Essential VAT insights

The GCC states are developing a broad framework for the introduction of VAT. The framework agreement will set out the underlying principles of VAT laws for the six GCC countries, although there are likely to be areas where member states will have some flexibility.

The UAE was the first GCC member state to publicly announce the introduction of VAT, with a proposed effective date of 1 January 2018. While the government recently announced thresholds for VAT registration, it has yet to release either the framework agreement or the proposed VAT law. There are, however, common features in any VAT law which business owners, directors and managers should understand as businesses prepare for VAT. This workshop will outline some important considerations, in particular how it may impact supply chains.

Attending our workshop will be an important first step – the time for action has come. Our team will share insights and practical knowledge of what is required to be VAT ready. By attending, you will:

- Gain an overview of VAT’s introduction in the GCC
- Develop a better understanding of how VAT applies through the supply chain
- Know who is required to account for VAT
- Understand how to avoid VAT becoming a cost to your business
- Appreciate the impact of VAT across all your business units
- Have a roadmap on how to prepare your business for VAT
- Be able to raise questions with our VAT experts

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- Early bird*: AED1350
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Background
– Rob recently joined KPMG in the UAE as a director.
– Before joining KPMG, Rob worked for another Big 4 firm as GST Director, assisting with GST implementation in Malaysia.
– Rob has provided a broad range of taxation advisory and consultancy work for over 30 years, with a particular focus on VAT/GST. He was Vice-Chairman of the OECD Working Party that has been developing international VAT guidelines for cross-border services and is a key contributor to many international forums on VAT/GST, including the global VAT forums held in 2012 and 2014.

Professional and industry experience
Rob has significant experience advising governments on VAT/GST policy issues, including the drafting of VAT legislative amendments, as well as years of practical experience advising local and multinational companies on VAT/GST implementation, compliance and restructuring opportunities in Australia, Malaysia and now businesses with operations in the Lower Gulf. Rob’s experience includes:
– Being part of the Australian government’s Treasury team that helped design Australia’s GST in the late 1990s and assisting the Australian taxation authority with public materials for transitional rules to the new GST.
– With the introduction of GST in 2000, Rob joined the Australian practice of another Big 4 firm where he spent 10 years assisting local and multinational clients across a broad range of industry and not-for-profit sectors with GST implementation and compliance. Rob was also a key presenter in a publicly funded educational campaign to explain GST to small and medium sized businesses.
– He advised on major development projects and restructuring to maximize GST recovery and reduce compliance costs, assisted clients under GST audit and drafted representations to both government and the tax authorities.
– In 2009, Rob returned to the Australian Treasury where he was involved in a number of government reviews of the GST law (property, financial supplies, cross-border trade and refunds of GST) and was responsible for advising the Government on policy changes, drafting GST amendments and consulting with the tax authority and industry.
– Rob was a member of the tax authority’s GST ruling panel which reviewed and oversaw public rulings on how the tax authority would interpret provisions of the GST law.
– In 2014, Rob joined a Big 4 firm in Malaysia as a director, advising multi-national businesses with manufacturing operations in Malaysia - many of which operated from free zones - on GST implementation and compliance obligations while lobbying the government on their behalf.
– Rob’s blend of policy and practical VAT implementation experience means he has unique insights on VAT to share.
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