

# Press Release

## **FORMER TAX DIRECTOR JOINS CRAGUS LEADERSHIP TEAM**

DUBAI, UAE, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2017: The Cragus Group is delighted to welcome aboard the newest member of its Tax Leadership team, Mrs. Mariel Yard.

Mariel who most recently served as the tax director at Jumeirah for 8 years, is fluent in English, Arabic and Greek; a fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, she has over 20 years of experience in successful audit / corporate finance, tax and treasury roles with multinational and multicultural organizations both in Cyprus and Dubai.

Mariel began her career with PwC in Assurance Business Advisory Services, before moving to NCR (Middle East) Limited as an in-house finance manager for the MEA region and later head of finance and IT at Eurofreight Logistics. In 2005 Mariel moved back to PwC, to the international tax structuring team in Cyprus and then Dubai. By 2008, she was asked by her client Jumeirah (a Dubai based luxury international hotel chain, and part of Dubai Holding) to become their in-house tax director, a role that was later expanded to include Vice President of finance, tax and treasury (a function she was tasked with establishing), and becoming a member of the global leadership team. She also served as a member of the World Travel and Tourism Counsel Taxation Initiative Working Group and as a member on the Merchant Advisory Board of Network International.

Mariel has extensive knowledge in all areas of treasury, finance and tax across a variety of complex jurisdictions. Her international tax expertise covers cross border transactions, intellectual property

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structuring, transfer pricing, rulings and dealing with tax authorities, tax compliance as well as indirect and personal taxation; she has also been involved in VAT preparation and training in several jurisdictions, including the UAE.

With most of its tax leadership team having had substantial in-house experience, Cragus continues to grow, and we believe our client offering to be unique whereby we offer pragmatic advice with experience and insight.

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