

Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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Bahrain

National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) conducted VAT invoice compliance webinar

The NBR conducted a virtual VAT invoice compliance workshop in English on 10 March 2024.

Bahrain signs tax treaty & investment protection agreement with Hong Kong

On 3 March 2024, Bahrain and Hong Kong signed a Comprehensive Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement and an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement. The agreements are aimed at further promoting and strengthening economic and trade ties between the two countries.

Minister of Finance & National Economy meets with the parliament's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee to discuss potential introduction of Corporate Income Tax (CIT)

As per local news reports, H.E. Sheikh Salman Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy met with the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee of the Council of Representatives to discuss plans of widening the scope of taxes and the potential introduction of a CIT regime in Bahrain. The draft CIT law is expected to be presented to the legislative authority in March 2024. Given the Bahrain CIT is likely to apply to all commercial activities with limited exclusions, this will be a paradigm shift for Bahrain businesses.

Click [here](#) to read our Tax Insights on introduction of CIT in Bahrain.

Click [here](#) to read our Tax Insights on Bahrain CIT and calculation of 'taxable income'.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority (ZATCA) reminds taxpayers under the fifth wave of e-invoicing Phase 2 of their e-invoicing integration deadline

ZATCA has recently reminded taxpayers in KSA falling under the fifth wave of e-invoicing Phase 2 (integration phase) to ensure their systems are integrated with ZATCA's platform latest by 31 March 2024.

Click [here](#) to view ZATCA's roll-out phases for the implementation of e-invoicing.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

New law introduced allowing credit of federal Corporate Tax (CT) against Emirate-level CT for foreign banks in Dubai

On 7 March 2024, the Emirate of Dubai issued a new law allowing foreign banks operating in Dubai to claim credit for the 9% Federal-level CT imposed against the 20% Emirate-level CT.

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) publishes CT guide on taxation of partnerships

On 4 March 2024, the FTA released a new guide clarifying the rules for the taxation of partnerships under the UAE CT law.

Click [here](#) to view the CT guide (CTGPTN1).

Qatar

Estonia authorizes signing of tax treaty with Qatar

On 29 February 2024, the Estonian government authorized the signing of the income tax treaty with Qatar, initialed on 29 August 2019. The treaty is scheduled to be signed on 7 March 2024.

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

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