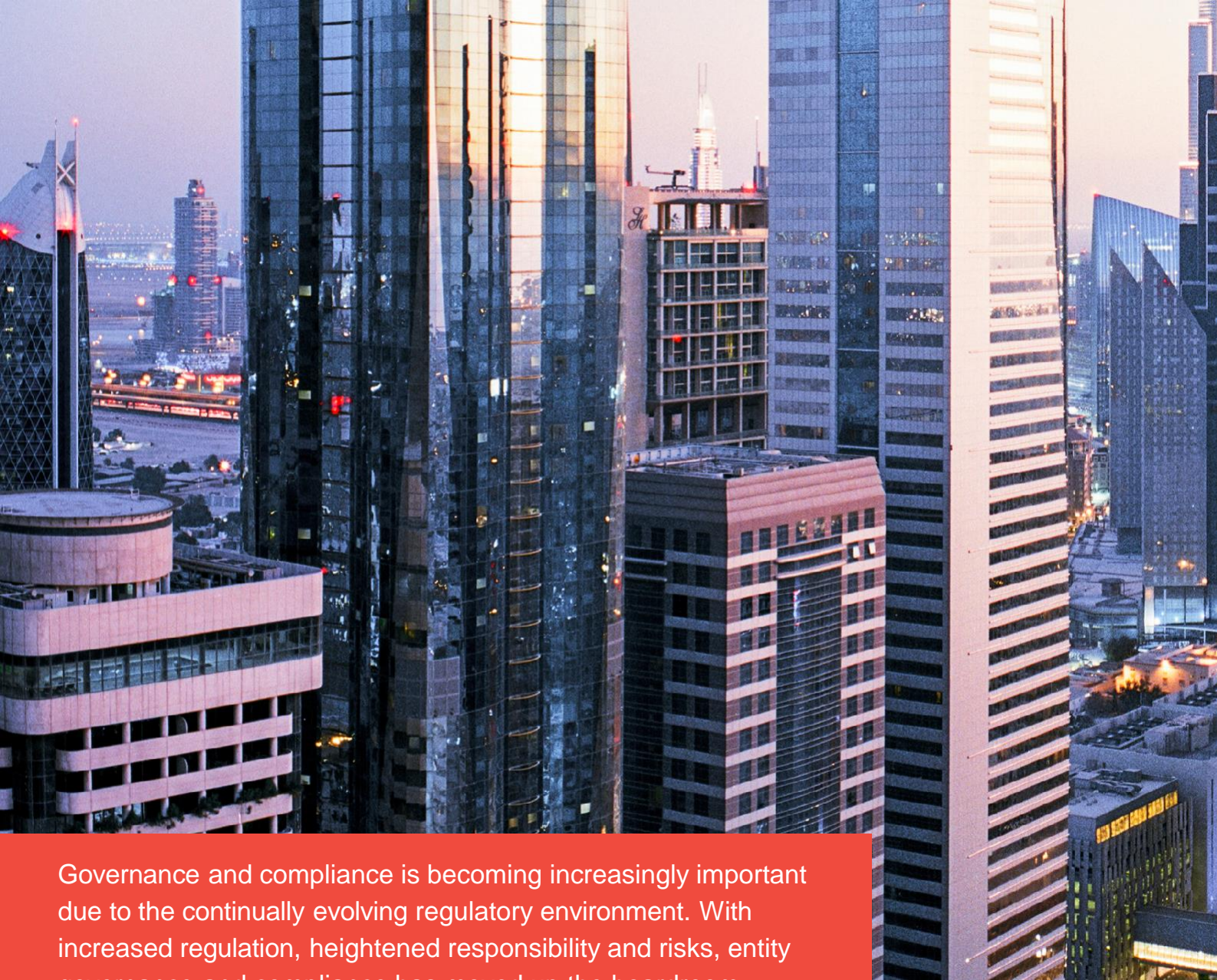


Entity Governance and Compliance

PwC Legal Middle East





Governance and compliance is becoming increasingly important due to the continually evolving regulatory environment. With increased regulation, heightened responsibility and risks, entity governance and compliance has moved up the boardroom agenda. In turn, the role of the company secretary and support from governance professionals is becoming more critical to a company's long-term success.

Our entity governance and compliance capability

PwC's entity governance and compliance services are managed by a dedicated team of experienced governance professionals, qualified company secretaries and government liaison experts. Our team, part of PwC Legal, specialises in delivering board governance and compliance services providing dedicated support to help manage the responsibilities and risks, allowing businesses to focus on other core activities.

We work across industries and sectors with all business types, meaning our approach and our services can be tailored to suit the needs of any organisation.

PwC has been established in the Middle East for over 40 years and we have over 4,000 people in our firms in Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, the Palestinian territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. PwC's services cover Consulting, Audit and Assurance, Deals, Private Businesses and Tax and Legal.

Being part of a large, multi-disciplinary service provider, means we can offer a truly integrated approach to professional services for our Middle East clients. The ability to embed our services more fully with other PwC legal and advisory services allows us to better support our clients and help solve complex problems.



Our approach



Governance

Thought leaders with a market leading position

Our team is at the forefront, advising clients on the implementation of best practice corporate governance with the following focus areas:

- Corporate governance reviews and consultation
- Board and committee support, including acting as company secretary
- Board advisory and director development
- Statutory duties and board/committees effectiveness reviews
- Subsidiary governance/family governance/joint venture governance
- Review and preparation of governance policies and board documents



Transactions

Specialists in all aspects of the entity lifecycle

Working alongside PwC's tax, structuring and legal teams, we deliver corporate secretarial support on transactions and deals across various jurisdictions, including:

- Legal entity incorporation advisory, set-up and implementation – we work closely with our corporate lawyers, immigration and employment law experts, tax and VAT specialists and accounting and payroll teams in order to provide end-to-end support
- Redomiciliation, inbound or outbound
- Implementation of corporate simplifications and reorganisation
- Corporate changes – such as change of director, change of address, amendment to constitutional documents and share transfers etc



Compliance

A fundamental of our business is entity compliance

Our compliance support includes the following:

- Maintenance and upkeep of corporate documents and records
- Statutory compliance and filings
- Regulatory compliance (e.g. beneficial ownership compliance)
- Ensuring good standing
- Keeping clients updated on changes to regulations, laws or requirements



Legal entity management

We provide a single point of contact to service all legal entity management needs

We offer legal entity management to clients looking for a single provider to manage an individual entity or portfolio of entities, both regionally and globally. We often see complexity and inefficiency associated with using multiple providers, the lack of visibility and control over compliance costs, the risk of non-compliance and corporate data integrity issues, and inconsistent entity governance standards globally.

Our team can help consolidate legal entity governance and compliance services with one global provider in all territories, with straight forward lines of communication, enhancing the consistency of service.

We offer a high-quality sustainable solution to keep all your overseas entities in good legal standing, on a timely and efficient basis.

We can also perform a 'health check' to verify compliance status and the integrity of corporate records and data of each entity and assist with corporate changes (e.g. change of directors, share allotments/transfers, new incorporations) swiftly in support of the business, but with robust governance to manage risk and control costs.

Our expertise



Broad range of services and reputation for quality



Established market leaders with strong client credentials



Access to complementary legal expertise when needed



Getting the best out of technology



Unrivalled global reach

Why choose us?

We make a difference

- We have undertaken corporate governance reviews in order to enhance or overhaul governance structures, ensuring an effective governance framework and processes, practical for the business, are implemented in line with best practice.
- We have provided various multinational companies with boardroom support and advisory in the region.
- We have executed transactions as part of wider projects and on a one-off basis for various groups headquartered in the region and those headquartered abroad with entities in the region. This includes liaising with the government authorities and navigating complex nuances in the Middle East.
- We have assisted clients from a wide range of sectors to establish a presence in the Middle East and better understand the regulatory environment.
- We provide legal entity management for large groups in the region with a global presence, using technology to effectively support.

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