

# Network News

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## EMEA with International Tax Conference 2026

Russell Bedford International recently welcomed members from across Europe, the Middle East, Africa and beyond to Amsterdam for the 2026 EMEA with International Tax Conference, bringing together firm leaders and specialists to explore the challenges and opportunities shaping the future of the profession.



CEO Stephen Hamlet and Chair Daniel Ryba welcomed delegates to Amsterdam, before host firms Boon, Stolp+KAB and Van der Meer kicked off the conference with an energetic introduction to the city while sporting iconic Dutch orange jackets, setting the tone for a collaborative and engaging event.



Stephen then shared an update on the continued growth and development of the network, celebrating a landmark year of growth across every region, surpassing USD \$1 billion in global fee income and the network's recent shortlisting for Network of the Year, while highlighting the opportunities created through international collaboration and the collective strength of Russell Bedford's global community.



A recurring theme throughout the conference was how firms can adapt and thrive in an increasingly complex business environment. Behavioural scientist and leadership expert Ben Tiggelaar explored the psychology of change, providing practical strategies to help firms navigate transformation, build resilience and successfully implement new initiatives within their teams where there may be a reluctance to embrace change.



Tax developments also remained firmly in the spotlight, with Jeremy Mindell examining the evolving global tax landscape and the challenges likely to shape the years ahead.

On day two, attention turned to the future of the profession. Steve Cox of Concentric International challenged delegates to consider how data, technology and changing client expectations are reshaping accountancy and advisory services, while workshops covered topics including EU e-invoicing, innovation and R&D opportunities, audit developments, and the tax implications of permanent establishments.



The conference concluded with a session on succession planning led by Stephen Banks and Deanna Salo, encouraging delegates to think strategically about leadership transition, future growth and securing their firms' long-term legacy.

Reflecting on the event, Stephen commented:

*"What stood out most in Amsterdam was the strength of the relationships that underpin our network. In a profession increasingly shaped by technology and virtual communication, there remains no substitute for face-to-face conversations. The conference provided an opportunity not only to discuss the issues shaping our profession, but also to strengthen existing relationships and build new connections. I believe delegates returned home with fresh perspectives, renewed relationships and a stronger sense of belonging to a network that continues to grow and evolve."*



Alongside the conference programme, delegates enjoyed a range of networking activities, including a visit to the Heineken Experience, an evening dinner in one of Amsterdam's historic bistros, and a dinner cruise along the city's iconic waterfront.



Russell Bedford International extends its thanks to sponsor Platforma365 for supporting this important opportunity for learning, collaboration and knowledge sharing across the network.

Conference presentations and additional photographs from the event are available to members via the [intranet](#).

## Russell Bedford shortlisted for Network of the Year



We are delighted to announce that Russell Bedford International has been shortlisted for Network of the Year at the International Accounting Awards 2026.

The Network of the Year category recognises international accounting networks that have demonstrated strong business performance, global growth, brand development and excellence in delivering audit, tax and advisory services across multiple jurisdictions.

The shortlist follows a landmark period for Russell Bedford, which recently surpassed US\$1 billion in global fee income and achieved growth across every region of its worldwide network.

Stephen Hamlet, CEO of Russell Bedford International, said:

"We are delighted to be recognised as a finalist for Network of the Year. This shortlisting is a reflection of the strength of our network, the quality of our member firms, and the collaborative spirit that connects us across more than 100 countries.

The growth we have achieved together over the past year has been extremely encouraging, and I am proud of the momentum we are seeing across every region. It is a testament to our people and their unwavering commitment to delivering excellence for clients around the world."

We are proud to be recognised alongside other leading organisations in the profession and look forward to the awards ceremony in London on 25 June 2026.

Thank you to all our member firms and colleagues around the world whose dedication, collaboration and expertise continue to drive the success of our network.

## Sponsorship of the Gonet Geneva Open



Our congratulations to Russell Bedford Fiduciaire Genève on extending its sponsorship of the Gonet Geneva Open through to 2030. The sponsorship provides valuable international visibility for the Russell Bedford brand and is a fantastic example of a member firm investing in and strengthening our global network profile.

Read CEO Stephen Hamlet's [blog](#) for his reflections on why the partnership is such a natural fit.

## Live Webinar Translations Now Available



Russell Bedford live webinars now offer translated captions in over 30 languages, making learning and professional development opportunities more accessible across our global network. In addition, webinar recordings provided in partnership with 2020 Innovation are now available with Spanish captions.

Colleagues can access translated captions during live webinars via Zoom's built-in translation feature, while recorded sessions are available on the [Events page](#) of the intranet.

## T-Tech AI Academy Programme



We are delighted to announce the launch of a new Russell Bedford AI Academy Programme, delivered in partnership with T-Tech to empower members with AI knowledge to drive transformation within your firms.

Designed specifically for accounting and professional services firms, this AI Mastery Programme is intended to support practical implementation of AI tools such as Microsoft Copilot, to help embed them into day-to-day working in a practical, secure and effective way.

Read more and register [here](#).

## Partnerships benefits now easily accessible

### PARTNERSHIPS

At Russell Bedford International, we are committed to helping our member firms remain competitive in a rapidly changing professional environment.

Through our carefully selected network of exclusive partners, members can access specialist expertise, innovative solutions and preferential rates across a range of services, from technology and talent to compliance, training and business intelligence. Together, these partnerships are designed to help firms navigate change, unlock new opportunities and support long-term growth.

#### ESG Academy



Developed exclusively for Russell Bedford firms, Diginex's Sustainable Business Accelerator Academy helps teams build the skills, confidence and practical knowledge needed to navigate the evolving ESG landscape. Designed for professionals with little or no prior ESG experience, the programme combines practical training with business-focused guidance, helping firms understand emerging ESG trends, respond to changing client needs and identify new service opportunities. Through your membership of Russell Bedford International, you can access the programme at a preferential rate.

To find out more, click [here](#).

#### People Resources



GCO  
Partners

Short of talent? Looking to increase capacity but unable to resource locally? GCO Partners can provide you with managed teams that integrate directly into your workflows. Our Talent-as-a-Service model replaces reactive hiring with structured, scalable delivery capacity, taking externalisation to new heights. Through your membership of Russell Bedford International you are entitled to a 10% discount, year after year.

To find out more, click [here](#).

#### Data Insights



IBISWorld provides structured, analyst-backed data and insights on thousands of industries so you can power your AI tools, build smarter dashboards and research with confidence. Through your Russell Bedford International membership, you're entitled to two additional months free on a 12-month license.

To find out more, click [here](#).

In addition to our AI Academy run in collaboration with T-Tech, members can now access a growing range of exclusive benefits and discounts through the new [Partnerships page](#), aimed at supporting members navigating today's constantly evolving accounting profession. Visit the page to discover the latest resources, expertise and opportunities available to your firm.

## Tax Centre of Excellence: International Double Taxation Webinar



Thank you to everyone who attended our recent webinars on International Double Taxation. We were delighted to welcome more than 400 participants from around the globe and would like to thank all those who helped promote the sessions, as well as our speakers from the Tax Centre of Excellence for sharing their expertise:

- Marissa Bennett (Australia)
- Nizam Shajani (Canada)
- Roberto Cruz (Mexico)
- Ana Carolina Franco Solo (Dominican Republic)
- Soumia Benali (Morocco)
- Eduardo Dias (Brazil)
- Graham Caddock (UK)
- Steve Horn (USA)

The recordings and slides are available to view under the [Events page](#) on the Intranet.

## New Social Media Toolkit

Whether your firm is just getting started or looking to take its social media activity to the next level, our new Social Media Toolkit provides practical guidance, best practice tips and ready-to-use resources to support firms at every stage of their social media journey.

Explore the toolkit [here](#).



## Russell Bedford at the Forum of Firms



Earlier this month, our Director of Professional Standards, Helen Bimbassis, joined PwC Middle East at the New York Forum of Firms to discuss the challenges facing the GCC accounting profession amid ongoing geopolitical and regulatory change.

The session highlighted the important role networks play in helping small and mid-sized firms navigate an increasingly complex environment, while providing a valuable opportunity to showcase the strength and credibility of the Russell Bedford network on a global stage.

## Remembering Harris Kligman

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Harris Kligman, former Tax Partner at KRP LLP and a long-standing member of the Russell Bedford community.

Harris served on the Russell Bedford International Board of Directors as one of North America's representatives from 2010 and was a regular contributor to our International Tax Conferences, where he shared his expertise and helped strengthen connections across the network.

We extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues at KRP LLP.



## Russell Bedford España welcomes new Partners



Russell Bedford España strengthens its presence in Madrid with the incorporation of new Partners Jorge Fernández Casamayor and Alfonso Manzano Salazar. Joining from the Big 4 accounting networks, Jorge and Alfonso bring extensive experience to the firm. Read more [here](#).

## Addition of Reynosa office to Russell Bedford Mexico



We are proud to announce the continued expansion of Russell Bedford Mexico with the addition of a new office in Reynosa, led by managing partner Donaciano Martinez. This step further strengthens our presence in the region and reflects their commitment to sustained growth.

See more [here](#).

## New Legal Division for Russell Bedford Fiduciaire Genève

Russell Bedford Fiduciaire Genève has diversified its service offering with the launch of a new legal division, strengthening its ability to provide clients with integrated fiduciary, tax and legal support. The division will be led by Olivier Rivoire who will oversee its development and provide external legal support, further enhancing the firm's multidisciplinary expertise for both local and international clients.



## 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:

**The Importance of Brand – Unlock Your Practice Potential**

**ISQM: Audit Quality Indicators**

**Managing Others – Stop Being Nice, Start Being Kind**

## Forthcoming conferences

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



### Asia-Pacific Conference

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



### 43rd Annual Global Conference

The 2026 Russell Bedford International 43rd Annual Global Conference will be held from 21 - 25 October in Los Angeles, USA. 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 over **11,000 staff**
- **Almost 400 offices** in more than **100 countries**

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