

**“UHY STRENGTHENS PRESENCE IN ASIA-PACIFIC”
New member firm in Afghanistan joins the UHY network**

We welcome, Ahmed Hassan Naeem Chartered Accountants, our new member firm in Afghanistan, to the global accountancy network UHY, extending our coverage within the Asia-Pacific region.

Ahmed Hassan Naeem Chartered Accountants, with a team of 33 staff including 4 partners, is based in the capital city of Kabul and was established with the support of the UHY's member firm in Pakistan, UHY Hassan Naeem & Co. The partners bring extensive experience in audit, accounting, tax, and management consultancy combined with an inspiration to nurture talent and create a quality hub to cater for the ever increasing demands of their existing client portfolio and the wider business community in the region, including Iran and Tajikistan.

Managing partner, Waqas Ahmed of Ahmed Hassan Naeem Chartered Accountants says: “We are based in an economy with a huge potential for future growth and this combined with the reputable UHY brand, regional knowledge and global resources will give our firm a competitive edge in Afghanistan and the wider region.”

Bernard Fay, chairman of UHY comments: “We are delighted to welcome Ahmed Hassan Naeem Chartered Accountants to the UHY network. The mineral rich Afghanistan is strategically located as a trade route between Central and South Asia. The firm's membership extends our footprint in the Asia-Pacific region and strengthens UHY's regional market expertise and capabilities to support clients' needs and opportunities.”

The firm is in the process of adopting the UHY branding and will be known as UHY Ahmed Hassan Naeem, Chartered Accountants.

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