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Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global Opens New Office in Fujairah

FUJAIRAH - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG. Global) has announced the opening of a new office in Fujairah to join its 110 offices around the world.

The office in Fujairah is fully in line with TAG. Global's long-term growth strategy set by its founder HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh and provides a set of services including Accounting and Auditing, Feasibility Studies, Management Advisory Services, Management Training Support and Tax Consultancy in addition to many others.

It's worth mentioning that HH Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Fujairah, received Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh in April in the presence of Mr. Mohammed Saeed Al Dhanhany, Director of the Emiri Court in Fujairah, and several directors of government institutions and officials and discussed ways of promoting cooperation between Fujairah Government and TAG.Global.



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TAGI Holds ‘Transfer Pricing Bylaws’ Training Course at Jeddah Office

JEDDAH, KSA - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh & Co. International (TAGI), a member of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global, held a training course for Talal Abu-Ghazal International staff, presented by a team of experts, on the Transfer Pricing Bylaws approved by the Board of Directors of General Authority of Zakat and Income on 31/01/2019.

According to the Authority, ‘The Bylaws aims to establish obligations on taxpayers that aim to counter certain tax behaviors and practices to minimize tax liabilities. The Transfer Pricing Bylaws are based upon the generally accepted framework by the international community. This framework was a product of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) initiative led by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the G-20; its purpose is enforcing the application of the arm’s length principle between related persons or persons under common control through integrating the principle in the domestic tax legislation and practices.’



TAGI training course included various related topics including the basic principles of transfer pricing via transactions between related persons or persons under common control, transactions pricing methods, the transfer pricing documentation needed from taxpayers (including the Local file, Master file, County by Country Report - CbC), as well as the mechanism for applying transfer pricing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global Participates in Arabia-EXPO 2019 in Moscow



MOSCOW - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG. Global) participated in the Russian-Arab Exhibition 2019 entitled “Russia-Arab World: Time to Cooperate for our Future” in conjunction with the 12th Session of the Russian-Arab Business Council held in April 2019 in Moscow.

TAG.Global’s participation came in line with its strategy to expand services and activities that exceed 250 advanced professional services offered through 110+ offices worldwide.

Russian President’s Special Representative for the Middle East and Africa, Deputy Foreign

Minister Mr. Mikhail Bogdanov, and the Jordanian Ambassador to Russia, HE Mr. Amjad Adaileh visited TAG.Global Booth at the EXPO and were briefed on some of the main services offered by TAG.Global including Financial Auditing and Consulting, Intellectual Property, Information and Communication Technology, Capacity Building and Knowledge Transfer.

Ambassador Adaila affirmed his readiness to cooperate and support all companies, particularly the Jordanian ones, and expressed keenness to find a framework to strengthen cooperation in all fields between Jordan and Russia.

For his part, Mr. Bogdanov voiced his support to enhance means of cooperation between Russia and the Arab world, and highly commended friendship and cooperation ties with Jordan.

Meanwhile, Mr. Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh, Vice-Chair of TAG.Global Management Council and IP

Consultant underscored the importance of taking part in the EXPO which facilitates communication and builds bridges between the continents.

Ms. Dina Al Momani, AGIP Moscow Executive Director, accentuated the significance of holding such an exhibition, its good organization, and timing which is consistent with TAG.Global global expansion strategy as well as the topics discussed.

Many Russian and Arab companies representing different sectors participated in the exhibition, which held various discussion sessions addressing various topics related to business and knowledge.

TAG.Global delegation included Mr. Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh, Ms. Dina Al Momani, in addition to Mr. Andrey Kambalvo, Moscow Office Executive Director, and Ms. Jo-anne Abu-Ghazaleh, Media Manager in the Arab Gulf Region.

AICPA rescinds guidance on prior-period audits

By Ken Tysiac

Update: The AICPA will delete TQA 8100.03 from its literature by the end of May 2019 due to unintended misinterpretation.

A newly revised AICPA Technical Question and Answer (TQA) provides non-authoritative guidance for performing an audit and reporting on an entity's prior-period financial statements.

For such audits, TQA 8100.03 states that the auditor should use, in their entirety, the auditing standards and form of the auditor's report that are in effect at the time the audit is performed — unless an auditing standard provides transitional guidance regarding its implementation.

The TQA explains that because the previous auditing standards have been superseded by the current auditing standards, they are no longer in effect when the audit is performed.



The revised TQA guidance is timely because several new auditing standards are scheduled to become effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after Dec. 15, 2020.

These include new standards on auditor reporting, and on financial statement audits of employee benefit plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

International Accounting Standards Board proposes annual improvements to IFRS Standards

The International Accounting Standards Board (Board) has today published proposed narrow-scope amendments to four IFRS Standards as part of its maintenance and improvements of the Standards.



Annual improvements are limited to changes that either clarify the wording in an IFRS Standard or correct relatively minor unintended consequences, oversights or conflicts between requirements in the Standards.

Matters dealt with through annual improvements often arise from questions submitted to the IFRS Interpretations Committee.

The four proposed amendments included in this year's annual improvements consultation document are:

Standard	Proposed amendment
IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards	Simplify the application of IFRS 1 by a subsidiary that becomes a first-time adopter of IFRS Standards after its parent company has already adopted them. The proposed amendment relates to the measurement of cumulative translation differences.
IFRS 9 Financial Instruments	Clarify the fees a company includes in assessing the terms of a new or modified financial liability to determine whether to derecognise a financial liability.
Illustrative Examples accompanying IFRS 16 Leases	Remove the potential for confusion regarding lease incentives by amending an Illustrative Example accompanying IFRS 16.
IAS 41 Agriculture	Align the fair value measurement requirements in IAS 41 with those in other IFRS Standards.