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IFRSs Services



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The growing need for IFRSs expertise

Over 100 countries now use International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), a number that is set to rise to around 150 countries over the next five years. A thorough knowledge of IFRSs is therefore now essential for internationally active growing businesses.

International expansion plans may lead to cross-border acquisitions or joint ventures abroad. They may also involve raising international debt finance, developing relationships with private equity houses or raising capital from the equity markets, whether at home or abroad. Such transactions are increasingly likely to call for a detailed understanding of IFRSs.

IFRS Centre of Excellence

To help meet the IFRSs needs of clients, RSM International has established the RSM IFRS Centre of Excellence and its member firms have developed a range of IFRSs services available to clients in all the main regions of the world.

At the heart of the RSM IFRS Centre of Excellence are IFRS Champions who are from member firms around the globe. They meet to discuss leading-edge developments on IFRSs and to share experiences arising from their IFRSs work. This close working relationship facilitates speedy communication on cross-border IFRSs assignments.

The RSM IFRS Centre of Excellence is led by a leadership group which is responsible for developing and recommending service line delivery and procedures that respond to the needs of our members' clients.

We share your values

The member firms in the RSM International network are widely recognised as providers of choice for internationally active growing companies. Our member firms have earned this position by meeting – and exceeding – expectations when they work with clients.

RSM member firms have strong roots in, and deep knowledge of, their local markets but are also outward-looking with the ability to help businesses maximise opportunities in fast-growing international markets while successfully managing the risks of international expansion. As companies grow internationally, they need to have advisors that are committed to working closely with them, can respond promptly and can provide tailored solutions that address unique needs.

About RSM International

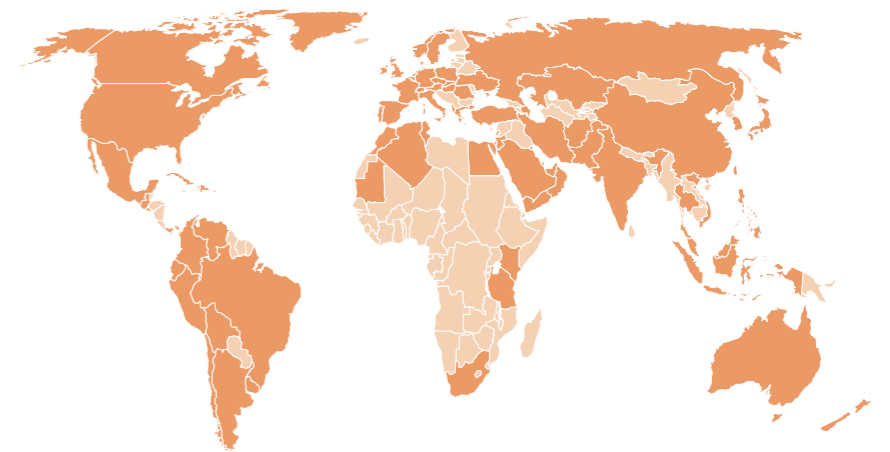
RSM International is a global network of independently owned and managed professional service firms, united by a common desire to provide the highest quality of services to their clients.

We exist to make a positive difference to clients' futures. High standards, common work ethic and clear focus make our members valuable partners for a varied client base worldwide.

Global presence

RSM International spans the globe, with more than 700 member and correspondent firm offices, in 80 countries worldwide and more than 32,000 people on hand to serve clients.

We have member firms in North and South America, across Europe, in Africa and the Middle East and throughout the Asia Pacific region. For a full list of member firms visit www.rsmi.com.



RSM coverage shown in bold

IFRSs Services

Our member firms will work in partnership with clients to address the impact of IFRSs developments on their business. They bring knowledge of local markets, an understanding of the business issues to be addressed when expanding internationally and excellence in the application of IFRSs.

IFRSs conversion services

The conversion from national GAAP to IFRSs is much more than just an accounting exercise. It is a complex project that involves the whole of the organisation in different ways.

RSM professionals can help in designing a tailor-made conversion project. They will manage it from the planning phase, assist on its full implementation and continue to be involved until the post-implementation review is complete. Such services include readiness assessment, assistance with changes to reporting systems, training activities, etc.

Due diligence in an IFRSs environment

RSM member firms' transaction support experts can help clients to take account of all the IFRSs requirements relating to business combinations and provide a meaningful insight to the post-combination impact under IFRSs, from both an accounting and a broader business perspective.

Purchase price allocation process

The requirements of IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* focus significantly on the phase of an acquisition known as the purchase price allocation process. The standard requires that entities identify and determine the fair value of intangible assets as well as estimating the fair value of onerous contracts and contingent liabilities acquired.

The support of professional valuers will often be needed in order to comply with the requirements of the standard.

Audit of IFRSs financial statements

Our member firms' audit teams have significant experience in providing high quality assurance services in relation to the audit of financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRSs. They can review interim financial statements and audit those for the full year, group reporting packages for parent consolidation purposes and special purpose financial statements prepared in connection with certain capital market transactions.

Audits are conducted by applying a risk-based audit methodology that is in compliance with International Standards on Auditing. It places particular emphasis on the planning phase in order to identify at an early stage the expertise required to carry out necessary audit procedures.

Reconciliations between IFRSs and US GAAP

RSM McGladrey, together with McGladrey & Pullen LLP, are ranked number five based on size in the United States. They provide audit and advisory services to clients of RSM member firms who are foreign registrants and clients who are subsidiaries of companies required to prepare US GAAP or IFRSs financial statements.

McGladrey & Pullen's participation (along with the other large US accounting firms and representatives from the SEC) in the International Practices Task Force provides the clients of RSM International member firms with useful insight on the application of US GAAP and IFRSs by global companies.

Embedding IFRSs into everyday business

RSM member firms continue to offer support after the first-time adoption of IFRSs. The in-depth knowledge of our professionals of key areas and implications of IFRSs can be drawn upon to meet specific needs, whatever stage of the transition process has been reached. Our member firms address the challenges of IFRSs through solutions tailored for each business. As new standards and interpretations arise, our member firms address the implications early and provide guidance on the effect to businesses.

Share-based payments

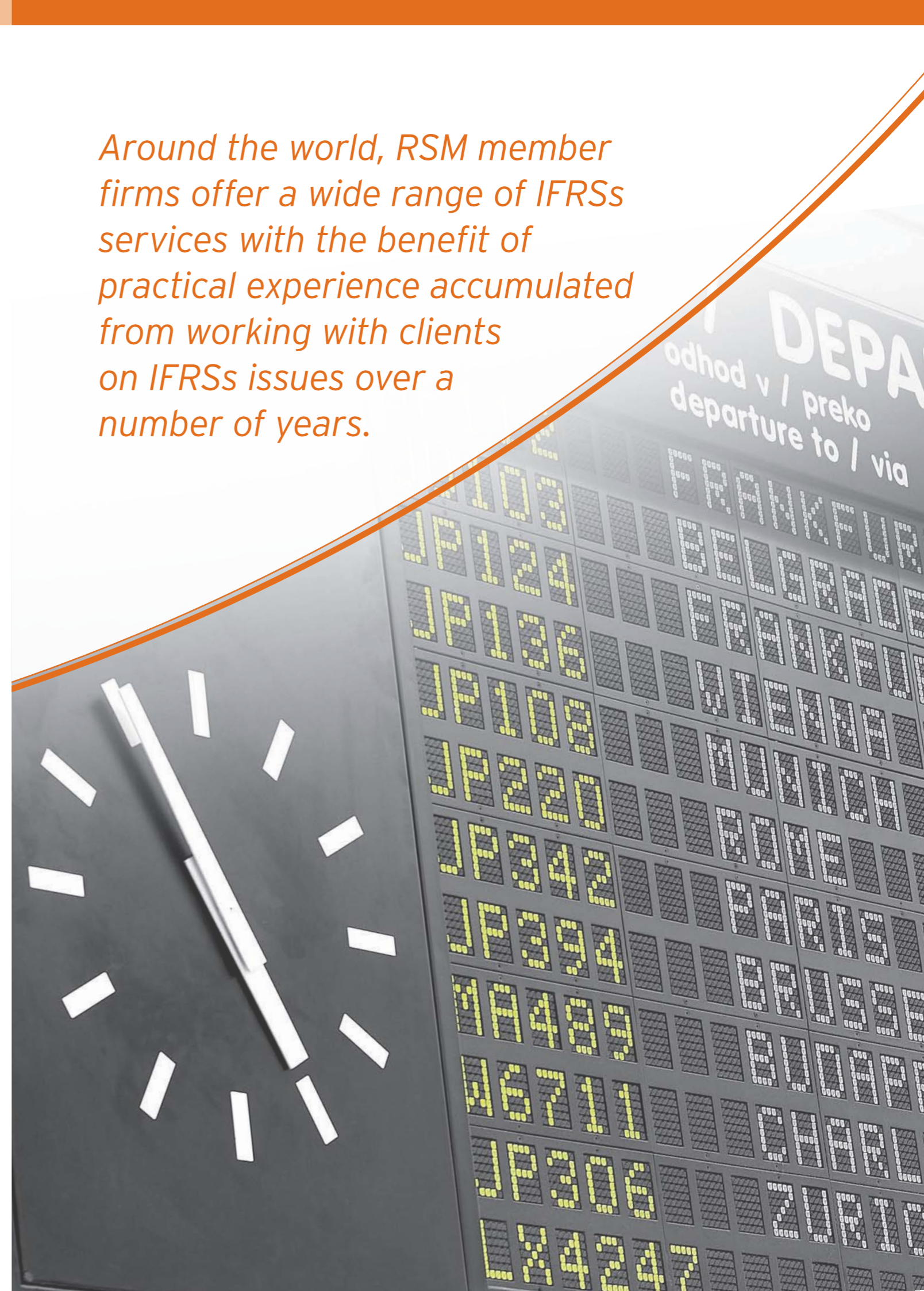
IFRS 2 *Share-based Payment* requires the determination of the cost of providing incentives through share-based payment transactions, including those related to granting share options to employees. Our member firms can help in the application of valuation methodologies in order to arrive at a reliable estimate of the cost.

IFRSs training and technical assistance

Implementing IFRSs can result in complex technical issues arising. Our member firms can organise and deliver specially tailored training programmes to ensure your team maintains a clear understanding of the business implications of each standard.

Clients benefit from access to a range of experts who combine accounting and other relevant expertise (e.g. business valuations and financial instruments) in order to provide specialist assistance or training where needed.

Around the world, RSM member firms offer a wide range of IFRSs services with the benefit of practical experience accumulated from working with clients on IFRSs issues over a number of years.



Overview of RSM member firms' IFRSs services

Europe

Belgium

RSM Belgium is a top ten registered audit firm in Belgium and is the statutory auditor of several international and publicly listed companies, as well as family and management owned businesses that prepare their financial statements in accordance with IFRSs. RSM Belgium is experienced in audits of IFRSs consolidations and group reporting, with partners who have experience in several industries such as the chemical, diamond trade and polishing industry. RSM Belgium's accounting, tax and consulting departments are also experienced with IFRSs.

RSM Belgium has specific experience in providing IFRSs advisory services to real estate companies and assisting with the first-time implementation of IFRSs to companies in the airway and automotive industries, amongst others.

France

RSM France provides audit services for listed and non-listed entities in the banking, engineering, food and catering, manufacturing, pharmaceutical, real estate, retail and other sectors. For some of these entities, RSM France has also provided IFRSs conversion and consultation services.

RSM France has developed and delivered significant training programmes for large multinational companies based in France in order to increase the IFRSs knowledge of staff at various levels in the organisation.

Germany

RSM Germany and its network of firms are auditors for some 15 publicly listed companies who prepare their financial statements under IFRSs, some of which are among the top 160 listed companies (DAX family), and for numerous family owned non-listed clients. In addition, RSM Germany audit the IFRSs reporting packages of a large number of affiliates of IFRSs adopters who are headquartered outside Germany.

RSM Germany has conducted several conversion projects to IFRSs. These projects comprise the consideration of the EDP environment, training workshops, the preparation of IFRSs accounting manuals and the evaluation of accounting options. Moreover, RSM Germany assisted companies in connection with acquisitions - often after a due diligence process - to account for the resultant business combination under IFRSs including the required valuation services for tangible and intangible assets in accordance with IFRS 3.

Italy

RSM Italy has a proven track record of successfully providing IFRSs related services to its clients and particularly assisting them in converting from local GAAP to IFRSs. The partners of RSM Italy have significant experience in providing IFRSs services to clients as part of IPO projects on the Borsa Italiana (the Milan-based Italian stock exchange) and on the London stock exchanges (LSE and AIM).

The main services provided include assistance in the preparation of IFRSs financial statements, audit of IFRSs financial statements, technical

accounting advice on complex IFRSs issues, IAS 39 and financial instruments related accounting advice, purchase price allocation services in connection with business combination transactions, valuation and impairment test assessments, as well as advice regarding reconciliation analysis between IFRSs, Italian GAAP and US GAAP.

Russia

RSM Top Audit is one of the leading accountancy firms in Russia and is particularly active in the energy sector and in providing IFRSs services to not-for-profit organisations in connection with World Bank projects. RSM Top Audit is the founder, along with government and business organisations, of the Academy of International Accounting with the aim of providing comprehensive training and consultancy services related to the adoption of IFRSs.

RSM Top Audit has been providing audit and consulting services to a large number of listed and non-listed entities operating, for example, in the medical equipment, telecommunications and energy sectors.

Spain

RSM Gassó Auditores provides IFRSs services to listed and private clients in different industries including manufacturing, construction, real estate and healthcare. RSM Gassó Auditores is regularly involved in providing training and consultation services on complex IFRSs issues particularly with regard to the first-time adoption of IFRSs for entities converting their financial statements from Spanish Accounting Principles to IFRSs.

Africa

Kenya and Tanzania

Kenya adopted full IFRSs as its national GAAP for all entities in 1999, but more recently (in October 2009) has allowed non-publicly accountable entities to opt for compliance with the IFRS for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs). Tanzania also recently adopted the IFRS for SMEs. RSM Ashvir has spearheaded the implementation of the IFRS for SMEs in Kenya through its partners' membership of the Professional Standards Committee of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK), and by developing training material for use by that Institute. This material included illustrative financial statements that were made available to all members of ICPAK and the National Board of Auditors and Accountants of Tanzania.

Other services provided by RSM Ashvir include audits of IFRSs financial statements of companies in the banking, insurance, manufacturing and real estate sectors, advice on complex technical accounting issues and IFRSs training.

South Africa

RSM Betty & Dickson has a diverse client base from various sectors of the economy including manufacturing, construction, mining and resources, real estate and financial services. The list of clients includes both listed and unlisted entities who are all required to comply with either IFRSs or the very similar South African GAAP.

RSM Betty & Dickson has assisted several entities with IFRSs conversion for purposes of listing on a stock exchange. In addition to the audit of IFRSs financial statements, they prepare IFRSs financial statements for South African subsidiaries of SEC listed entities. Other services include assisting with business combination transactions by performing purchase price allocations, performing due diligence exercises, business valuations, impairment testing of intangible assets and the provision of technical advice on other matters relating to IFRSs.

Tunisia

The Tunisian government has already made important developments in harmonising the Tunisian accounting standards with IFRSs. RSM Ahmed Mansour & Associés has been engaged as consultants to the government to help with the alignment process.

RSM Ahmed Mansour & Associés has been successful in providing services relating to IFRSs. These services are related to audit and learning and conversion services from local GAAP to IFRSs. Services are offered in all the North African countries including Libya, Mauritania, Algeria, Senegal, Ivory Coast and Mali by highly skilled professionals with a vast background of IFRSs.

Overview of RSM member firms' IFRSs services

Asia Pacific

Australia

Australia was one of the first OECD members to adopt IFRSs for listed and unlisted entities, with IFRSs implemented by most entities for years ended 30 June 2006. RSM Bird Cameron's specialists were actively involved in many of these IFRSs projects for clients in both the public and private sectors.

RSM Bird Cameron's IFRSs services include assistance with preparation and audit of IFRSs financial statements, advising on complex technical accounting issues, including IAS 39, IFRS 2 and IFRS 3, purchase price allocation, valuation services and training with particular expertise in the construction, education, energy and mining industries.

China

With the widespread adoption of IFRSs for many listed companies internationally in 2005, RSM China participated in the preparation of comprehensive IFRSs training material for the National Accounting Institute in Beijing. In 2006, China adopted new accounting standards that further converged with IFRSs, while there still remain a number of differences between national accounting standards and IFRSs.

RSM China has established specialist teams with expertise in IFRSs working not only with inbound investment, but also with Chinese companies either listing overseas or seeking foreign capital. Services provided include preparation and audit of IFRSs financial statements, as well as advice on minimising GAAP differences to enhance the efficiency of client accounting functions.

Hong Kong

RSM Nelson Wheeler has been highly successful in providing work relating to new public offerings on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and Singapore Stock Exchange and has been active in providing audit and IFRSs conversion services to listed entities in the electronic equipment, IT, manufacturing, retail and sports equipment sectors. They have provided due diligence and purchase price allocation services in connection with business combination transactions for non-audit clients.

RSM Nelson Wheeler is also involved in working with businesses in China and with international companies wanting to break into the Chinese market.

Japan

Seiwa Audit Corporation (Seiwa), part of RSM Japan, provides financial statement audits and reviews in accordance with IFRSs and other IFRSs related services. Seiwa has set up a team to help clients to meet the first-time adoption in 2015 or 2016 when Japan introduces IFRSs for listed companies. The team has been researching IFRSs, starting from the difference between IFRSs and Japanese GAAP to newly released IFRSs. It has also been actively training Seiwa's staff for the impending IFRSs adoption. Tokyo Kyodo Accounting Office, also a part of RSM Japan, provides valuation and consulting services under IFRSs and often works jointly with Seiwa.

Seiwa has more than 30 listed companies as clients, varying from the finance, real estate, manufacturing, IT, logistics and other sectors. It also provides due diligence services.

Singapore

RSM Chio Lim has been providing work related to new public offerings on the Singapore Stock Exchange for many years. They are active in providing audit and IFRSs conversion services to entities incorporated in foreign countries but seeking listing on the Singapore Stock Exchange and to companies on AIM. They provide due diligence and purchase price allocation services in connection with business combination transactions for non-audit clients.

RSM Chio Lim also works with businesses in China and with other international companies that want to seek listing in Singapore or on AIM.

Middle East

Kuwait

In Kuwait, IFRSs has been applied to financial statements since 1990 and for many years RSM Albazie & Co has been one of the most well-established accounting firms in Kuwait. As a result, it has significant IFRSs experience from serving international companies with interests in the region as well as local entities.

Audit services are provided to a large number of listed entities in the banking, construction, energy, entertainment, investment, manufacturing, real estate and warehouse and logistics sectors.

The Americas

Brazil

The accounting practices adopted in Brazil were altered on 1 January 2008 in preparation for a progressive convergence to IFRSs. It is expected that IFRSs regulations will be fully adopted in December 2010. Considering these changes, ACAL Consultoria e Auditoria (ACAL) concentrated its efforts in order to provide high quality services according to these international standards, providing all high level professionals with training, required by professional regulations, in all aspects of IFRSs.

ACAL services range from business process outsourcing, consulting (tax, process, valuation) and, in the audit practice, services are provided to public and privately owned companies with parent companies abroad. In the past few years, ACAL has been helping clients in preparing specific reporting packages for consolidation purposes and assurance services, in accordance with IFRSs, to clients in countries such as Mexico, Italy, Spain, France, Denmark, US and others.

Canada

Given Canada's commitment for all publicly accountable enterprises to transition to IFRSs by 2011, RSM Richter and RSM Richter Chamberland have been actively assisting clients in their transition plans from Canadian GAAP to IFRSs. These clients are primarily in the real estate, franchise, high-tech and retail industries as well as the public sector.

Other services provided by RSM Richter and RSM Richter Chamberland include audits of IFRSs compliant financial statements, assistance with reconciliations from Canadian GAAP to IFRSs and extensive IFRSs training.

Chile

RSM Chile is authorised to audit financial statements of listed companies in Chile. RSM Chile is currently providing several IFRSs services to companies in all different industries in Chile, including listed and non-listed entities such as agriculture, mining, services and manufacturing, amongst others.

RSM Chile is conducting several conversion projects to IFRSs. These include specific training for key personnel, review and support to high-level management on complex IFRSs issues such as revenue recognition, assistance with accounting for adjustments from local GAAPs to IFRSs and preparation of first year IFRSs financial statements.

Mexico

The Mexican SEC announced the requirement for all publicly accountable entities to adopt IFRSs by 2012, but early adoption is allowed. Furthermore, the Mexican Financial Reporting Standards Committee has announced that a full convergence with IFRSs will be achieved by mid-2011.

Currently, RSM Bogarin, Erhard, Padilla, Alvarez & Martinez assists Mexican subsidiaries of international corporations (mainly European and Asian entities) with IFRSs for foreign reporting packages. They also provide extensive IFRSs transition training for Mexican public and non-public entities.

United States of America

RSM McGladrey can serve needs resulting from conversions from US GAAP to IFRSs such as tax planning, internal control consulting, IT systems consulting, etc. RSM McGladrey and McGladrey & Pullen, LLP (audit) have developed and delivered IFRSs training to finance and management personnel, boards of directors and audit committees.

RSM McGladrey and McGladrey & Pullen, LLP have been successful in serving clients with IFRSs needs. McGladrey & Pullen, LLP provides high quality assurance services including audits of financial statements and group reporting packages for parent consolidation purposes prepared in accordance with IFRSs. Audit engagements can be conducted in accordance with either International Standards on Auditing or auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

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IFRS Champions

RSM International has IFRS Champions within member firms in the following countries:

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Austria	Italy
Azerbaijan	Luxembourg
Belgium	Malta
Denmark	Norway
France	Poland
Germany	Portugal
Greece	Russia
Holland	Spain
Ireland, Northern	UK
Ireland, Republic of	Ukraine
Israel	

Africa

Egypt
Kenya
South Africa
Tunisia

Americas

Brazil
Canada
Chile
Mexico
USA

Asia Pacific

Australia
China
Hong Kong
India
Indonesia
Japan
Malaysia
New Zealand
Singapore
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