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**“UHY STRENGTHENS PRESENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST”
New member firm in Kuwait joins the UHY network**

We welcome Pillars Advisory, our new member firm in Kuwait, to the global accountancy network UHY, strengthening our representation in the Middle East. The firm has adopted the UHY branding and will be known as UHY Pillars with UHY Pillars Advisory as the full member firm and UHY Pillars Audit as its affiliate.

Pillars Advisory has both local and international clients across many sectors in over 20 countries with the top five sectors being real estate, non-profit, retail, services and contracting. The firm initially offered consultancy and accountancy reviews services but now also offers assurance services.

Managing partner Wael Arafa comments “Being part of the UHY global network underpins our commitment to deliver quality services and enhances the services and advice we can offer our clients. The global presence of the network combined with the expertise and knowledge shared among UHY’s 8,200 colleagues around the world strengthens our own market position, locally and internationally and will be of great value to our current and potential clients and their operations.”

Dennis Petri, chairman of UHY comments: “We are delighted to welcome Pillars Advisory and its affiliate firm Pillars Audit to the UHY network. The addition to our network of the two firms extends our coverage and capabilities in the Middle East. Kuwait has huge reserves of natural resources, a strategic location in the Persian Gulf and is part of the implementation of Gulf Gateway projects.”

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