

READY FOR THE FUTURE

TAX SERVICES



WELCOME TO EVOLUTION CONSULTING

We are a 21st century professional services firm helping with our clients' futures.



We are here to help dynamic organisations unlock their full potential.

For the past year, Evolution Consulting have been helping clients identify and tackle their most strategic goals. From business owners, C-suite and governments, we continue to support local and international organisations.

We invest the time needed to understand our clients and their challenges to provide insights and solutions that help them grow in an evolving and dynamic market.

Privately-owned, publicly-listed and public sector clients come to us for our technical skills and industry capabilities but also for our different way of working. Our member firm partners and teams invest the time to truly understand your business and to provide real insights and fresh perspectives.

OUR MISSION:

We live in a period of change, where the key is not only sustainable development, but also the ability to see several steps forward, flexibly adapt to changes and analyse trends. This is why our team is constantly developing both professionally and communicatively to ensure that our services are as effective as possible for our clients and ensure that they are **READY FOR THE FUTURE.**

ABOUT US

EXPERIENCE

Steven is the founder and Managing Partner at Evolution Consulting with over 20 years of progressive experience predominantly in the areas of M&A and international taxation.

After qualifying in 2002, Steven joined a Big 4 UK tax practice in 2006 specialising in providing international tax planning advice. He moved to the M&A tax team in 2007 and relocated to the Middle East in 2010. He continued to work in the M&A and International tax teams of the Big 4 in the UAE, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia and was Head of International Tax at Grant Thornton prior to founding Evolution Consulting in 2023. Also, sits on the Board for the British Chamber of Commerce Dubai.

Since Steven began advising on transactions in 2007, he has been involved in a range of deals on behalf of international and regional clients ranging from owner-managed businesses to listed companies (including the world's biggest initial public offering). He has undertaken in excess of 200 due diligence projects (both buy side and vendor due diligence) and structuring assignments.

QUALIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

- BSc (Hons) Business Mathematics with Applicable Mathematics, UK
- Chartered Certified Accountant (FCCA) with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in UK



TAX SERVICES

Tax policy reforms and the introduction of new tax regulations across the GCC are creating huge challenges for organisations, and we can assist with guiding and navigating your business through the tax landscape.

We offer a full suite of tax services that can address the imposed challenges from a tax perspective. We ensure that businesses remain in line with the taxation requirements within the UAE and KSA, along with supporting the impact which may occur across the wider GCC region and beyond.

Our tax services help organisations throughout the full life cycle of both direct and indirect and taxation, whilst ensuring our technical experts apply their insights gained from implementing and managing tax in various jurisdictions.

At Evolution Consulting, we deliver high quality solutions dedicated to your business. Our experienced practitioners are available to help you understand, adapt to, and overcome the various obstacles that may stand in your way.

THE EVOLUTION CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

We work collaboratively, promote regular and open communications, and ensure efficient knowledge sharing and effective problem solving.

WE ARE KNOWN FOR:

Being Responsive

Valuing Relationships

Having a Collaborative Approach

OUR SOLUTIONS

Taxation reforms and rapid technological change are disrupting traditional business models and creating huge challenges for organisations. Below are our professional service offerings to help you address such challenges.

VAT COMPLIANCE

Our VAT compliance services include:

- VAT return review
- VAT registration services
- Filing of VAT returns by using software approved by the Federal Tax Authority (“FTA”) and Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (“ZATCA”)
- Assistance during VAT Audits
- VAT refund claims

TAX DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Evitable disputes may arise, but we are able to assist your business with:

- Local reconsideration appeals
- Tax dispute resolution and legal litigation services

VAT ADVISORY

We provide a broad range of advisory services, such as:

- VAT health checks and diagnostic reviews
- Tax agency services
- Fixed advisory on VAT treatment of specific transactions
- Drafting of ruling applications

FATCA/CRS SERVICES

We can work with you to determine the FATCA/CRS status of your institution and assist you to comply with the FATCA/CRS compliance requirements.



CUSTOMS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

We are well positioned to assist you with your global cross-border tax structuring, planning and compliance needs:

- Advisory on customs valuation assessment and customs procedures

- Determining the available customs reliefs on the cross-border business transactions

- Assistance in mitigating cross-border trade risks

- Supply chain modelling

EXCISE TAX

We provide tax related advisory and compliance services to the producer, importer, and the storekeeper of excisable goods, including:

- Advising clients on structuring business transactions within designated Free Zones to comply with excise tax requirements

- Filing of excise declarations and returns with FTA

- Registration of importers, producers and stock pilers for excise Tax

SECONDMENT SERVICES

If your business does not have dedicated tax resources, we are able to offer temporary or long-term secondment of our experienced and qualified tax staff across all levels:

- Direct and indirect tax consultants

- Senior Manager/Tax Manager

Our ability to differentiate is underpinned by four non-negotiable, key principles which form the basis of our services:

- Relationships
- Expertise
- Quality
- Value

INTERNATIONAL TAX SERVICES AND TAX DUE DILIGENCE

We support multinational Groups to optimise their tax structures. We can also assist businesses in analysing existing group transactions and inter-group supplies, as well as advising on potential implications of various taxes to facilitate an efficient group tax structure. Our services include comprehensive analysis of:

- Corporate tax implications
- Withholding tax implications
- Capital gains tax implications upon exit
- Value Added Taxes, customs and excise
- Country by country reporting
- Transfer tax/stamp duties implications
- Applicability of double tax treaties

TRANSFER PRICING SERVICES

Our transfer pricing services include:

- Transfer pricing risk assessments
- Transfer pricing efficiency studies and review of operating models from a transfer pricing perspective
- Transfer pricing policy design
- Review of related party transactions
- Benchmarking analysis
- Preparation of OECD standard and local GCC standard transfer pricing documentation (Master Files and Local files)
- Attribution of profits to permanent establishments analysis

We work with our clients to help solve their most complex Tax challenges so that they can focus on what matters to them.

CORPORATE TAX, ZAKAT AND WITHHOLDING TAX SERVICES



The annual tax return filing process is fundamental to a client's overall business and tax strategy, as well as to their relationship with the taxation authorities (FTA and ZATCA). We assist clients in the preparation and submission of their annual returns. We advise them through every aspect of compliance, which includes data gathering, assistance in the preparation of tax-related accounting disclosures, responses to taxation authorities' queries, assistance in appeal filings, and settlements with taxation authorities. Some of the services we offer to our clients include:

- Annual Zakat/tax returns
- Tax certification
- Assistance in advance tax payment
- Monthly and annual withholding tax (WHT) compliance
- Notifying ZATCA about contracts
- Responding to ZATCA queries
- Assistance in filing objections against assessments
- Zakat/Tax and WHT health check

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