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International Tax & M&A Advisory

Saudi Arabia's economic transformation is accelerating. Record levels of FDI, sovereign initiatives and an increasingly sophisticated capital market have combined to place the Kingdom at the crossroads of regional and global investment flows.

In this fast-moving environment, the ability to structure transactions and business models tax efficiently, while meeting the highest standards of transparency and compliance, has become a strategic differentiator.

Our International Tax & M&A team exists to turn that complexity into a competitive advantage through offering our professional solutions.

Our Services

Regional and Cross-Border Tax Structuring

Saudi Arabia's evolving tax landscape and its expanding treaty network demand forward-looking structures. We help you design efficient holding, financing, and operating models that:

- Optimise effective tax rates across Saudi Arabia, the GCC, and key global jurisdictions.
- Align with ZATCA, OECD, and Pillar Two requirements from day one.
- Safeguard repatriation routes for dividends, royalties, and management fees.
- Build in exit readiness for IPOs, trade sales, or JV unwinds.

Inbound and Outbound Planning

Whether you are entering the Kingdom or taking Saudi capital abroad, our specialists provide end-to-end planning that:

- Secures tax, customs, and withholding reliefs available to foreign investors.
- Navigates permanent-establishment and economic-substance rules to avoid surprises.
- Integrates VAT, excise, and transfer pricing compliance into a single roadmap.
- Coordinate with your home-country advisers to ensure treaty benefits are preserved.

M&A Tax Advisory

Deals move quickly; our advice does too. From target screening through post-close integration, we deliver:

- Tax due diligence focused on value drivers, red-flag exposures, and deal breakers.
- SPA and W&I insurance tax input that protects you at signing and completion.
- Acquisition financing and holding-company structuring tuned to debt pushdown, interest deductibility, and Zakat implications.
- Day-one integration plans covering indirect tax, payroll, and cross-border workforce deployment.

A Partner for the Kingdom's Next Chapter

Saudi Arabia's tax regime will continue to evolve as the economy diversifies, sustainability targets rise, and inbound investment accelerates. Choosing an adviser who understands the local nuances, engages constructively with policymakers, and thinks globally is therefore critical. Grant Thornton stands ready to help you navigate that journey, structuring your growth today while future-proofing it for tomorrow.

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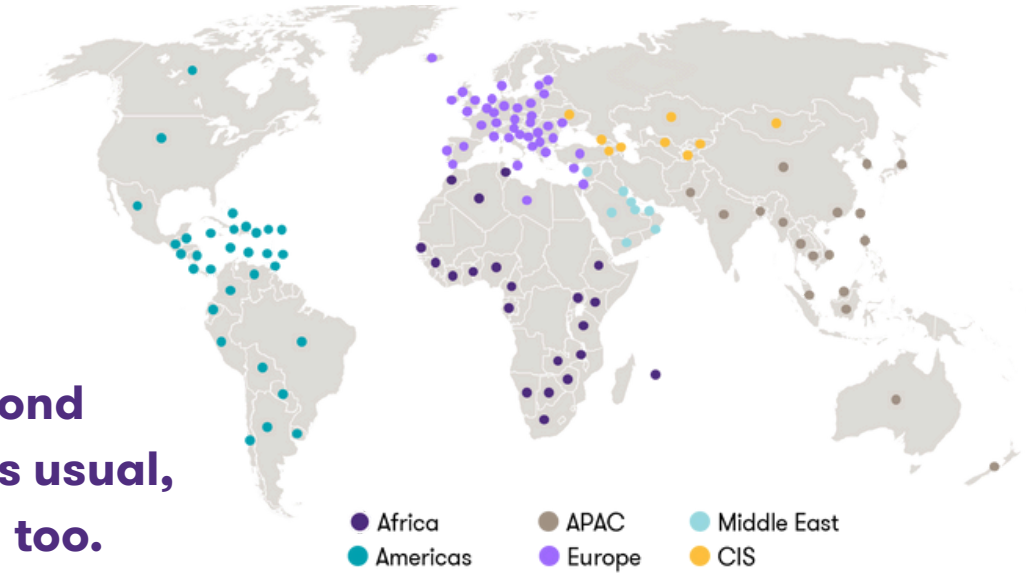

We go beyond business as usual, so you can too.

The global challenges facing businesses are unprecedented, and the untapped opportunities across Saudi Arabia are vast. This demands a different type of adviser. One willing to go beyond what's expected to deliver an experience that's more personal, agile, and proactive. That's Grant Thornton.

We are a global network with 73,000 passionate people in member firms in over 150 countries, with one common goal — to help you realise your ambitions in any environment. Across the GCC, our network is represented by 1,500 people across 10 offices. In Saudi Arabia, we are based in Riyadh, Jeddah and Khobar and have been in the market for over 40 years. Which is why we combine global scale and capability with local insights and understanding. So, whether you're growing in one market or many, looking to operate more effectively, managing risk and regulation, or realising stakeholder value, our firms have the assurance, tax, and advisory services to meet your needs.

Contact our team to discuss your International Tax requirements in Saudi Arabia.

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With over 25 years of experience across tax advisory, business planning, and tax compliance, Suresh brings deep expertise in international taxation, direct and indirect tax, and cross-border structuring. He has worked with leading consulting firms including Andersen, PwC, BDO, and Grant Thornton across India, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain, and spent nearly eight years in industry roles across Europe, India, and Africa in the steel, oil & gas, hospitality, and financial services sectors.

Suresh specialises in cross-border tax planning, complex tax structuring, M&A due diligence, legitimate tax optimisation, and improving tax compliance through automation. His industry experience enables him to provide commercially driven tax solutions that align with business priorities. He has successfully led several large-scale tax structuring and implementation projects, supporting both government entities and major conglomerates. His passion lies in delivering practical tax planning that creates tangible value for businesses.

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