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# AURIFER GCC TAX CERTIFICATE



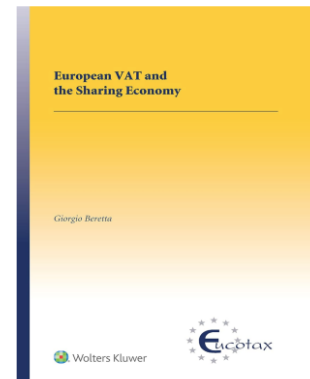
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# ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- **First** (and still **ONLY**) **executive tax programme** in **GCC** (launched 2022)
- Special focus on **UAE & GCC taxation**
- Covers **direct & indirect taxes**: Corporate Tax, VAT, Excise, Customs
- **NEW: Pillar Two** and **Specialisation Tracks**
- Developed with **tax professionals & academics**



# GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Start Date:** 2 October 2025
- **End Date:** 27 November 2025
- **Exam Period Start:** mid-December
- **Exam Period End:** mid-January
- **Graduation Ceremony:** mid-April
- **Duration:** 16 days / 48 hours
- **Format:** Blended (Online & On-Campus)
- **Location:** MDX Knowledge Park

# FORMAT, SCHEDULE & LOGISTICS

- **Intensive training:** October – November 2025
- **Keynote Conference (Dr Leopoldo Parada & Courses Presentation):** 2 October 2025
- **Schedule:** 16 teaching days, evenings 6:30–9:30 PM (Tue/Thu)
- **Location:** MDX Dubai Campus + Online live-stream
- **Pre-class materials provided:** no class recordings!



# TARGET AUDIENCE & ELIGIBILITY

## ■ Target Audience:

- Tax professionals (consulting, in-house)
- Government fiscal/tax officials
- Professionals building GCC tax expertise

## ■ Eligibility:

- Degree in Law, Accounting or Business + English
- OR 1–4 years proven tax experience



# ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

## ■ Recognised Education:

- Accredited by DIFC Academy
- Continuous Professional Development (CPD) requirements for the FTA's Tax Agents

## ■ Alumni Network:

- Programme has reached the 4<sup>th</sup> edition
- 100+ graduates from the programme

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# FACULTY AND LECTURERS

- **Co-chairs:** Thomas Vanhee (Aurifer), Dr Pallavi Kishore (MDX)
- **Lecturers:** Halil Erdem, David Russell, Giorgio Beretta, Nirav Rajput, Toshin Bishoi, Nishi Agrawal, Ahmet Celiktas, Umar Tariq, Jona Belmans, Thais Cunha, Rami Alhadhrami



# COURSES OVERVIEW

- **8 Compulsory Modules:**

1. UAE Corporate Tax
2. Pillar Two in the GCC
3. GCC Customs and Excises
4. GCC VAT
5. KSA Domestic Tax System

6. Kuwait Domestic Tax System

7. International Tax

8. Transfer Pricing in the GCC

- **2 Specialisation Tracks:**

1. Taxation of Financial Services

2. Private Wealth Tax Planning

# TEACHING SCHEDULE (I)

|   | Class Date              | Course                | Lecturer(s)     | Company / Profile           |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 0 | 2 October,<br>Thursday  | Keynote Conference    | Leopoldo Parada | All Lecturers               |
| 1 | 7 October,<br>Tuesday   | UAE Corporate Tax     | Nirav Rajput    | Aurifer                     |
| 2 | 9 October,<br>Thursday  | UAE Corporate Tax     | Nirav Rajput    | Aurifer                     |
| 3 | 14 October,<br>Tuesday  | UAE Corporate Tax     | Nirav Rajput    | Aurifer                     |
| 4 | 16 October,<br>Thursday | Pillar Two in the GCC | Mahek Jain      | Manager at a Big 4 in Dubai |

## TEACHING SCHEDULE (II)

|   | Class Date              | Course                    | Lecturer(s)                      | Company / Profile                                        |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 | 21 October,<br>Tuesday  | GCC Customs and<br>Excise | Thais Cunha /<br>Jonas Belmans   | Deloitte Middle East                                     |
| 6 | 23 October,<br>Thursday | GCC Customs and<br>Excise | Thais Cunha /<br>Jonas Belmans   | Deloitte Middle East                                     |
| 7 | 28 October,<br>Tuesday  | GCC VAT                   | Giorgio Beretta /<br>Halil Erdem | University of Amsterdam / VP<br>of Tax, Int'l Bank Dubai |
| 8 | 30 October,<br>Thursday | GCC VAT                   | Giorgio Beretta /<br>Halil Erdem | University of Amsterdam / VP<br>of Tax, Int'l Bank Dubai |

## TEACHING SCHEDULE (III)

|    | Class Date               | Course                        | Lecturer(s)                      | Company / Profile                  |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 9  | 4 November,<br>Tuesday   | KSA Domestic Tax<br>System    | Mohammad Umar<br>Tariq           | Public Investment Fund             |
| 10 | 6 November,<br>Thursday  | Kuwait Domestic Tax<br>System | Rami Alhadhrami                  | BDO Kuwait                         |
| 11 | 11 November,<br>Tuesday  | International Tax             | Thomas Vanhee /<br>David Russell | Aurifer / Outer Temple<br>Chambers |
| 12 | 13 November,<br>Thursday | International Tax             | Thomas Vanhee /<br>David Russell | Aurifer / Outer Temple<br>Chambers |

## TEACHING SCHEDULE (IV)

|    | Class Date               | Course                            | Lecturer(s)                        | Company / Profile                    |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 13 | 18 November,<br>Tuesday  | Transfer Pricing in<br>the GCC    | Ahmet Celiktas                     | PwC Middle East                      |
| 14 | 20 November,<br>Thursday | Transfer Pricing in<br>the GCC    | Ahmet Celiktas                     | PwC Middle East                      |
| 15 | 25 November,<br>Tuesday  | Taxation of Financial<br>Services | Tulan Lakhani /<br>Toshin Bishoi   | First Abu Dhabi Bank / Aurifer       |
| 16 | 27 November,<br>Thursday | Private Wealth Tax<br>Planning    | Nishi Agrawal /<br>Giorgio Beretta | Aurifer / University of<br>Amsterdam |

# EXAM, CREDITS & CERTIFICATES

- Each module ends with an **exam/exit test** (MCQs and/or case studies)
- **Credits** based on **module hours**
- Example: Corporate Tax = 9 hours = 9 credits
- **MDX will provide students with certificates for attendance** of full programme or single courses



# FEES AND REGISTRATION

- **Full programme:** AED 12,000
- **Single modules:** AED 300 per teaching hour
- **Discounts:** MDX students, alumni, corporate groups
- **Registration via MDX Dubai website:**  
<https://www.mdx.ac.ae/aurifer-gcc-tax-course>



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# MORE INFORMATION

- Check the Aurifer GCC Tax Certificate website:  
<https://www.mdx.ac.ae/aurifer-gcc-tax-course#aurifermain>
- More information on the programme FAQs at:  
<https://www.mdx.ac.ae/aurifer-gcc-tax-course/faq>
- Register here: <https://www.mdx.ac.ae/app-portal>
- Contact emails: [info@aurifer.tax](mailto:info@aurifer.tax)



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