](#) to access the updated FAQs.

Boost in Bahrain's non-oil revenue

As per local news reports, revenue generated by Bahrain from non-oil sources has seen an increase of approximately 5% during 2021 compared to 2020. Non-oil revenue generated during 2021 amounted to BHD 713 million compared to BHD 680 million in 2020.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) invites public input on Pillar One draft rules

In line with the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS to implement the Two Pillar solution to address tax challenges arising from the digitalization of the economy, the OECD has sought public comment on the Draft Model Rules for Domestic Legislation on Scope under Amount A of Pillar One. The deadline for submission of inputs is 18 April 2022.

Click [here](#) to read more about the public consultation.

Will Bahrain introduce Corporate Income Tax (CIT)?

With the proposed implementation of global minimum tax and the United Arab Emirates announcing the introduction of a CIT effective mid-2023, there are some questions for Bahrain businesses to consider for a potential introduction of CIT in Bahrain.

In the latest edition of our [Tax Insights](#), KPMG Bahrain tax partner, Mubeen Khadir, has shared his thoughts on various aspects related to a potential introduction of a CIT in Bahrain including key impact areas and what businesses can do now to ensure a smooth transition.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) to conduct virtual workshop on Zakati platform

On 6 April 2022, ZATCA will be conducting a virtual workshop about the Zakati Platform for taxpayers.

Click [here](#) to register.

ZATCA shares educational shorts

ZATCA has recently shared several educational shorts on its social media platforms including the following:

- Requirement for adding QR code to e-invoices
- Ease of calculation and payment of Zakat using Zakati platform for individuals

ZATCA updates real estate transaction tax (RETT) section on its portal

ZATCA has recently updated the RETT section on its website for Real Estate Management Service. Users may login using their username and password in the Absher application through the Saudi National Digital Identity Management portal.

Click [here](#) to access the updated RETT section on ZATCA's website.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) Organizes Global Tourism Forum Pre-Post COVID-19 Pandemic

The FTA organized the Global Tourism Forum Pre-Post the COVID-19 Pandemic at the Expo 2020 in collaboration with Planet. During the event, the FTA confirmed that the VAT refund scheme for tourist is being advanced and developed continuously with additional facilities to speed up the refund process.

FTA shares infographics

The FTA has recently shared several infographics on its social media platforms including the following:

- Scope of corporate tax in the UAE
- Category of entities subject to corporate tax in the UAE

UAE and Israel sign Double Tax Treaty (DTT)

UAE and Israel have signed a DTT to further enhance the trade relations between the two nations. The DTT is effective from 1 January 2022.

Oman

Oman Tax Authority (OTA) releases education sector VAT guideline

The OTA recently published the education sector VAT guideline.

Click [here](#) to access the guidelines in Arabic.

The above is for general information only and is not intended to address the circumstances of any particular scenario. Please seek professional advice in relation to your particular circumstances.

For a detailed discussion on how the above updates may impact your business, [contact us](#).

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