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Bahrain

Bahrain's evolving tax landscape: preparing for e-invoicing and Corporate Income Tax (CIT) seminar

On 20 October, KPMG Bahrain hosted the Bahrain e-invoicing and CIT seminar, which brought together more than 200 finance, tax & technology professionals from across the Bahrain business community.

During the seminar, our specialists shared practical insights and regional experiences relating to the implementation of e-invoicing across the GCC, including key considerations for businesses as they assess their operational, systems and data readiness. The session also covered key aspects of Bahrain's draft CIT law and practical case studies.

The strong attendance and engagement at the seminar reflect the increasing focus among businesses on understanding and preparing for Bahrain's evolving tax and regulatory environment.

Click here to access the presentation from the seminar.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

VAT refund claim facility for real estate transactions by individuals now open

The Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) has started accepting VAT refund claims from eligible individuals for qualifying real estate transactions undertaken between 1 January 2018 and 4 October 2020.

Refund claims must be submitted through the 'Hiyad' digital portal within 30 days of the procedures being published in the Official Gazette on 13 October 2026.

Click here to view the relevant press release (in Arabic).

ZATCA to conduct zakat workshop

On 28 October 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on the zakat treatment of debts for zakat payers holding regular accounts.

Click here to register for upcoming virtual workshops.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) engages with the Al Ain community

As part of the Emirates Councils' "Come Closer, and We Are Closer" initiative, the FTA will meet with taxpayers and community members in Al Ain to hear their feedback and foster direct dialogue.

Oman

Tax treaty update

Oman and the Philippines have recently concluded negotiations for a tax treaty between the two nations.

For a detailed discussion on how the above updates may impact your business, contact us.

Best regards,

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