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NOUV joins Russell Bedford International in Malta



Russell Bedford International is pleased to welcome NOUV, a Malta-based firm, as the newest member of the global network.

Founded in 2008 by Mark-Anthony Aquilina, NOUV has established itself as one of Malta's most dynamic and forward-thinking professional services firms.

With a strong emphasis on innovation, strategic insight, and client-centric delivery, NOUV offers a comprehensive range of services across its integrated business lines:

- Advisory (strategic, financial, operational, technology, risk, and sustainability),
- Assurance and Tax, along with business support services for both private and corporate clients.
- Academy that offers a diverse range of accredited and non-accredited training programmes.

The firm operates out of its headquarters in Żebbuġ with a multicultural team of more than 70 professionals from 10 countries, reflecting the diversity and ambition that closely align with Russell Bedford's global ethos.

Stephen Hamlet, CEO of Russell Bedford International, commented:

"We are delighted to welcome NOUV to the international network. NOUV's impressive trajectory, broad expertise, and progressive mindset make them a standout addition to our global community. As we continue to strengthen our presence across the EMEA region, NOUV brings added depth, innovation, and energy to our network."

Mark-Anthony Aquilina, Founder and Senior Managing Partner of NOUV, commented:

"Joining Russell Bedford International is an exciting step forward for NOUV. It connects us with a global community of like-minded professionals, provides our team with access to international expertise, and enables us to offer our clients broader, deeper, and more forward-thinking solutions. This isn't just about scale; it's about strengthening our ability to deliver lasting value wherever our clients do business."

CORVUS joins Russell Bedford International in Latvia



We are pleased to welcome CORVUS as the global network's member firm in Riga, Latvia.

Founded in 2005, CORVUS has earned a strong reputation for helping businesses improve their operations and grow, offering highquality, multidisciplinary solutions.

The firm offers a wide range of services including legal support, auditing, accounting, and capital raising.

With over 150 clients, including more than 50 audit clients, CORVUS continues to grow its presence in the Baltic region with plans to expand across Europe and beyond through the Russell Bedford network.

"We are delighted to welcome CORVUS to the international network," said Stephen Hamlet, CEO of Russell Bedford International. "We are impressed by their growth ambitions and commitment to delivering top-quality expertise in Latvia, the wider Baltic States, and beyond."

Kirils Kondratovs, Head of Audit Practice at CORVUS, added: "Joining Russell Bedford International significantly strengthens our capacity to support clients in cross-border transactions and offer coordinated, high-quality solutions around the world."

International Tax & EMEA Conference 2025



The Russell Bedford International Tax & EMEA Conference 2025 was a huge success, held at the Kempinski Hotel in Budapest, Hungary. Watch the event overview video <u>here</u>.

Before the main event, Russell Bedford International CEO Stephen Hamlet, Chair Daniel Ryba, and Associate Director of Network Engagement Kathryn Davis met with our host firm, ICT Európa, following their Partners' Meeting. This visit was a great opportunity to catch up on the latest developments and discuss plans for the days ahead.



Day one of the conference began with registrations and warm opening remarks from Stephen Hamlet and Daniel Ryba, followed by a welcome address from our host firm, ICT Európa and introductions to the newest firms of our global network.



The programme continued with sessions led by expert speakers, covering the latest developments in international tax and exploring the role of foresight psychology in business. These were followed by panel discussions on strategic priorities for success, how to future-proof your firm, and the challenges and opportunities of leading in the age of Al.



In the evening, delegates enjoyed a dinner cruise along the Danube River – complete with entertainment and stunning views of the Budapest skyline.



Day two opened with sessions focused on business development, followed by workshops exploring practical strategies for growth and a case study exploring tax considerations for cross-border businesses. Delegates also took part in a session on unlocking company core values and discussions on navigating tax reliefs for succession planning.



Later in the day, we turned our attention to the transformative role of AI in business and an insightful discussion on the evolving future of ESG and modern solutions for today's new challenges.



To close the conference, delegates gathered for a memorable evening at the Halászbástya Restaurant, located inside Budapest's iconic Fisherman's Bastion where they enjoyed dinner and drinks and the stunning views of the Danube River.



"This year's International Tax & EMEA Conference has been a great success – a fantastic opportunity for our firms to come together again to gain insights on the latest in international tax, form successful strategies for business development and enhance their offerings with renewed deliberation whilst embracing the latest innovations in AI and looking to the future of ESG." - Stephen Hamlet, CEO of Russell Bedford International.



Presentations and more photos from the event are available on the members' intranet here.

Thank you to all our delegates, speakers and partners including <u>Diginex</u> and Fintua for making this conference such a success and see you next time.

Game, Set & Match in Geneva

Russell Bedford Fiduciaire Genève SA was proud to once again sponsor the ATP Geneva Tennis Open 2025.



Taking place from 17-24 May 2025 at the Tennis Club de Genève in Switzerland, this year's tournament welcomed top players including Novak Djokovic, Taylor Fritz, Tomas Machac and Karen Khachanov.



The event ended with a historic win as Novak Djokovic claimed his 100th career ATP Tour singles title, defeating Hubert Hurkacz in the final.



Ahead of the tournament, Stephen Hamlet, CEO of Russell Bedford International, and Kathryn Davis, Associate Director of Network Engagement, visited Russell Bedford Fiduciaire Genève SA at their Geneva offices. The visit was a great opportunity to connect with the team, hear about their future plans, and share in the excitement of the tournament.



Russell Bedford Fiduciaire Genève SA offers a wide range of financial and business services delivered by a team of multilingual professionals. Known for their commitment to combining technical expertise with a human approach, they provide swift, independent and tailored solutions to meet the needs of both individuals and businesses.



"It's been another fantastic year at the ATP Geneva Tennis Open," said Stephen Hamlet. "Our thanks go to Nabil Jean Sab, Chairman of Russell Bedford Fiduciaire Genève SA, for once again hosting such a memorable event and representing the Russell Bedford brand with excellence."



For more information about the tournament and Russell Bedford's sponsorship, visit <u>Geneva Open</u> and <u>Russell Bedford</u> <u>Fiduciaire Genève SA</u>.

Strengthening Your Quality Management Systems



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We are committed to supporting our member firms in strengthening their quality management systems and ensuring full compliance with regulatory and jurisdictional requirements. To achieve this, we have modernised our engagement inspection process to align with ISQM standards and meet the increasingly stringent expectations of regulators.

Look out for our webinars on Professional Standards and Quality led by Helen Bimbassis, Russell Bedford International Director of Professional Standards.

Access our resources on Professional Standards and Quality <u>here</u> and a recording of the Q&A session on the Quality Improvement Framework <u>here</u>.

Forum of Firms Regional Audit Quality Event



A Forum of Firms Regional Audit Quality Event was held on 12 May in Lima, Peru. This event brought together stakeholders to discuss how to strengthen audit quality and assurance practices across Latin America and the Caribbean.

In attendance were some of the team from Russell Bedford Peru including Janet Llerena, Luis Acosta and Adolfo Cunyas.

Read more <u>here</u>.

From the French Baguette to the Canadian Maple Syrup: A Winning Bet!



Our Paris member firm, Saint-Honoré Partenaires, recently carried out an interview with one of their senior associates following her exciting move from Paris to Montreal. This international transfer was part of her career plan to gain global experience with an overseas firm, and it was made possible thanks to the support of the Russell Bedford International network, along with Emmanuel Dupeux at Saint Honoré Partenaires and Marcel Bergeron at FBL in Canada.

This inspiring story highlights the real career opportunities available through our global network and is a great reminder to all member firms: if your team members are eager for international experience, the Russell Bedford network is a great way to make it happen.

Read more here.

Be Global and UNSTOPPABLE at Global Chamber



CHAMBER

The Global Chamber® platform empowers leaders to grow their business and impact across regions and borders through intentional, warm and targeted connections made across 525+ cities in 195 countries - everywhere. As a member of Russell Bedford, you have the opportunity to gain free access to benefits.

Contact Cesar Trabanco or visit their website here.

Lubbock Fine: Accountancy Firm of the Year



The Global Chamber® platform empowers leaders to grow their business and impact across regions and borders through intentional, warm and targeted connections made across 525+ metros in 195 countries - everywhere. As a member of Russell Bedford, you have the opportunity to gain free access to benefits.

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Congratulations Daniel Intile



We congratulate Daniel Intile, founding partner at Russell Bedford Argentina, for being presented with the "Golden Anniversary" award by the Professional Council of Economic Sciences of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, in honour of his 50 years of professional service.

Read more here.

HMW Group raises over \$2000 for Cancer Council in Australia

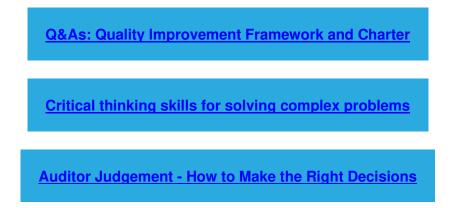


Our member firm HMW Group in Australia raised over \$2,000 to support the work of the Cancer Council. They hosted a 'Biggest Morning Tea' and a raffle to raise funds for vital cancer research, support services, and prevention programmes. Read more here.

Webinar Recordings

Thank you to those who attended our recent webinars. We hope you found them useful.

For members who were unable to attend, please see links below to access the recordings for our most recent webinars.



A reminder that all our historic webinar recordings are available on our **Events page** by scrolling down to "Past Events."

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 2025 Russell Bedford Asia-Pacific Conference will be held from 17 - 19 July in Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines. Registration has now closed. Please visit our members <u>Events Page</u> on the intranet for details.

42nd Annual Global Conference

The Russell Bedford International 42nd Annual Global Conference will be held from 22 - 26 October in Madrid, Spain. Registration is now open. Please visit our members <u>Events Page</u> on the intranet for details.

Russell Bedford - key facts and figures

- More than 40 years of global service
- Top 20 global accounting network
- USD 900 million global fee income
- Some 1000 partners and over 10,000 staff
- Almost 400 offices in more than 100 countries

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