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Resume of Peter Whatley

Work History

Peter has practiced as a taxation and business advisor in South Africa and the Middle East for in excess of 30 years. He has experience in a number of industry sectors including healthcare, education, financial services, wholesale, retail and manufacturing.

His main focus is on strategy, family business and business improvement using experience gained in both Public Practice and in Commercial roles. Areas of expertise include operational due diligence, auditing, taxation, corporate restructuring, M&A, technology implementation, supply chain and contract negotiations.

Peter started his career as an Articled Clerk with a leading accounting and audit practice in South Africa. This was followed by a role as a Tax Inspector with the South African Revenue Service where he was actively involved in the roll out of VAT by way of leading pre-VAT implementation education programs to business leaders and the public as part of a national roll out. He trained tax inspectors, issued advance tax rulings and led VAT and corporate tax inspection teams. Peter is now heavily involved with VAT in the UAE and the Middle East generally.

Peter spent eight years as an audit and tax partner with Grant Thornton in South Africa, before taking up senior finance leadership roles with several well-known groups in the UAE, Qatar and South Africa. Peter has lived as well as worked in Qatar and he now lives in the UAE.

Among Peter's commitments he is a founding partner of an award-winning Middle East accounting practice and a founding partner of a technology company focusing on digital transformation, automation and cyber security.

Peter is a qualified Chartered Accountant CA(SA). He has B.Com and Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy from the University of Port Elizabeth and an Advanced Taxation Certification from the University of South Africa.

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Recent client matters include:

1. Withholding tax advisory support for the provision of services and goods between the UAE and KSA.
2. VAT advisory to a leading UAE family conglomerate operating across the GC
3. Operational business, tax and cyber review of a leading UAE based manufacturer.
4. Operational due diligence, legal review and business valuation services to a leading oilfield services contractor engaged in leasing and selling of well control equipment to the upstream oil and gas industry including considering and advising on the tax aspects of restructure including the impact, if any, of a Canadian shareholder.
5. Financial and transaction due diligence relating to the acquisition of a significant minority interest in a very large publicly traded telecom company in India.
6. Financial and operational due diligence and transaction support for the acquisition of a majority interest in a Middle East subsidiary of a leading German multinational.
7. Assisting various clients in audit finalization and post audit negotiations with the Federal Tax Authority in the UAE.
8. Developed regulatory reporting framework for the Department of Culture and Tourism (DCT) in Abu Dhabi
9. ESR related restructuring for a US multinational operating in the UAE.

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10. Financial and operational due diligence for the acquisition of a healthcare facility in Italy.
11. Various taxation audits across multiple industries for the SA Revenue services.
12. Transfer Pricing benchmarking studies for clients providing intra group services in multiple jurisdictions.
13. Taxation and outsourced CFO functionality for a UAE company with South African trading operations.
14. Advising on the restructuring of a global events company to improve withholding and corporate tax compliance in KSA.

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