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Part I



UAE Tax Residency:
what it means for you
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benefit from it

YEAR AFTER YEAR WE ARE WITNESSING INCREASE OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO UAE TAX RESIDENCY. TAX RESIDENCY IN THE UAE BECAME EVEN MORE POPULAR IN THE RECENT YEARS AFTER INTRODUCTION OF AUTOMATIC INFORMATION EXCHANGE POLICIES BETWEEN BANKS, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, AFTER FATCA WAS INTRODUCED WITH REGARD TO US CITIZENS AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ADOPTED CRS. IN LIGHT OF SUCH DEVELOPMENTS UAE TAX RESIDENCY IS HEAVILY RELIED ON AS A TOOL TO LIMIT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS AT A LEVEL OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

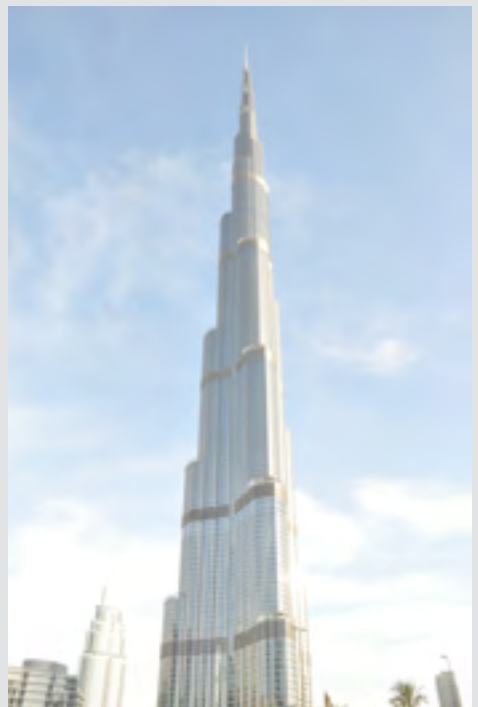
THE MECHANISM CAN BE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. IF THE NATIONAL OF COUNTRY A PROVIDES TO THE BANK IN COUNTRY B HIS/HER TAX RESIDENCY NUMBER IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND STATES HIS/HER UAE RESIDENT ADDRESS, THE BANK IDENTIFIES SUCH APPLICANT AS A TAX RESIDENT OF THE UAE, AS OPPOSED TO COUNTRY A, WHICH IS THE COUNTRY OF APPLICANT'S CITIZENSHIP. AUTOMATIC INFORMATION EXCHANGE BETWEEN COUNTRIES A AND B WILL NOT TAKE PLACE, AS INSTEAD THERE WILL BE INFORMATION EXCHANGE BETWEEN UAE AND COUNTRY B ONLY. AT THE SAME TIME, SINCE THERE ARE NO TAXES IN THE UAE, UAE BANKS ARE NOT REQUESTING ANY TAX RELATED INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANT, THEREFORE, DATA ON UAE TAX RESIDENT DOES NOT REACH COUNTRY A.

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1) AS OF TODAY TAX RESIDENCY IN THE UAE IS NOT DETERMINED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF DAYS RESIDENT SPENDS IN THE COUNTRY. TO QUALIFY FOR TAX RESIDENCY INDIVIDUAL HAS TO OBTAIN UAE RESIDENT VISA, RECEIVE REGULAR MONTHLY PAYMENTS INTO HIS/HER BANK ACCOUNT IN THE UAE (I.E. SALARY, ETC.) AND MAINTAIN RESIDENT STATUS BY ENTERING THE UAE NOT LESS THAN ONE TIME PER HALF YEAR.

2) UAE TAX RESIDENT QUALIFIES FOR TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE ONE YEAR AFTER UAE RESIDENT VISA IS ISSUED AND STAMPED IN INDIVIDUAL'S PASSPORT.

3) UAE TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. ONCE VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE EXPIRES A NEW CERTIFICATE CAN BE REQUESTED.



PART II



Steps to become UAE tax resident

TO BECOME UAE TAX RESIDENT AND TO QUALIFY FOR A TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE, THE FOLLOWING STEPS SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN:

1) REGISTER A COMPANY IN THE UAE

TO QUALIFY FOR TAX RESIDENCY IN THE UAE, THE COMPANY ONE SHALL FORM SHOULD BE EITHER A FREE ZONE CORPORATE ENTITY (100% FOREIGN OWNED) OR A LOCAL COMPANY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UAE CITIZEN WHERE LATTER OWNS 51% OF THE COMPANY. OFFSHORE COMPANY REGISTERED IN THE UAE DOES NOT ALLOW TO QUALIFY FOR UAE RESIDENCY.

2) OBTAIN UAE RESIDENT VISA

IT TAKES 10 TO 12 WORKING DAYS TO OBTAIN UAE RESIDENT VISA AND HAVE IT STAMPED IN THE PASSPORT. RESIDENT VISA IS NORMALLY ISSUED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

3) OPEN COMPANY BANK ACCOUNT IN THE UAE

BANK ACCOUNT OPENING FOR A CORPORATE ENTITY IN THE UAE TAKES 2 TO 3 WEEKS IRRESPECTIVE OF THE BANK.

4) OPEN PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT IN THE UAE FOR COMPANY SHAREHOLDER

PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT IS REQUIRED FOR MONTHLY SALARY TRANSFERS OF COMPANY'S SHAREHOLDER. OPENING OF A PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT TAKES BETWEEN 3 AND 5 WORKING DAYS.

5) REQUEST AND OBTAIN TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE

TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE CAN BE REQUESTED FROM UNITED ARAB EMIRATES MINISTRY OF FINANCE AFTER A YEAR WHEN UAE RESIDENT VISA IS STAMPED. SAMPLE OF TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE CAN BE FOUND BELOW.

LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT EACH STEP IN MORE DETAIL.



TAX RESIDENCE CERTIFICATE

The Ministry of Finance of United Arab Emirates hereby certifies that _____ holder of _____ Passport number _____ is a fiscal resident of the United Arab Emirates, and has a valid residence visa number _____

Pursuant to the Agreement between the United Arab Emirates and Republic Of _____ for Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed on _____, the aforementioned is eligible to enjoy the benefits of this Agreement.

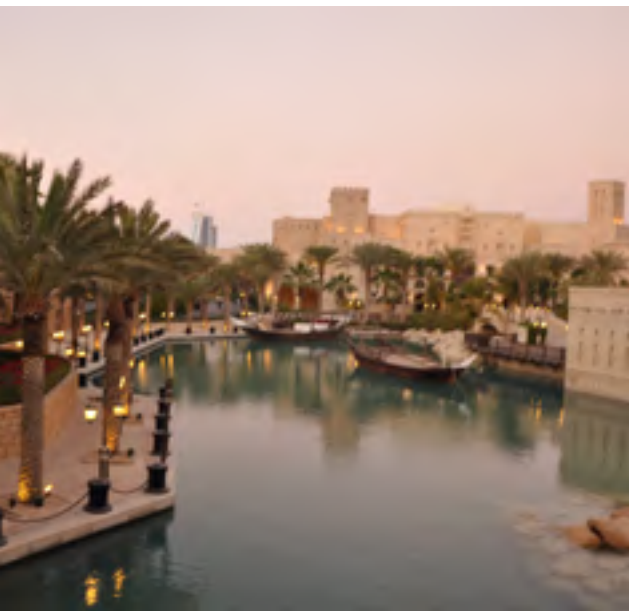
This certificate is valid for one year from _____ 2015.
Issued in Dubai on _____ October 2015.



Receipt Number: _____

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PART III



Company registration in the United Arab Emirates



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In case you have specific questions - call us or drop us an e-mail.



THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF COMPANIES IN THE UAE ONE CAN CHOOSE FROM:

- 1) OFFSHORE;
- 2) COMPANY IN A FREE ZONE (FREE ZONE COMPANY);
- 3) COMPANY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UAE CITIZEN (LOCAL COMPANY).

AS AN OFFSHORE IS NOT IN A POSITION TO QUALIFY FOR UAE RESIDENCY AND DOESN'T ALLOW ITS SHAREHOLDERS TO QUALIFY FOR TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT OPTIONS 2 AND 3, WHICH ARE A FREE ZONE AND A LOCAL COMPANY.

A FREE ZONE COMPANY IS A UAE-RESIDENT-COMPANY THAT CAN BE REGISTERED IN ONE OF OVER 30 FREE ZONES AND ALLOWS TO BE 100% OWNED BY A FOREIGN INVESTOR OR A FOREIGN ENTITY. FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF A FREE ZONE, ONE CAN DESCRIBE IT AS A DISTRICT OR A CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN THE CITY. BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, THERE ARE OVER 20 OF SUCH AREAS/FREE ZONES IN DUBAI.

COSTS OF A FREE ZONE COMPANY REGISTRATION INCLUDING ANNUAL RENT OF A FLEXI-FACILITY VARIES FROM USD 6,700 TO USD 13,000. ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR LICENSE RENEWAL WILL BE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME.

COMPANY IN A FREE ZONE CAN:

- 1) CONDUCT BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN THE UAE AND OUTSIDE OF THE UAE;
- 2) WORK WITH CLIENTS AND COMPANIES FROM OTHER FREE ZONES AND WITH LOCAL COMPANIES IF YOU ARE PROVIDING VIRTUAL SERVICES FROM YOUR OFFICE (SUCH AS, CONSULTING, WEB-SITES AND APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT, ONLINE MARKETING, BRANDING SERVICES ETC.);
- 3) EMPLOY STAFF, APPLY FOR THEIR RESIDENT VISAS AND RENT AN OFFICE SPACE;
- 4) OBTAIN UAE TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE.

COMPANY IN A FREE ZONE CAN NOT:

1) RENT AN OFFICE OUTSIDE OF THE FREE ZONE IT IS REGISTERED IN; OFFICE SHALL BE IN THE SAME FREE ZONE WHERE THE COMPANY IS REGISTERED;

2)- PROVIDE SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE FREE ZONE TO CLIENTS BY VISITING THEIR OFFICES OUTSIDE OF THE FREE ZONE (E.G. FIT-OUT WORKS (AS YOU NEED TO VISIT CLIENT'S PROPERTY OUTSIDE OF THE FREE ZONE), INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT, DELIVERY SERVICES ETC.);

CONDUCT TRADING ACTIVITY AND DISTRIBUTE GOODS OUTSIDE OF THE FREE ZONE WHERE COMPANY IS REGISTERED (TRADE CAN BE CONDUCTED ONLY INSIDE OF FREE ZONE, WHERE COMPANY IS REGISTERED);

4) PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT TENDERS.

LOCAL COMPANY IS A UAE-RESIDENT-COMPANY WHICH IS REGISTERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A UAE CITIZEN AND THE LATTER OWNS 51% OF SUCH COMPANY.

Местная компания (LOCAL COMPANY) – это компания-резидент ОАЭ, которая регистрируется в обязательном партнерстве с гражданином ОАЭ, где последнему принадлежит 51% компании.

SUCH REGISTRATION OPTION IS ASSOCIATED WITH HIGHER COSTS. REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL RENEWAL EXPENSES INCLUDING ANNUAL OFFICE RENT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY USD 30,000 PER ANNUM. THE REASON FOR THAT IS THAT LOCAL COMPANIES DO NOT HAVE AN OPTION TO RENT A FLEXI-DESK WHICH COSTS 2, 3 OR 4 TIMES LESS THAN STANDARD OFFICE RENT (COST OF FLEXI-DESK RENT IS USUALLY BETWEEN USD 5,000 AND USD 7,000 AND INCLUDES A DESK IN A BUSINESS CENTER THAT CAN BE USED UP TO 15 – 20 HOURS PER MONTH). LOCAL COMPANY DOES NOT HAVE THIS FLEXI-DESK OPTION, AS SUCH, ONE NEEDS TO RENT A SMALL OFFICE WHICH WILL COST ANYWHERE AROUND USD 16,500 PER ANNUM.

A LOCAL COMPANY IN A FREE ZONE CAN:

DO EVERYTHING IN LINE WITH ITS LICENSE (INCLUDING RENT OF AN OFFICE IN ANY PART OF THE CITY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT TENDERS);

A LOCAL COMPANY CAN NOT:

DOES NOT APPLY.

IN CASE FUTURE COMPANY WILL BE USED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS ACTIVITY, INFORMATION THAT COMES NEXT SHALL BE PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO.

“ 7 REASONS WHY COMPANY REGISTRATION IN EMIRATES NEXT TO DUBAI IS MORE BENEFICIAL

1) COST OF COMPANY REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL IN DUBAI IS MUCH HIGHER THAN REGISTRATION OF IDENTICAL COMPANY WITH SAME BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN A DIFFERENT EMIRATE (E.G. RAS AL KHAIMAH, UM AL QUWAIN, AJMAN, SHARJAH),

2) COMPANIES REGISTERED IN DUBAI ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS, WHAT INCREASES OPERATIONAL EXPENSES SINCE AN AUDITING FIRM SHALL BE HIRED AND ITS SERVICES SHALL BE PAID FOR,

3) IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL DUBAI COMPANIES TO PROVIDE THEIR STAFF WITH MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE,

4) ALL DUBAI COMPANIES AT THE TIME OF THEIR FORMATION SHALL DEPOSIT SHARE CAPITAL INTO COMPANY'S BANK ACCOUNT (MIN AED 50,000 / USD 13,700) AND PROVIDE PROOF THAT FUNDS WERE DEPOSITED (ONCE COMPANY FORMATION PROCESS IS COMPLETED, SHAREHOLDERS MAY DISPOSE OF FUNDS AS THEY DEEM NECESSARY). IN MANY FREE ZONES OUTSIDE DUBAI NO SHARE CAPITAL DEPOSITING IS REQUIRED,

5) IT USUALLY TAKES BETWEEN 2 AND 4 WEEKS TO INCORPORATE A COMPANY IN DUBAI, WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE TO REGISTER AN IDENTICAL COMPANY IN A NEIGHBORING EMIRATE IN 1 TO 3 DAYS,

6) DUBAI COMPANY REGISTRATION REQUIRES PERSONAL PRESENCE OF SHAREHOLDERS FOR CORPORATE DOCUMENTS EXECUTION, WHILE IN EMIRATES NEXT TO DUBAI IT IS POSSIBLE TO PERFORM COMPANY FORMATION WITHOUT SHAREHOLDER'S PRESENCE IF LATTER HAS UAE ENTRY STAMP IN HIS / HER PASSPORT (EVEN IF THE LAST VISIT TO THE UAE WAS 2 YEARS AGO),

7) COST OF A NUMBER OF LICENSES IN DUBAI IS HIGHER (SOMETIMES 2-3 TIMES) THAN SAME TYPES OF LICENSES IN OTHER EMIRATES.

IN CASE UAE COMPANY IS REGISTERED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF UAE TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE, WE RECOMMEND TO OPT FOR FREE ZONES IN EMIRATES OF UM AL QUWAIN (UM AL QUWAIN FREE ZONE) AND RAS AL KHAIMAH (RAKIA), AS THIS WILL ALLOW TO MINIMIZE YOUR EXPENSES. MENTIONED FREE ZONES ARE LOCATED 1.5 HOURS DRIVE FROM DUBAI. AS OF TODAY, RAKIA OFFERS THE MOST AFFORDABLE LICENSING OPTIONS FOR INVESTORS IN THE WHOLE UAE.

AS SUCH, BY REGISTERING A COMPANY IN ONE OF TWO MENTIONED FREE ZONES, IT IS POSSIBLE TO SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE EXPENSES DUE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. LOWER REGISTRATION FEES;
2. ABSENCE OF A REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT ANNUAL AUDIT REPORTS;
3. ABSENCE OF A REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEES WITH MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE (HEALTH CARD IS SUFFICIENT);
4. SHARE CAPITAL DEPOSITING INTO COMPANY'S BANK ACCOUNT IS NOT A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT.

WE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT BY FORMING A COMPANY IN UM AL QUWAIN FREE ZONE OR IN A FREE ZONE IN RAS AL KHAIMAH, YOU ARE NOT RESTRICTING YOURSELF. THIS COMPANY WILL BE ALLOWED TO ACT AS A SHAREHOLDER IN OTHER COMPANIES IN THE UAE. IN ADDITION, THE BANK ACCOUNT FOR SUCH COMPANY CAN BE OPENED IN A DUBAI BRANCH OF THE BANK. IT IS NOT MANDATORY TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT IN THE EMIRATE WHERE YOUR LICENSE IS ISSUED.

TO SET UP A BUSINESS IN UAE A LOCAL ADDRESS IS REQUIRED. TO PUT IN DIFFERENT WORDS, WHEN INCORPORATING A COMPANY, IT IS NECESSARY TO RENT A FLEXI-DESK/OFFICE SPACE/ WAREHOUSE OR OTHER COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO USE A FLEXI-DESK FACILITY, IT IS A MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A LICENSE FOR YOUR BUSINESS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

AFTER A COMPANY IN DUBAI OR OTHER EMIRATE IS SET UP, BUSINESS OWNERS/SHAREHOLDERS MAY APPLY FOR UAE RESIDENT VISA, AND IN A YEAR THEY QUALIFY FOR A UAE TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE.

UAE BUSINESS SET-UP COSTS

RAKIA FREE ZONE (ALLOWS TO APPLY FOR 1 RESIDENT VISA)

AED 27,070 – USD 7,420 (1ST YEAR EXPENSES)

AED 22,000 – USD 6,030 (NEXT YEARS EXPENSES)

Um AL QUWAIN FREE ZONE (ALLOWS TO APPLY FOR 2 RESIDENT VISAS)

AED 30,500 – USD 8,360 (1ST YEAR EXPENSES)

AED 25,500 – USD 6,990 (NEXT YEARS EXPENSES)

ABOVE MENTIONED LICENSE FEES OF FREE ZONES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF LICENSE (SERVICE, COMMERCIAL, GENERAL TRADING ETC.) COMPANY MAY TAKE AND DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF RESIDENT VISAS REQUIRED BY THIS COMPANY.

Part V

UAE RESIDENT VISA

IT IS IMPORTANT TO MENTION THAT ALL ABOVEMENTIONED FEES RELATED TO BUSINESS SET-UP IN THE UAE DO NOT INCLUDE EXPENSES FOR RESIDENT VISAS. WHILE COMPANY'S LICENSE IS ISSUED BY LICENSING AUTHORITY WHICH IS THE FREE ZONE WHERE THE COMPANY IS FORMED, RESIDENT VISAS ARE ISSUED BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITY OF THE RELEVANT EMIRATE. THIS IS THE REASON WHY THERE IS A COMMON PRACTICE TO MENTION RELEVANT COMPANY REGISTRATION COSTS AND VISA EXPENSES SEPARATELY.

MOST OF THE TIME UAE RESIDENT VISAS ARE ISSUED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS. SOMETIMES IT CAN ALSO BE FOR 2 YEARS ONLY.

RESIDENT VISA IN UM AL QUWAIN IS A THREE-YEAR RESIDENT VISA THAT CAN BE FURTHER RENEWED FOR OTHER 3 YEARS UPON EXPIRY. TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS OF UAE RESIDENT ONE NEEDS TO COME TO THE EMIRATES AT LEAST ONE TIME EVERY HALF A YEAR.

EXPENSES FOR ONE (1) RESIDENT VISA WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

AED 10,720 / USD 2,940 (ONE-TIME EXPENSES FOR THREE (3) YEARS).

THE FULL PROCESS OF RESIDENT VISA ISSUANCE TAKES APPROXIMATELY 1 MONTH, HOWEVER, THE BIGGEST PART OF WORK IS CONDUCTED WITHOUT SHAREHOLDER'S PRESENCE IN THE UAE. SHAREHOLDER/BUSINESS OWNER ARRIVES IN DUBAI AND SHALL STAY IN THE COUNTRY FOR 10 TO 12 DAYS TO ATTEND MEDICAL FITNESS CENTER AND EMIRATES IDENTITY AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO COMPLETE VISA STAMPING PROCESS.

OUR ASSISTANCE WITH UAE RESIDENT VISA INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) PREPARATION OF ALL RELEVANT RESIDENT VISA APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT TO IMMIGRATION AUTHORITY AND TO RECEIVE ENTRY PERMIT (A DOCUMENT ALLOWING TO ENTER THE COUNTRY WHICH IS USUALLY ISSUED 10-14 DAYS AFTER APPLICATION DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED). SUBMISSION REQUIRES A TRIP TO UM AL QUWAIN EMIRATE WHICH IS OVER 1.5 HOURS DRIVE FROM DUBAI;
- 2) COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL ENTRY PERMIT FROM UM AL QUWAIN EMIRATE AND DELIVERY TO DUBAI AIRPORT. THE PROCESS TAKES 1-2 DAYS;
- 3) ACCOMPANIMENT BY CAR TO AL BARAHA HOSPITAL AND EMIRATES ID AUTHORITY IN DUBAI TO DO MEDICAL TEST AND SUBMIT BIOMETRICS. 1DAY;
- 4) TRIP TO AL BARAHA HOSPITAL TO COLLECT MEDICAL RESULTS; AFTER 2 DAYS;
- 5) PREPARE ALL DOCUMENTS FOR VISA STAMPING. TRIP TO UM AL QUWAIN EMIRATE TO DELIVER ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND TO SUBMIT THEM FOR PROCESSING. IT USUALLY TAKES 7-10 DAYS FOR VISA TO BE STAMPED IN THE PASSPORT;
- 6) FINAL TRIP TO UM AL QUWAIN EMIRATE TO COLLECT PASSPORT WITH STAMPED VISA; 1 DAY;
- 7) TRIP TO POST OFFICE TO COLLECT EMIRATES ID.

Part VI

COMPANY BANK ACCOUNT OPENING IN THE UAE.

PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT OPENING IN THE UAE.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO MENTION NEXT INFORMATION WHEN DISCUSSING BANK ACCOUNT OPENING IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:

BANKS WE WORK WITH

UAE IS HOME TO A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL BANKS AS WELL AS TO A GREAT VARIETY OF LOCAL BANKS.

LOCAL BANKS SERVE DIFFERENT NEEDS AND HAVE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO MINIMUM BALANCE AND OTHER ASPECTS.

IN CASES WHERE YOU HAVE A BIG TURNOVER, YOU MAY CONSIDER BANKING WITH THE BIGGEST BANKS IN THE UAE, WHICH ARE EMIRATES NBD, NATIONAL BANK OF ABU DHABI (NBAD) AND MASHREQ BANK.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING INTO OPTIONS WHERE THE MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENT IS MORE FLEXIBLE AND YOU ARE ALSO OPENING ACCOUNT FOR YOUR COMPANY REGISTERED IN THE EMIRATE DIFFERENT FROM DUBAI, ADIB AND NOOR BANK MAY BE THE BEST OPTIONS.

BOTH BANKS PROVIDE ACCOUNT MANAGER, ISSUE DEBIT CARD, HAVE ONLINE BANKING FACILITIES THAT ALLOW TO MANAGE YOUR BANK ACCOUNT FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. IMPORTANT IS THAT THESE BANKS DO NOT REQUIRE YOU TO MAINTAIN SUCH BIG BALANCES, AS, LET'S SAY, BIG LOCAL BANKS. YOU NEED TO KEEP THE MINIMUM BALANCE AT AED 20,000, BUT YOU WILL STILL ENJOY ALL THE BANKING BENEFITS WE LISTED ABOVE.

MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENT AND ACCOUNT FEES

AS OF NOW THE MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENTS OF NOOR BANK AND ADIB ARE AED 20,000 (USD 5,970) AND AED 25,000 (USD 6,850) RESPECTIVELY. SAME BANKS ARE ALSO OFFERING OTHER PLANS WHERE YOU WILL NEED TO MAINTAIN HIGHER BALANCE BUT IN RETURN YOU WILL ENJOY ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.

IN MOST CASES BANKS IN UAE DO NOT CHARGE MAINTENANCE FEES, INSTEAD THERE ARE SERVICE CHARGES FOR ONLINE BANKING USAGE WHICH ARE AED 500 (USD 137) ANNUALLY FOR NOOR BANK AND AED 240 (OR USD 66) MONTHLY FOR ADIB.

TIMEFRAME FOR CORPORATE BANK ACCOUNT OPENING

AT PRESENT IT TAKES 2 TO 3 WEEKS TO OPEN A CORPORATE BANK ACCOUNT IN THE UAE AND TO RECEIVE DEBIT CARD, ONLINE BANKING TOKEN AND FURTHER BANKING ITEMS. THIS TIMEFRAME IS APPLICABLE TO ALL BANKS IN UAE.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR BANK ACCOUNT OPENING

THE LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CORPORATE BANK ACCOUNT OPENING INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. ORIGINAL PASSPORT,
2. COPY OF UAE ENTRY STAMP IN THE PASSPORT / RESIDENT VISA;
3. CV OF COMPANY'S OWNER/SHAREHOLDER;
4. COMPANY PROFILE;
5. ORIGINAL REFERENCE LETTER FROM THE BANK WHERE SHAREHOLDER HOLDS ACCOUNT. THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE OF A CERTAIN FORMAT (THE DRAFT WE PROVIDE);
6. ORIGINAL BANK STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDER FOR THE LAST 6 MONTHS;
7. COMPANY'S CORPORATE DOCUMENTS.

DOCUMENTS UNDER POINTS 5 AND 6 MUST BE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH BY A TRANSLATION AGENCY AND BEAR ORIGINAL COMPANY STAMP OF THIS TRANSLATION AGENCY.

WHAT DOCUMENTS BANKS REQUEST TO CLARIFY THE NATURE OF TRANSACTIONS?

IN GENERAL, BANKS DO NOT REQUEST DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING TRANSACTIONS, UNLESS THERE ARE AMOUNTS USD 300,000 AND OVER. IN CASE OF ENQUIRIES FROM THE BANK, INVOICES AND AGREEMENTS SERVE AS SUFFICIENT PROOF FOR SUCH TRANSACTIONS.

COOPERATION WITH COMPANIES FROM WHICH COUNTRIES MAY RAISE QUESTIONS?

BANKS IN UAE DO NOT TOLERATE TRANSFERS FROM AND TO COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN CONFLICTS. IN ADDITION, CURRENTLY BANKS DO NOT SERVE IRAN REGION AND CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO MENTION THAT BANKS ARE OBLIGED TO REPORT ANY US APPLICANTS.

OUR ASSISTANCE WITH CORPORATE BANK ACCOUNT

OUR FEE FOR ASSISTANCE WITH BANK ACCOUNT OPENING IS AED 5,000 (USD 1,370).

THIS INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING SCOPE OF WORK:

- 1) CHOICE OF BANK BASED ON CLIENT'S REQUIREMENTS AND BUSINESS NEEDS;
- 2) DRAFT OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING COMPANY PROFILE, AND PROVIDING DRAFTS FOR FURTHER EXECUTION;
- 3) PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF CLIENT'S DOCUMENTS AT A MEETING WITH BANK'S REPRESENTATIVE;
- 4) ACCOMPANIMENT BY CAR TO THE BANK AND ASSISTANCE WITH A WHOLE ARRAY OF ASPECTS AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING WITH BANK'S REPRESENTATIVE;
- 5) OBTAINING DEBIT CARD AND ARRANGING FOR ONLINE BANKING ACTIVATION.

PERSONAL ACCOUNT OPENING

PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT OPENING USUALLY TAKES 5 TO 7 DAYS. OUR FEE FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT OPENING IS AED 3,000 (USD 820).



“ UAE TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE AND TAX RESIDENCY

UAE TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR 1 YEAR ONLY AND CAN BE OBTAINED EITHER BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR BY A CORPORATE ENTITY. PART OF THE PROCESS WHEN APPLYING FOR THE CERTIFICATE IS TO SUBMIT A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS. WE ASSIST WITH PREPARATION OF ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FROM INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT:

- PASSPORT COPY,
- APPLICATION,
- BANK STATEMENT FOR THE LAST 6 MONTHS,
- CERTIFICATE CONFIRMING SOURCE OF FUNDS (ATTESTED),
- CERTIFICATE FROM THE SPONSOR REGARDING THE INDIVIDUAL AND HIS/HER SOURCE OF FUNDS,
- ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE TAKES 1 MONTH.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FROM A CORPORATE ENTITY (COMPANY SHALL BE OPERATIONAL FOR 1 YEAR OR MORE IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR TAX RESIDENCY CERTIFICATE)

- TRADE LICENSE,
- LEASE AGREEMENT,
- PASSPORT AND RESIDENT VISA COPY OF COMPANY'S MANAGER;
- COMPANY'S APPLICATION,
- BANK STATEMENT FOR THE LAST 6 MONTHS FROM COMPANY'S BANK ACCOUNT,
- AUDIT REPORT OF THE COMPANY,
- ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE TAKES 1 MONTH.

OUR FEES FOR ASSISTANCE WITH TAX DOMICILE CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE ARE AED 6,500 OR USD 1,780. FEE IS INCLUSIVE OF RELEVANT GOVERNMENT CHARGES.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE ATTESTATION CHARGES FOR THE CERTIFICATE. THE FEE WILL DEPEND ON THE JURISDICTION WHERE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE PRESENTED.

STEPS	TIME REQUIRED	EXPENSES, USD
COMPANY REGISTRATION IN UAQ FZ*	10 – 12 DAYS	8 360 \$
RESIDENT VISA*	20 – 35 DAYS	2 940 \$
CORPORATE BANK AC- COUNT OPENING	2 – 3 WEEKS	1 370 \$
PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT OPENING	5 – 7 DAYS	820 \$
TAX RESIDENCY CERTIFI- CATE ISSUANCE (FOR INDIVIDUAL)	1 MONTH	2 055 \$
TOTAL:		15 545 \$

* FREE ZONE REGISTRATION AND VISA CHARGES MAY VARY AND BE HIGHER OR LOWER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE TABLE. FINAL FEE DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF RESIDENT VISAS REQUIRED BY THE COMPANY AND THE FREE ZONE WHERE COMPANY IS FORMED. ABOVE CALCULATIONS ARE INCLUDED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE IN CONNECTION WITH BUSINESS SET-UP IN UM AL QUWAIN FREE ZONE.

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