

Riyad Bank London Branch UK Tax Strategy

This document sets out the Riyad Bank London Branch ("The Branch") tax strategy in relation to UK taxation, in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph 22(8) Schedule 19 Finance Act 2016.

The Branch forms part of the overseas operations of Riyad Bank, headquartered in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Branch is a wholesale corporate bank focused primarily on serving Corporate Clients and plays a supportive role in serving the international interests of Riyad Bank's Saudi clients, the Saudi activities of foreign Corporates, and furthering the interests of the Saudi economy generally.

Risk Management and Governance

The Branch is committed to complying with all applicable UK tax laws and regulations and ensuring that tax obligations and disclosure requirements are met.

Compliance with tax requirements is taken very seriously and the policies implemented reflect this commitment and forms part of the wider commitment to good corporate governance and proper internal control. The Branch's commitment to compliance means that we will endeavour to be compliant with all aspects of UK tax law. For the Branch, compliance means paying the right amount of tax in the right place at the right time and claiming reliefs and incentives in line with the provisions of the tax law, where available.

The Branch has adopted Section 1 of the HMRC Code of Practice for Banks and seeks to comply with the spirit, as well as the letter, of tax law.

Responsibility for managing UK tax matters fall within the responsibility of the Branch Finance Team and the Branch Finance Manager, who reports to the Branch Chief Manager; the most senior manager in the Branch, and ultimately to the Board via control and support functions located at our Head Office in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Tax planning

As a responsible tax payer the Branch's policy is to adopt a conservative approach to taxation issues, the Branch does not engage in any aggressive tax planning, tax avoidance schemes or offshore tax structures to artificially reduce the amount of United Kingdom tax it pays. Neither does the Branch offer advice or encouragement to its customers in such matters.

The services of professional tax advisors are utilised to obtain guidance for tax compliance and advisory matters facing the Branch and to support the Branch in complying with its tax strategy and tax reporting requirements.

Risk Appetite

The Branch has a low appetite towards tax risk and looks to avoid tax risks wherever possible, the approach to tax risk is aligned to the approach taken for broader risks faced by the business. Where risks arise in relation to the interpretation of and/or compliance with uncertain areas in UK tax law, the Branch seeks external advice from professional advisors.

Relationship with HMRC

The Branch strives to maintain an open, transparent and constructive relationship with HMRC and to meet statutory and legislative tax requirements. The Branch looks to engage with HMRC with honesty and integrity and in a co-operative and professional manner, and provide prompt and up-to-date information about how it manages its tax responsibilities.

Effective Date

This strategy document takes effect from accounting periods ending after 31 December 2020.