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TAX CLIENT ALERT

UAE Corporate Tax Clock is Ticking!

It's the final countdown for businesses to file the first-ever annual Corporate Tax returns in the UAE. Whether you are still drowning in the numbers or close to the finish line, there is still time to take action.

When do you need to file your tax return by?

Corporate Tax returns must be filed by 30 September 2025.

Why must you comply?

It's not just about staying compliant with the UAE's Corporate Tax regime. It's about staying strategic and maintaining your competitive edge. Filing this tax return is one way to ensure you align your business strategy appropriately, capture opportunities for saving, benefit from tax exemptions, and avoid penalties.

Who needs to file a tax return?

All UAE-registered businesses, regardless of the UAE jurisdiction (e.g. Mainland or Free Zone), must file a Corporate Tax return, even though they may have 0% tax liability.

How might your business be hit?

Failing to meet the deadline means you may face hefty financial penalties that also impact your business reputation and hit your bottom line.

What might you be missing out on?

Free Zone businesses who qualify for certain tax reliefs but fail to apply for them in the first year of CT return filing, may be unable to apply for these a period of five years - thus losing fiscal benefits and competitive advantage.

How can we help?

We can review your tax return with the lens of the UAE Federal Tax Authority to **understand your potential tax exposure** and **prepare for potential audits**. And where this may trigger numerous restructuring activities, we will not only provide you with the most tax-efficient restructuring options, but will also help you implement the best plan to set you up for future success.

Talk to us today - let us help you minimise your tax concerns so you can maximise your business potential.

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