#### **ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE REGULATIONS**



Why are they introduced

Who are covered?

What if covered?

What if not covered?

Non-compliance









# **ESR REGULATIONS - TIMELINES**



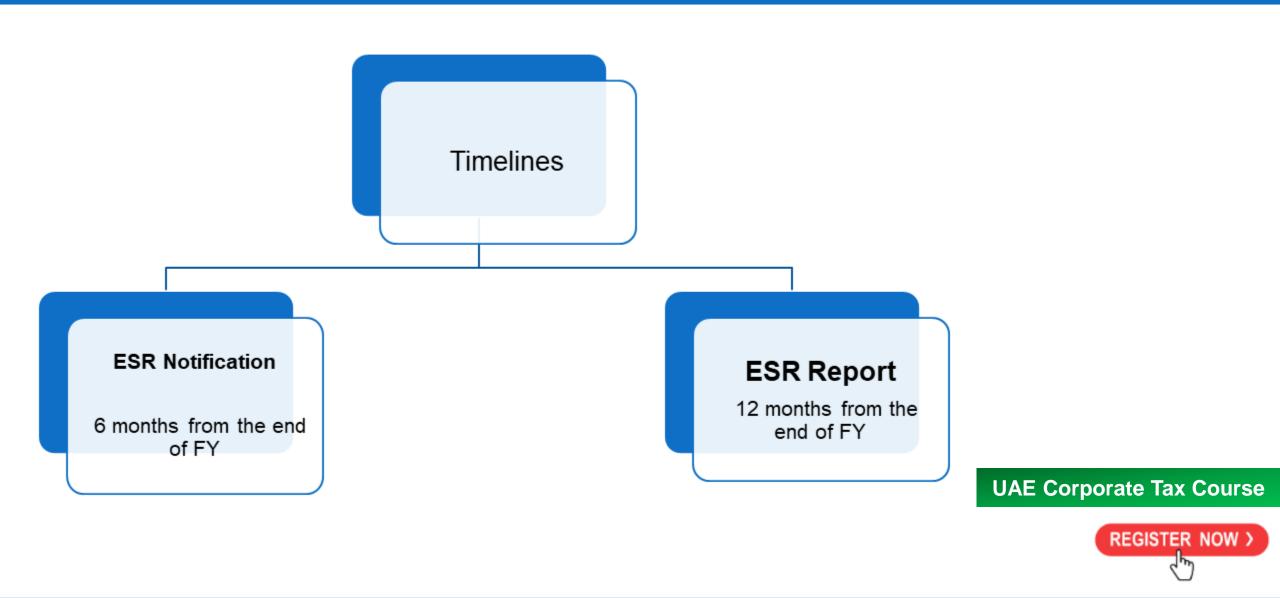






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# WHO ALL ARE COVERED UNDER ESR?





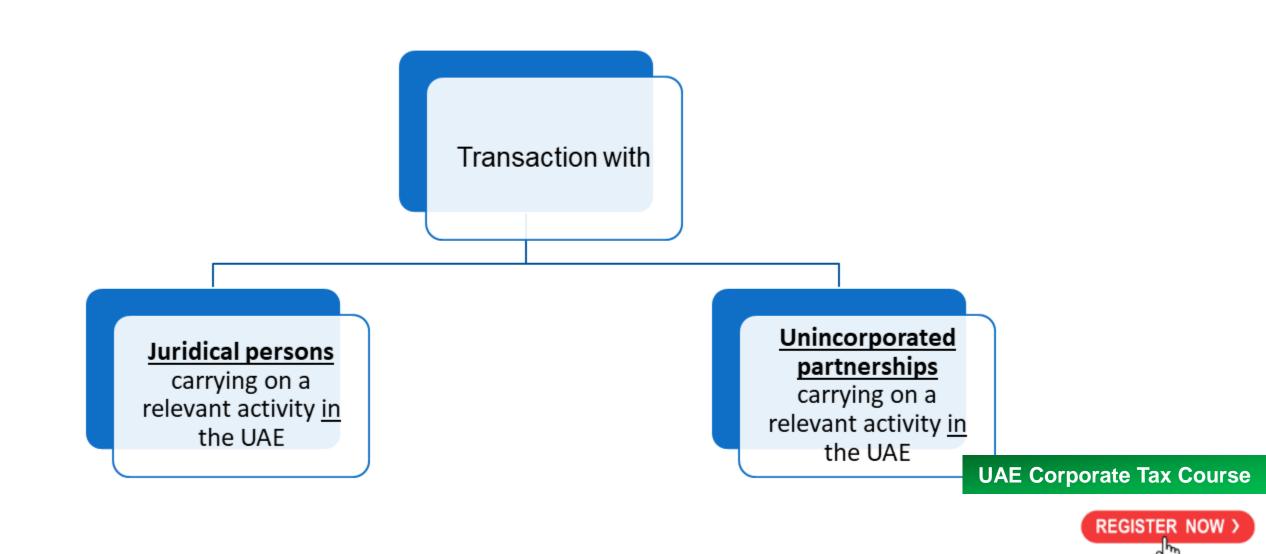






#### **ENTITIES COVERED UNDER ESR**















# **EXEMPT ENTITIES – WHO ALL ARE EXEMPT**



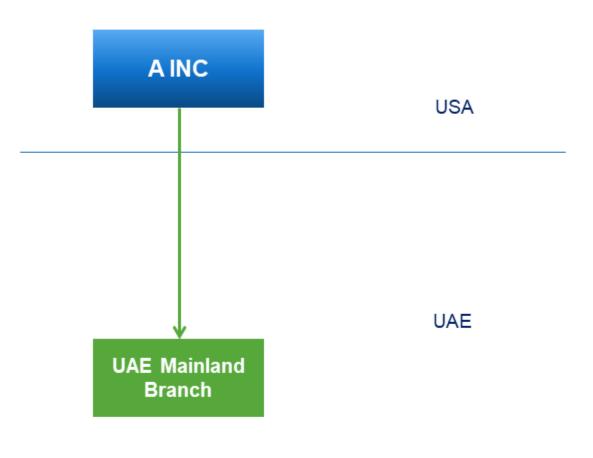






#### **EXEMPT ENTITIES – UAE BRANCHES OF A FOREIGN ENTITY**





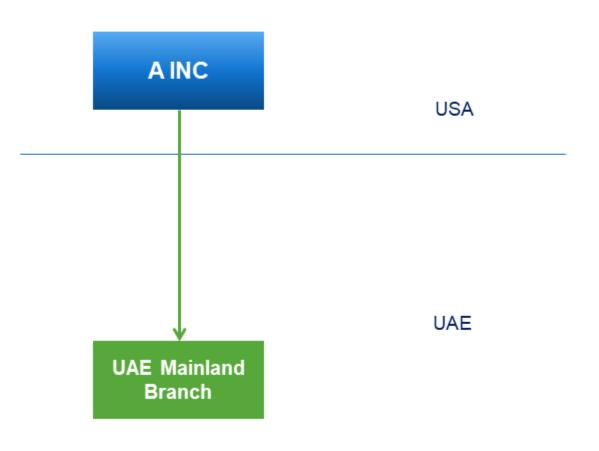
UAE Branches of a Foreign Entity – Income from relevant activity should be subject to tax in foreign parent jurisdiction



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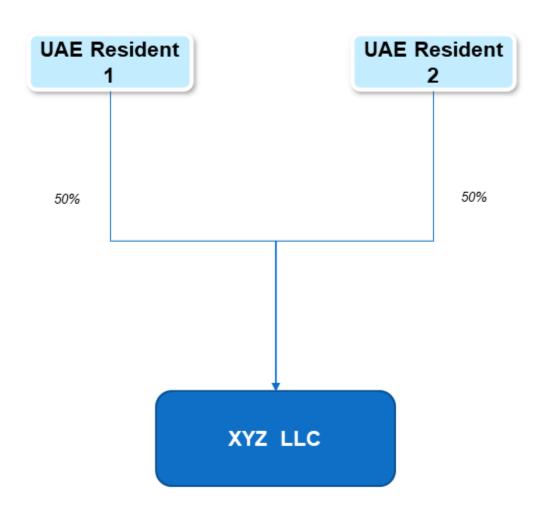
Entities which are tax resident outside the UAE?





## **ENTITIES WHOLLY OWNED BY UAE RESIDENTS - CONDITIONS**





Entities wholly owned by UAE residents – Conditions







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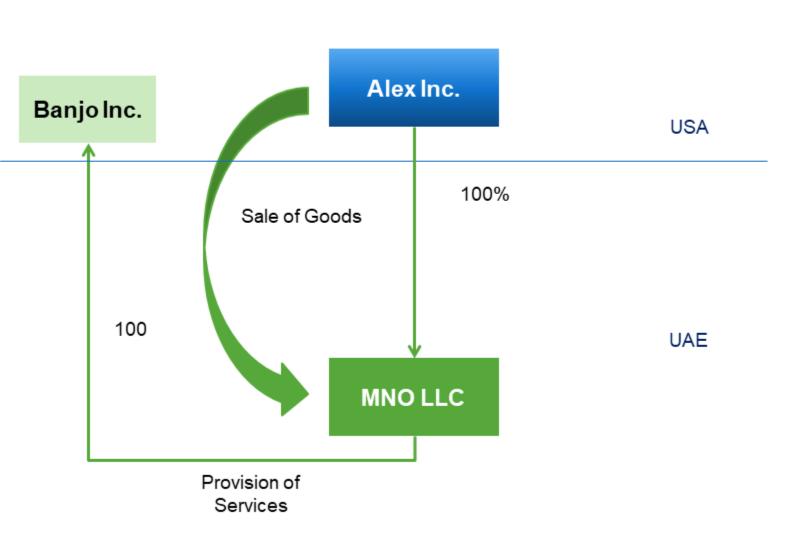






#### **RELEVANT ACTIVITY - DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS**





Purchase of materials or goods from Foreign Connected Person ("FCP")

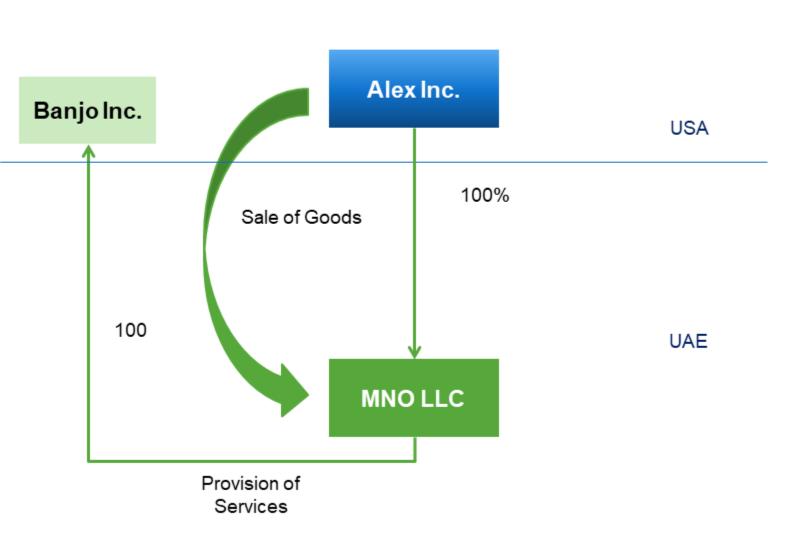






### RELEVANT ACTIVITY - SERVICE CENTRE BUSINESS





Provision Services to Person Foreign Connected ("FCP")



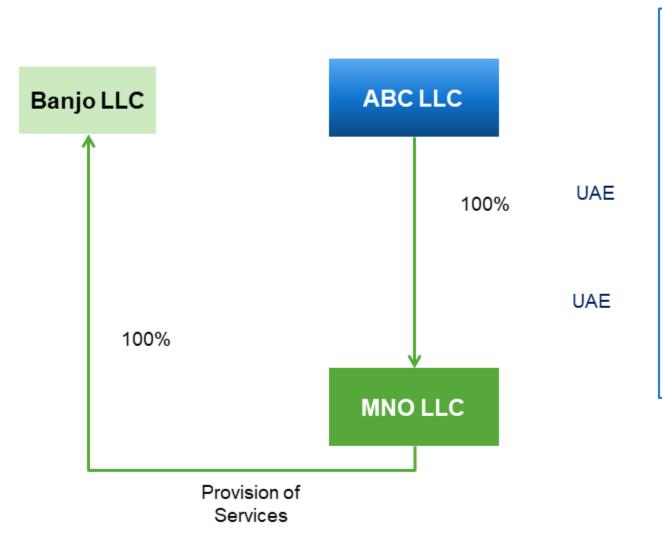






#### RELEVANT ACTIVITY - HOLDING COMPANY BUSINESS





- ✓ A Holding company is a company : -
  - ✓ Whose only function is purchase and holding of shares (equitable interests) in other companies
  - ✓ It does not earn any income other than dividend and capital gains from above



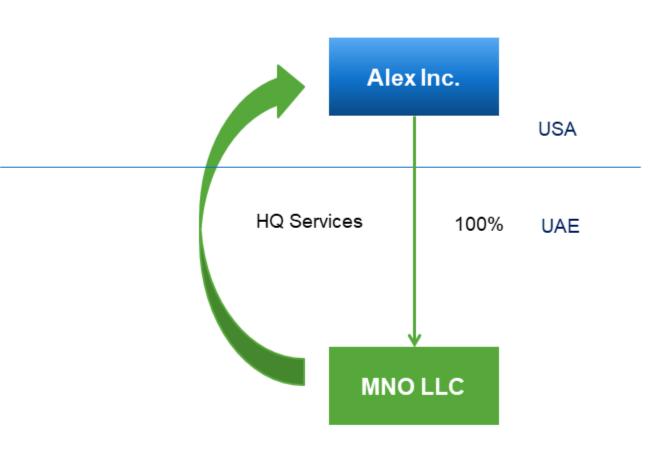






#### **RELEVANT ACTIVITY - HEADQUARTER BUSINESS**





- HQ Services cover following services to one or more FCP: -
  - Provision of Senior management services to the FCP; or
  - Assumption of material risk for activities of FCP; or
  - Assumption of material risk for assets of FCP;
  - Providing substantive advice for activities of , or assets owned by any FCP





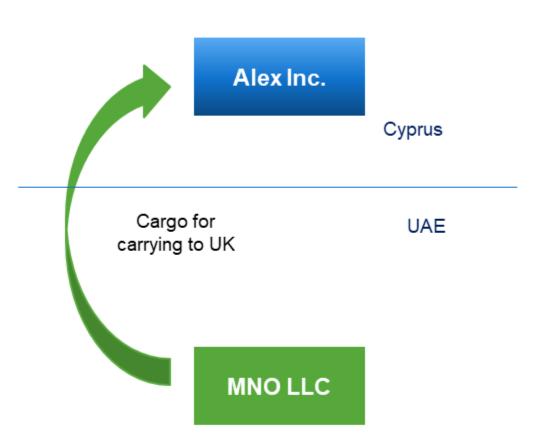






#### RELEVANT ACTIVITY - SHIPPING BUSINESS





- Operation of one or more ships in international traffic, for the transport of: -
  - Passengers;
  - Cargo
  - Passenger and Cargo
- Shipping business means any of the following activity:
  - rental on a charter basis of ships
  - sale of tickets or similar documents
  - use, maintenance or rental of containers
  - management of the crew of ships.
- The activity should not be within territorial waters of UAE, in connection with the business of operating a ship



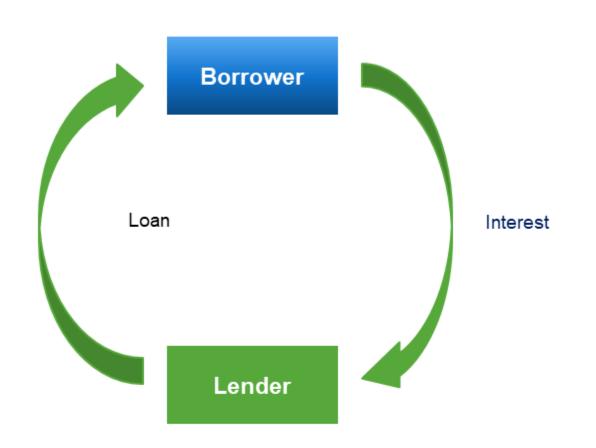






#### LEASE FINANCE BUSINESS - RELEVANT ACTIVITY





- Offer credit or financing for any kind of interest or other consideration: -
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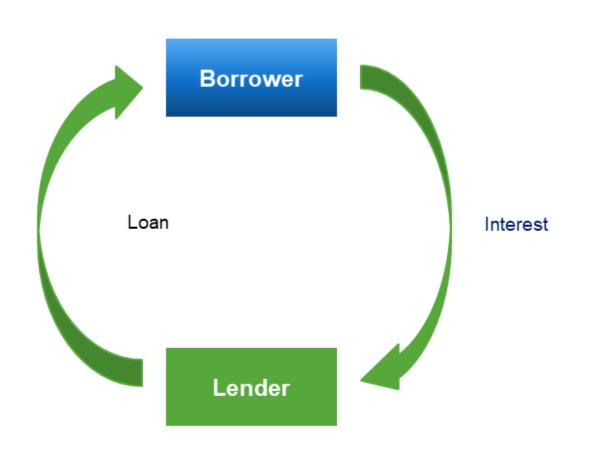






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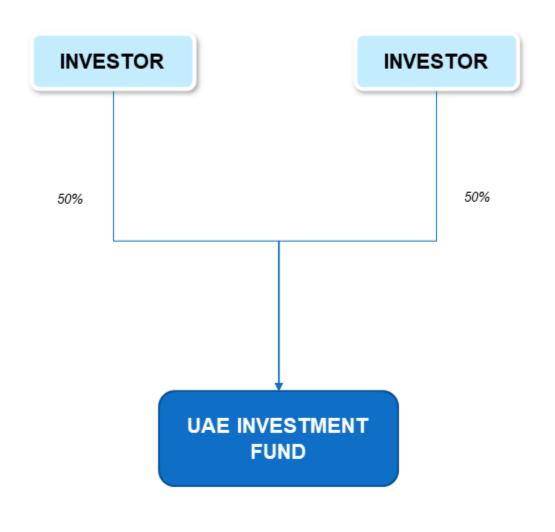






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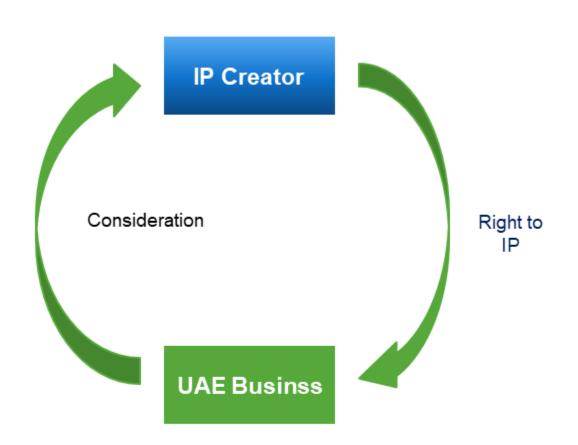
Investment Funds or any other licensee determined by MoF





#### HIGH RISK INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BUSINESS - RELEVANT ACTIVITY





- A UAE business would be considered as a High-risk IP business in following cases: -
  - UAE business didn't create any IP . It acquired IP asset from:
    - A Connected Party
    - As consideration for funding R&D carried out by non UAE person
  - It earns income from Licensing/ Sale of IP Asset to CP
- If the above conditions are met, such business are deemed to have failed the economic substance test











# **ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE TESTS TO BE MET BY BUSINESS**





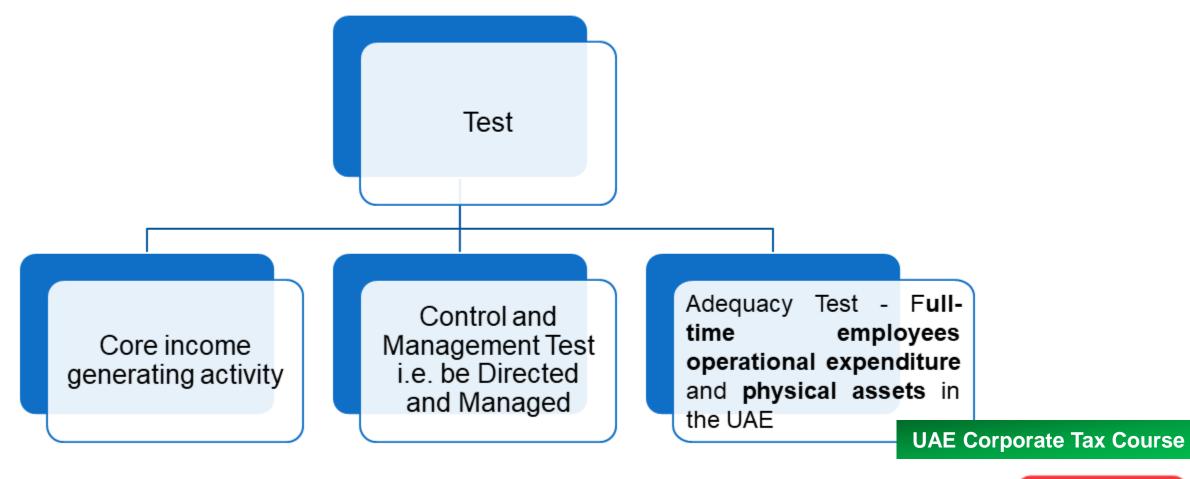






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# PENALTIES UNDER UAE ESR REGULATIONS





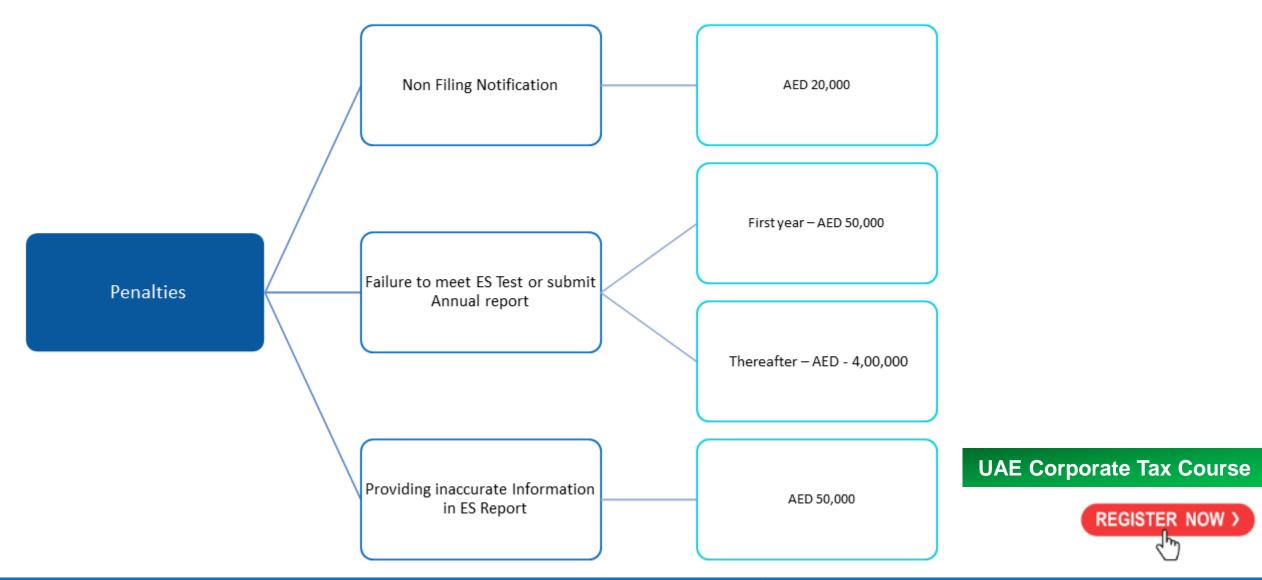






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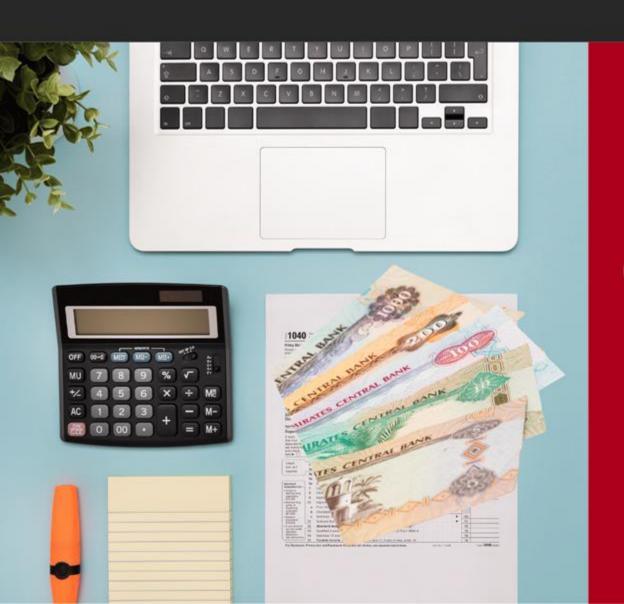


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