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Account4you & Associados, Lda. joins Russell Bedford International

Russell Bedford International is pleased to announce that Account4you & Associados, Lda has joined the network as a new member firm in Lisbon, Portugal.

Formed by the partners of four Lisbon-based accounting and consulting firms, Account4you & Associados specialises in non-audit services, complementing Russell Bedford's existing Lisbon audit member firm, Tocha, Chaves & Associados.



The partners at Account4you & Associados are all Portuguese CPAs and members of the Ordem dos Constabilistas Certificados (OCC). Supported by a team of around 20 professionals, the firm offers a range of services, including accounting, bookkeeping, tax compliance and consulting, business advisory, insolvency and corporate turnarounds.

Stephen Hamlet, CEO of Russell Bedford International, welcomed the new firm, stating: "The addition of Account4you & Associados to the network strengthens our presence in Portugal and expands our service offerings beyond audit. We are delighted to enhance our expertise in the region and provide even greater value to clients."

Pedro Antonio Pereira Carvalho, Managing Partner at Account4you & Associados added: "Joining Russell Bedford International is an exciting opportunity for us. We look forward to collaborating with the global network, including our colleagues in Russell Bedford Brasil, and growing our presence both within Portugal and internationally."

Ibero-America Conference 2025



The Russell Bedford International Ibero-America Conference 2025 was held at the Hotel Índigo La Paz Puerta Cortés in La Paz, Mexico. It brought together members from across the region for another fantastic opportunity to build connections, exchange knowledge and plan for the future.



In the lead-up to the event, Stephen Hamlet, CEO of Russell Bedford International, and Kathryn Davis, Associate Director of Network Engagement, visited the Russell Bedford Guadalajara office. Their visit provided a valuable opportunity to learn more about the firm's operations, discuss growth plans, and meet with their outstanding team.



The conference officially opened with a warm welcome at the El Puerto Beach Club, where delegates enjoyed a stunning sunset before heading to the Barco restaurant for dinner on the terrace. The evening provided the perfect setting for networking, while enjoying the fabulous views of the Puerta Cortés Marina.



The main agenda began with introductions and updates from our host firm, Russell Bedford La Paz - Los Cabos, followed by key insights from the board, strategic discussions on regional growth, marketing and publications, and an in-depth analysis of LATAM market trends.



The conference continued with a series of expert-led sessions covering essential topics such as cybersecurity, exponential innovation, business development, talent management, marketing, and sustainability. Contributions from regional committees offered further insights, highlighting emerging trends and opportunities across Latin America.



To mark the close of the conference, delegates gathered for a final evening celebration in the central courtyard of the Quemadero Restaurant, located in the heart of the Malecón area of La Paz.



This brought the event to a memorable end, leaving attendees inspired and energised for the future.



Following the conference, the central team continued their regional tour with a visit to the Russell Bedford Monterrey office. It was a great opportunity to exchange updates from across the global network, as well as discuss the local economic outlook, and to also enjoy some of the regional cuisine.



The final stop was a visit to Russell Bedford Mexico City S.C. This visit highlighted the firm's impressive growth - from a single-partner practice in 1993 to its thriving operation today. Team members also shared their experiences of and contributions to the firm's evolution over the years.



"This year's Ibero-America Conference was another fantastic success. Our Latin American firms continue to thrive, demonstrating strong growth and providing outstanding support to clients across the region. This opportunity to reconnect and collaborate on long-term strategies only strengthens their path to even greater success." Stephen Hamlet, CEO Russell Bedford International.

Members can access event photos and presentation materials on the intranet: [Ibero-America Conference 2025](#)

Russell Bedford Centres of Excellence



The Russell Bedford International Centres of Excellence continue to grow from strength to strength. We hope you enjoyed the great session held recently within the Tax Centre of Excellence on [Artificial Intelligence in Tax Administration](#), as well as the two sessions within the ESG Centre of Excellence (formerly known as the Social Impact Committee) on [ESG Policy](#) and [Auditing Sustainability Reports: ISSA 5000](#).

Find out more about the Centres of Excellence and access the event recordings [here](#).

Shortlisted for Network of the Year



We are delighted to be shortlisted for the Network of the Year award within the International Accounting Awards 2025.

The awards presentation ceremony takes place on 26 June 2025 at the Hilton Metropole Hotel, London.

Read more [here](#).

Inspiring Future Leaders



Our Director of Professional Standards, Helen Bimbassis, has been selected as a 2025 mentor within the ICAEW Middle East Inspiring Future Leaders Programme.

This mentorship initiative brings together accomplished female leaders to empower the next generation of women in accounting and finance.

Read more [here](#).

Russell Bedford Cornejo y Umaña Celebrates its 20th Anniversary



This year Russell Bedford Cornejo y Umaña in El Salvador celebrates its 20th Anniversary.

Congratulations to Russell Bedford Cornejo y Umaña for reaching this amazing milestone and we look forward to many more years of success.

Read more [here](#).

Russell Bedford Querétaro Supports 3x3 Basketball Tournament

For the fourth consecutive year, Russell Bedford Querétaro sponsored the National 3x3 Basketball Championship held in Morelia, Mexico. Hundreds of young players took part in the tournament from several cities across the country. The winners go on to represent Mexico within the World Championship.

Read more [here](#).



Congratulations Lubbock Fine



Congratulations to Lubbock Fine for being recognised as finalists in the 2025 [Inspiring Workplaces Awards](#) as well as ranking within the Business & Accountancy Daily's Top 75 Firms for 2025.

Read more [here](#).

Cronin & Company: Finalists for Tax Team of the Year Award



Cronin & Company were finalists for the Tax Team of the Year Award at the Irish Accountancy Awards 2025. The awards ceremony took place on 1 May 2025.

Read more [here](#).

The firm also recently took part in the Business Fives football tournament in Dublin resulting in a winning team, as well as 'Player of the Tournament' and 'Best Female Player' awards.

Read more [here](#).

Looking back at taking you further day



On 3 December 2024, Russell Bedford International proudly celebrated its sixth annual *taking you further day*, a day where member firms across the network come together to recognise and celebrate our core values of connectivity, collaboration, positive impact and excellence.

In the lead-up to the day, teams took part in a wide range of initiatives and activities that reflect these values – from community support projects and charitable donations to team building events and sustainability efforts. Many of these stories were shared during our global virtual celebration.

Each year, these activities are showcased in our *taking your further day* brochure, [now available to read](#). The 2024 edition highlights how Russell Bedford teams around the world are making a meaningful difference – both within their organisations and across their communities.

“So many of our people use this opportunity to provide help and support in their local communities, bringing together their colleagues, adding even more value in the true spirit and culture of our group. Please enjoy reading this brochure that highlights so much positive activity from different countries and various locations, honouring the network on *taking you further day*.” Stephen Hamlet, CEO, Russell Bedford International.

Webinar Recordings

Thank you to those who attended our recent webinars. We hope you found them useful.

For members who were unable to attend, please see the links below where you will be able to access the recording for each webinar.

[Adaptability in a Changing Environment](#)

[International Tax Refresher - Spring](#)

[IFRS Refresher](#)

Forthcoming conferences

For further details about upcoming Russell Bedford conferences and to register, please visit the [Events](#) page on the intranet.



International Tax & EMEA Conference

The 2025 Russell Bedford International Tax and EMEA Conference will be held on 16 - 18 May in Budapest, Hungary. Registration has now closed. Please visit our members [Events page](#) on the Intranet for details.



Asia-Pacific Conference

The 2025 Russell Bedford Asia-Pacific Conference will be held from 17 - 19 July in Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines. Registration is now open. Please visit our members [Events page](#) on the Intranet for details.

You can view all our events for the next couple of months [here](#).

Russell Bedford - key facts and figures

- **More than 40 years** of global service
- **Top 20** global accounting network
- **Over USD 900 million** global fee income
- Some **1000 partners** and over **10,000 staff**
- Almost **400 offices** in more than **100 countries**

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