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Russell Bedford Reports Another Year of Strong Growth Against Global Networks

GLOBAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

TOP 20 GLOBAL ACCOUNTING NETWORK



Russell Bedford International continues to be recognised as a leading global accounting network, **ranking within the Top 20 globally.**

We have judged our position against those networks that are truly global, defined as having a presence in at least 50 countries, recognised by the Forum of Firms as maintaining an approved Annual Quality Review process, and generating revenues from fully integrated member firms. This places Russell Bedford International as the **16th largest network worldwide.**

Key highlights from our 2025 Global Performance Review include:

- Global fee income surpassing US\$1.01 billion, reflecting sustained growth across the network
- 10% revenue growth in 2025, four times the average growth across Top 20 networks*
- Ranked 6th for fastest revenue growth*
- Ranked 15th by number of country locations*
- Ranked 16th globally by fee income*

Explore our [INFOGRAPHIC](#) for more highlights of another year of strong growth and continued progress across Russell Bedford.

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Just Released: Business World April 2026



Russell Bedford International is pleased to release the April 2026 edition of Business World. Business World delivers the latest views and analysis written by specialists from across the Russell Bedford network.

This edition includes articles on:

- Doing Business in the Netherlands
- The Era of Tariffs: Remaining Nimble as a US Importer and Exporter
- Qatar's Economic Reorientation: A New Strategic Horizon for International Business
- The EU Pay Transparency Directive: Beyond Compliance and Into Culture
- Pillar Two: Global Minimum Tax
- India: Understanding the New Labour Codes

Read the full edition [here](#).

Al-Dulaijan Professional Consultancy joins Russell Bedford International in Saudi Arabia



Russell Bedford International is pleased to welcome **Al-Dulaijan Professional Consultancy**, based in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia, as the newest member of its global network.

Established in 2022, Al-Dulaijan Professional Consultancy is an independent professional services firm providing a comprehensive range of services including:

- Audit and assurance
- Financial consulting
- Valuation and transaction support
- Accounting services
- Bankruptcy, financial restructuring, and merger and acquisition services

The firm's team comprises highly qualified professionals including Chartered Accountants, ACCA members, and Certified Public Accountants. With strong technical expertise and in-depth knowledge of Saudi regulatory frameworks, local compliance requirements, and IFRS for SMEs reporting standards, the firm supports clients across a wide range of industries with reliable, value-driven advice.

“We are delighted to welcome Al-Dulaijan Professional Consultancy to the Russell Bedford network,” said **Stephen Hamlet, CEO of Russell Bedford International**. “The firm brings strong expertise in audit and advisory services and a deep understanding of the Saudi market. Their addition further strengthens our presence in the Kingdom and supports our continued development across the Middle East.”

Abdulrahman Abdullah Al-Dulaijan, founder of Al-Dulaijan Professional Consultancy, commented: “Joining Russell Bedford International is an important step for our firm. As businesses in Saudi Arabia increasingly operate across borders, access to a global network of experienced professionals will allow us to better support our clients’ international ambitions.”

World Earth Day 2026: Global perspectives on a shared challenge



On World Earth Day 2026, one theme is becoming increasingly clear across global markets: sustainability is no longer a future ambition, but a present-day business imperative.

Around the world, environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations are moving beyond high-level commitments into regulation, data, and day-to-day decision-making. While the pace and priorities differ by region, the direction of travel is consistent.

Contributors from across the Russell Bedford network share their perspectives on how ESG is evolving in their markets, and what this means for businesses navigating a more complex and accountable global landscape.

Spain: Environmental risk as economic risk

From a European perspective, environmental risk is increasingly being recognised as economic risk.

Natural systems, beyond their impact on ecosystems, are essential to economic activity, underpinning supply chains, infrastructure, and productivity, but have increasingly become a source of systemic risk.

According to the World Economic Forum, climate-related disasters have already caused more than \$3.6 trillion in economic damage since 2000. Furthermore, climate inaction could reduce global GDP by between 16% and 22% by the end of the century, while exposing companies to significant financial losses. In this context, environmental risk is clearly an economic risk for both businesses and society, directly translating into lower growth, increased inequality, and greater global instability.

In response, we are observing different strategies among the world’s major powers, ranging from mitigation and adaptation to, in some cases, inaction. In the European Union, climate ambition remains high, aligned with the European Green Deal and supported by a regulatory and financial framework designed to facilitate the transition towards a more sustainable and competitive economy.

European companies are increasingly positioning sustainability as a driver of competitiveness and value creation, strengthening low-impact energy autonomy and reducing the vulnerability of their value chains.

Nando Agustí

Sustainability & Impact Director, Russell Bedford GNL, S.L.

Australia: ESG becomes a data and risk discipline

Australia has crossed a threshold in sustainability reporting. From 2025, large companies are required to disclose climate-related risks and opportunities under new mandatory accounting standards, with the obligation expanding to mid-sized businesses over the following two years.

For many organisations, this shift has exposed a gap between aspiration and infrastructure. Businesses that treated ESG as a communications exercise are now discovering it is fundamentally a data problem.

Recent disruptions to global energy supply have opened up a public debate: does energy security demand more domestic fossil fuel production, or does it accelerate the case for renewables?

For ESG practitioners, energy security and decarbonisation are no longer separate conversations, and transition plans that ignore supply resilience will face increasing scrutiny from regulators, investors, and boards.

Nick Scott

Partner, RB Risk Consulting Pty Ltd

Malaysia: From ambition to execution

Across Southeast Asia, ESG is shifting from broad ambition to practical execution. In markets like Malaysia, sustainability is no longer just reputational but increasingly tied to market access, financing, and participation in global supply chains.

Most businesses are prioritising environmental areas such as energy use, emissions, and operational efficiency, alongside governance improvements in risk management and board oversight. In contrast, social factors including labour standards, workforce wellbeing, and supply chain conditions remain less developed, despite their significant operational and reputational implications.

Many organisations have made progress by establishing sustainability reporting and building initial ESG frameworks. The next phase is strengthening data systems, clarifying internal ownership, and embedding ESG into core business decisions.

For international companies, local context is crucial, as ESG maturity varies widely across markets and requires flexible, tailored approaches. Over the next one to two years, expect tighter regulation, stronger data assurance, and deeper supply chain oversight to accelerate progress.

Teoh Wuey Sze

Partner, Russell Bedford Malaysia

Morocco: ESG moves to mandatory frameworks

In Morocco, the ESG landscape has shifted from voluntary "marketing-led" CSR to a mandatory, audit-ready framework. The AMMC has set 2026 as a pivotal year to finalise the National Green Taxonomy and enforce stricter non-financial reporting for listed companies.

Driven by national strategies and global mechanisms such as CBAM, sustainability is now a legal requirement and a "green passport" for international trade. Businesses are prioritising the digital transformation of ESG data and supply chain decarbonisation to remain competitive.

However, many firms still overestimate ESG's branding value while underestimating the complexity of the governance pillar and the financial risks of inaction. International entities must also navigate local operational requirements, including labour code compliance and data protection laws.

Ultimately, sustainability is no longer a separate department; it is a data-driven financial discipline essential for long-term viability in a decarbonising global economy.

Soumia Benali

Manager, EL MAGUIRI & ASSOCIES

Mexico: From commitment to compliance

In Mexico, sustainability has gone from being a voluntary issue to one of compliance, driven by new regulatory provisions.

The Sustainability Information Standards, NIS A-1 and B-1, have been in effect since 2025, requiring the reporting of basic environmental, social, and governance indicators. For listed companies, the CNBV has incorporated requirements aligned with IFRS S1 and S2, with a strong focus on governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics.

In addition, Mexico's General Circular Economy Law, enacted in January 2026, reinforces the need for companies to improve waste management and take greater responsibility for the life cycle of their products.

These changes are already being felt, with more companies receiving requests for data and evidence on environmental and social performance. Sustainability is also increasingly seen as a driver of competitiveness, helping to attract investors, reduce costs, and meet the expectations of new generations.

Saúl García

Partner, Russell Bedford Mexico

Across the globe, one message is clear: sustainability is no longer a standalone initiative, but a core business discipline.

As ESG continues to evolve from principle to practice, organisations that embed it into strategy, operations, and decision-making will be best placed to navigate risk, unlock opportunity, and create long-term value.

Russell Bedford International Celebrates Silver Success for Sapphire Elite Cheer Squad



Sapphire Elite's 'Spellbound' squad achieves outstanding silver at the UCA All Star National Championship 2026

As part of taking you further day 2025, Russell Bedford International was proud to support local UK cheerleading club Sapphire Elite's 'Spellbound' Cheer Squad as they prepared to compete at the UCA All Star National Championship in Florida, USA in March 2026.

We are now delighted to share that the team has achieved an incredible silver medal on the world stage.

Competing against top international teams, Sapphire Elite delivered two exceptional performances across the competition, achieving "hit zero" routines on both days, a remarkable accomplishment that reflects flawless execution with no deductions.

Their consistency, precision and energy earned them an outstanding final score of 94.5667, making them the highest scoring UK club at the championship. They narrowly missed out on the gold medal by just 0.1 points to the Canadian national champions, highlighting just how competitive the field was at this level.

Cheerleading continues to be one of the fastest-growing sports globally, combining gymnastics, acrobatics, jumps and dance into high-energy routines that demand skill, teamwork and resilience. These are values that strongly resonate with Russell Bedford's global community.

The daughter of Russell Bedford central office colleague, Gemma Benson, who has been a committed member of the club since 2016, was part of the team representing Sapphire Elite in Florida.

We are incredibly proud to have supported a team that embodies excellence, determination and teamwork at the highest level. Their achievement reflects years of dedication from athletes, coaches and their wider support network.

Congratulations to Sapphire Elite on this outstanding result, and for representing the UK with such distinction on the international stage.

Russell Bedford Poland - Ranking of Tax Consulting Firms

Russell Bedford Poland were pleased to rank **11th** in terms of revenue in 2025 in the category of companies employing between 21 and 50 advisors, and **3rd** amongst the largest tax advisory firms in terms of the number of substantive employees in Poland.

This award is a confirmation of their commitment to the quality of the services provided. Congratulations!

Read more [here](#).

DGP XX Ranking Firm i Doradców Podatkowych SUCCESS

Największe firmy doradztwa podatkowego w 2025 r. pod względem przychodów

MIEJSCE	Nazwa Firmy	Przychód netto z doradztwa podatkowego w 2025 r.	Liczba kadrowa
Kategoria: 21-50 doradców podatkowych			
1	Deloitte	429 244 000 zł	124
2	Deloitte Tax Advisory Services (Deloitte Advisory)	429 244 000 zł	124
3	PwC	208 000 000 zł	109
4	BNP	120 000 000 zł	100
Kategoria: powyżej 50 doradców podatkowych			
1	Deloitte	1 000 000 000 zł	124
2	PwC	800 000 000 zł	109
3	BNP	400 000 000 zł	100
Kategoria: 11-20 doradców podatkowych			
1	Russell Bedford	10 000 000 zł	11
2	Ernst & Young	8 000 000 zł	10
3	Grant Thornton	7 000 000 zł	9
4	Deloitte Tax Advisory Services (Deloitte Advisory)	6 000 000 zł	8
5	Ernst & Young	5 000 000 zł	7
6	Grant Thornton	4 000 000 zł	6
7	Deloitte Tax Advisory Services (Deloitte Advisory)	3 000 000 zł	5
8	Ernst & Young	2 000 000 zł	4
9	Grant Thornton	1 000 000 zł	3
10	Deloitte Tax Advisory Services (Deloitte Advisory)	1 000 000 zł	3
11	Russell Bedford	1 000 000 zł	3

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taking you further

Webinar Recordings

If you were unable to attend our live webinars, recordings are available on our [Events Page](#) by scrolling down to 'Past Events'. Each recording includes a short summary to give you a quick overview before watching.

For easy access to our most recent webinar recordings, see below:

Copilot – Solving Excel Dilemmas

Journal entry testing

The 3Ps That Make or Break a Remote Team

Forthcoming conferences

For further details about upcoming Russell Bedford conferences and to register, please visit the [Events](#) page on the intranet.



EMEA with International Tax Conference

The 2026 Russell Bedford International EMEA with International Tax Conference will be held from 5 - 7 June in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Registration closes on Monday 4 May. Please visit our members [Events Page](#) for more details.



Asia-Pacific Conference

The 2026 Asia-Pacific Conference will be held in Bali, Indonesia from 16 - 18 July. Registration is now open. Please visit our members [Events Page](#) for more details.

Russell Bedford - key facts and figures

- **More than 40 years** of global service
- **Top 20** global accounting network
- **Over US\$1 billion** global fee income
- **Over 1000 partners** and **11,000 staff**
- **Almost 400 offices** in more than **100 countries**

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