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Newsletter for members of the Russell Bedford International network

Wrapping up a fantastic 2018!



Welcome to our new member in Tbilisi



It is a pleasure to announce Akhvlediani as our latest member in Tbilisi, Georgia. Based in the Georgian capital city of Tbilisi, Akhvlediani, which operates through two legal entities, Akhvlediani Audit Consulting and Akhvlediani Business Consulting, covers tax compliance and consulting, audit, accounting and bookkeeping, management consulting and legal services.

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2018 Conference season closes in Boston

Following a whirlwind year which saw our members gather together in Houston, Berlin, Munich, Ho Chi Minh City, New York, Dubai and Malaga, Russell Bedford's 2018 conference season drew to a close at this year's North American Managing Partners Meeting in Boston, USA.

Held at the office of Russell Bedford's Boston member firm, RBF, on 6-7 December 2018, the meeting's focus was on the network's growth strategy for North America. [Read more...](#)



Managers & Young Partners Meeting 2018: Málaga



The 2018 Managers & Young Partners Meeting was held in the commercial centre of Málaga, Spain from 30 November – 1 December 2018.

Those who arrived on the first night were treated to an office tour of Russell Bedford local firm, Idea Asesores, followed by an informal meal and drinks, which helped reacquaint colleagues who

had met previously, while facilitating networking for those new to the event. [Read more...](#)

Middle East & Africa Regional Meeting 2018: Dubai

The 2018 Middle East & Africa Regional Meeting was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 15-16 November 2018.

Director of Russell Bedford (Dubai) Limited and partner of Russell Bedford's London member Lubbock Fine, Naresh Shah, opened the meeting with a welcome address and introduction.

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Studio Corno celebrates its 70th anniversary



Russell Bedford's Milan member, Studio Corno, celebrated its 70th anniversary with a spectacular event at the magnificent 19th Century Villa Antona Traversi in Meda, Italy on Tuesday, 4 December 2018.

Clients, partners, employees and associates of Studio Corno congregated at the unique venue, which was once a monastery, near Milan, in celebration of this enormous milestone for the firm. [Read more...](#)

Global Accounting Update

A round-up of updates and commentary on new standards, regulations and ethical issues

[Four Elements for Building Capacity of a Future-Ready Professional Accountancy Organization \(PAO\)](#)

Here IFAC's PAO Development Committee discuss the future-ready PAO and what this means for capacity building. The report is based on their discussion and conclusions regarding the importance of PAOs considering new elements to their existing capacity building and strategic initiatives at their recent committee meeting in New York in October.

[Signs on the Road to Change for Accountants in Business in a Digital Age](#)

Larry White, Executive Director, Resource Consumption Accounting Institute discusses the components that accountants need to consider to ensure the new, expanded, and more robust image and skill set of professional accountants in business.

[The Practice of Tomorrow—How to Remain Relevant](#)

Russell Bedford Guest Speaker and Head of SME/SMP and Research, IFAC, Chris Arnold, discusses what SMPs need to consider to remain relevant. Here Chris delves into the topic of changing business models to include or expand business advisory and consulting services.

Forthcoming conferences:

European Managing Partners Meeting 2019

The Russell Bedford European Managing Partners Meeting will be held in March 2019, in Birmingham, UK. Please refer to the events page on the [intranet](#) for further conference information.

Latin America Meeting 2019

The Russell Bedford Latin America Meeting 2019 will be held Bogotá, Colombia on 16 March 2019. Please refer to the events page on the [intranet](#) for further conference information.

International Tax and EMEA Conference 2019

The 2019 International Tax and EMEA Conference will be held on 17-19 May 2019 at Hôtel Aston La Scala in Nice, France. Please refer to the events page on the [intranet](#) for further conference information.

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Russell Bedford - key facts and figures 2018:

- **More than 35 years of global service**
- **Top 20 global accounting network**
- **Approaching USD 500 million global fee income**
- **700 partners and over 6,000 staff**
- **Some 300 offices in almost 100 countries**



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