

## Bahrain

### **Bahrain ratifies the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on exchange of Country-by-Country Reports (MCAA CbCr)**

On 28 January 2021, Bahrain published the ratified MCAA CbCr in the Official Gazette. The ratified agreement is aimed at increasing transparency and collaboration between the signatory states.

The ratified agreement will come into effect from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Click [here](#) to access the relevant issue of the Official Gazette.

### **Bahrain - Switzerland tax treaty published in the Official Gazette**

On 28 January 2021, Bahrain published the ratified tax treaty with Switzerland in the Official Gazette.

The ratified tax treaty will come into effect from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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### **National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) holds virtual VAT workshop**

NBR recently organized virtual VAT workshops for raising taxpayers' awareness of VAT related concepts including application, invoicing and return filing.

NBR has affirmed that it will continue to conduct virtual VAT workshops in accordance with the directives of the Government Executive Committee, chaired by HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Taxpayers who wish to attend the virtual workshops may register themselves on NBR's website.

Click [here](#) to read more.

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

### **General Authority of Zakat and Tax (GAZT) continues inspection of businesses to identify non-compliance with tax obligations**

GAZT has continued its inspections of businesses to identify non-compliance with tax obligations. In the previous week, more than 3,000 inspection visits were conducted, resulting in the discovery of 687 violations.

GAZT highlighted that a significant number of violations were discovered due to reports received from consumers through official reporting channels.

Click [here](#) to read more (in Arabic).

## Oman

### The Sultanate of Oman Tax Authority (OTA) provides functionality to verify VAT registration

OTA has updated the e-services section on its portal by introducing a functionality allowing users to verify the validity of the VAT registration numbers of taxpayers.

Click [here](#) to access the portal of OTA.

### OTA releases VAT registration application guide and forms

OTA has recently released the following:

- VAT registration application guide for persons with Commercial Registration Number (CRN)
- VAT registration application form for resident with no CRN
- VAT registration application for non-resident

Click [here](#) to access the guide and the forms.

## KPMG in India's budget webinar



**The Hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Ms Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2021-2022 in the Parliament on 1 February 2021.**

KPMG in India is pleased to invite you to join their webinar on Tuesday, 2 February 2021 at 8:00 p.m. IST/ 5:30 PM AST. Sunil Badala, Partner and Head, BFSI, Tax, KPMG in India, will be leading this webinar to present insights on the key budget proposals and announcements that particularly impact the Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) and the financial services sector from a tax and regulatory perspective followed by a Q&A session.

Please click [here](#) to register and join the webinar. By clicking on the registration link, you agree to the terms of [KPMG in India's privacy policy](#).

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

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