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Bahrain

Corporate Income Tax (CIT) – Capital gains tax (CGT) and transitional rules

The upcoming Bahrain CIT regime is expected to include specific provisions related to CGT which is typically levied on the gain (or 'profit') made when an asset that has increased in value is disposed. In addition, the Bahrain CIT legislation is also expected to contain transitional rules for computing capital gains on sale of certain assets to prevent taxation of gains generated prior to CIT go-live date.

In our latest Tax Insights article, to explain how CGT transitional rules may potentially apply under Bahrain CIT, we consider how the UAE CIT transitional rules apply for computation of capital gains on certain assets.

Click [here](#) to access our Tax Alert on CGT and transitional rules.

Whilst this publication refers to CIT rules in other jurisdictions, such reference is only for conceptual understanding and should not be construed as tax advice.

National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) refers VAT evasion case to Public Prosecution

The NBR has recently referred a case of VAT evasion to the Public Prosecution for further legal action. The reported case relates to failure to pay VAT dues exceeding BHD 240,000.

NBR organizes series of awareness workshops for 2026

The NBR has announced that they will conduct multiple awareness workshops throughout 2026 covering various tax related topics.

Click [here](#) to register for upcoming virtual workshops.

Upcoming Bahrain Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax (DMTT) advance payment deadline

Under the Bahrain DMTT legislation, the designated filing Constituent Entity (CE) is required to make advance tax payments for each 3-month period or part of a 3-month period (advance payment periods) during the fiscal year within 60 days after the end of each advance payment period. As a transitional measure, an exception has been provided for the transition year where the first DMTT advance payment is deferred and payable before the deadline for the second advance tax payment of the same fiscal year.

The upcoming deadline of 1 March 2026 is applicable for the following advance payment periods:

- Q4 2025 advance payment period for MNE groups with 31 December fiscal year-end
- Q3 2025 advance payment period for MNE groups with 31 March fiscal year-end
- Q1 and Q2 2025 advance payment periods for MNE groups with a 30 June fiscal year-end

Where a filing CE has elected for any of the exclusions or safe harbors as part of the DMTT registration process, there would not be any requirement to make advance tax payments, unless there is a change in the eligibility for any such exclusions or safe harbors.

Click [here](#) to access our Tax Alert on the DMTT advance payment process.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) conducts tax and zakat workshops

- On 9 February 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual session on the zakat-payers rights and obligations.
- On 10 February 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual session on the land transit transport service between Customs ports.
- On 11 February 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual session on the VAT provisions for exporters and importers.
- On 12 February 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual session on e-invoicing phase two (integration phase).

Click [here](#) to register for upcoming virtual workshops.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) conducts tax workshops

- On 3 February 2026, the FTA conducted a virtual session on the basics of VAT.
- On 4 February 2026, the FTA conducted a virtual session regarding tax violations and administrative penalties.
- On 10 February 2026, the FTA will conduct a virtual awareness workshop on the UAE e-invoicing rules.

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

Best regards,

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