

International VAT Conference 2019

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Agenda

Time	Session
9.00 - 9.30	Welcome and Registration
9.30 - 9.35	Opening Remarks
9.35 - 10.35	Brexit: What VAT Practitioners Need To Know <p>The “magic date” of Brexit is very close (and will have already passed by the time of the conference). This session highlights the customs and VAT aspects of Brexit and potential mitigation strategies.</p>
10.35 - 11.00	Digital Service Tax <p>The OECD stated the need to develop, agree and implement a global, consensus-based solution to address tax challenges arising from digitalization. Since then, some countries as well as the EU are trying to regulate interim measures to tackle taxation in the digital economy, in particular through the creation of different types of Digital Services Taxes. In this session, we will quickly analyze the latest developments and key scenarios you should be aware of.</p>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 - 12.15	VAT Around The World <p>Our annual review of key global VAT developments is covered in this session. We will provide a bird’s eye view of what is going on in countries around the world and discuss which indirect tax developments have occurred or will occur.</p>
12.15 - 13.00	Breakout Sessions Breakout 1: VAT and E-commerce <p>This session addresses new developments and hot topics around VAT and e-commerce, including pan-European VAT audits, third-party information requests and data privacy, new secondary VAT liabilities for operators of market places in several EU Member States and the OECD’s views on these developments, and extended applications of fixed establishments for VAT purposes.</p>

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	<p>Breakout 2: Are You ready For the World Of Customs?</p> <p>Customs often seems to be a foreign animal for tax practitioners outside the world of customs. This workshop will bring a change: you will become acquainted with the aspects of customs legislation that each VAT practitioner should know.</p>
	<p>Breakout 3: VAT Implementation In The GCC: Confronting The Challenges</p> <p>Businesses have been dealing with VAT compliance for over 15 months in Saudi Arabia and the UAE, and for three months in Bahrain. Oman is expected to implement VAT by the start of 2020 at the earliest. This discussion will share the experiences to date, discuss some of the practical difficulties and highlight useful practice points for meeting the challenges.</p>
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.45	<p>EU Court VAT Update</p> <p>This session provides an overview of recent VAT-relevant decisions of the EU Court of Justice. We will review the main cases with Roderick Cordara QC.</p>
14.45 - 15.20	<p>EU VAT Action Plan</p> <p>The European landscape for indirect taxes continues to change rapidly. One of the major changes for EU VAT will be the overhaul of the EU VAT system. In this session, we will address the key changes that will affect your business.</p>
15.20 - 15.45	Coffee Break
15.45 - 16.30	Breakout Sessions
	<p>Breakout 1: Financial Services VAT Update</p> <p>Financial services continue to provide fertile ground for VAT litigation, where some fundamental issues remain to be resolved. Financial services groups are also targets for tax authorities seeking to raise VAT revenues. This breakout session will consider the key developments relevant to the financial services sector, including the scope of VAT exemptions, VAT recovery and the impact of VAT on intercompany transactions.</p>
	<p>Breakout 2: VAT In The Americas and APAC</p> <p>After giving a quick snapshot of what is going on in VAT around the world, our VAT experts from LATAM, North America and APAC will provide you with a more detailed update of the GST/VAT key developments in their regions. In particular, they will discuss the expansion of indirect tax regulations to digital services and sales platforms as well as specific taxes on digital services as such and the withholding role of local financial intermediaries.</p>
	<p>Breakout 3: VAT Implementation In The GCC: Confronting The Challenges</p> <p>We will repeat the session held in the morning for those who missed it.</p>
16.30 - 17.30	<p>Views From In-House</p> <p>In this session, several in-house VAT managers will share their views and experiences and will engage in a lively discussion with our tax experts.</p>
17.30	Drinks and Canapés