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## Asset Protection, Tax Strategy, and Intergenerational Legacy Planning



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### PANEL DISCUSSION : Real-World Case Studies in Asset Protection

Topic: To bring real-life complexity to the stage through case studies and expert dialogue.

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

#### MODERATOR

#### SPEAKERS & PANELISTS



**Dr Sahitya Chaturvedi,**  
PhD, FCA  
Secretary General,  
IBPC Dubai  
Head of Internal Audit,  
Ajmal Perfumes



**CA Nimish Makvana**  
President  
Taxation Society UAE



**Advocate  
CA Harsh Patel**  
Founder and Global CEO  
Managing Partner  
Water and Shark  
“Estate Planning & Asset  
Protection – Global Perspective”  
Topic: To set the stage by  
exploring why asset protection  
is no longer optional and how  
global families must structure  
their wealth for continuity  
and legacy.



**CA Nirav Shah**  
Founder and Director  
Fame Advisory DMCC  
“Taxation in Wealth Structures -  
UAE & International Context”  
Topic: To highlight tax  
complexities and  
solutions when building  
global family structures.



**Julie Sophie Katia Rouas**  
Managing Director  
Kendris DIFC  
Topic: Practical case studies  
on use of foundations  
for structuring

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
(Followed by Lunch)

India Club, Dubai, UAE

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The Committee of Taxation Society takes great pleasure in inviting you for the Event on “Preserving Wealth in a Borderless World: Asset Protection, Tax Strategy, and Intergenerational Legacy Planning”

This event will take place on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Followed by Lunch** at India Club, Dubai, UAE

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AGENDA	
Day and Date	Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 2025
08:00 AM to 09:00 AM	Registration & Networking Breakfast
09:00 AM to 09:10 AM	<b>Welcome Address</b> Ms. Bhawna Chopra Secretary, Taxation Society UAE
09:10 AM to 09:15 AM	<b>Keynote Address</b> Dr Sahitya Chaturvedi, PhD, FCA Secretary General, IBPC Dubai Head of Internal Audit, Ajmal Perfumes
09:15 AM to 10:05 AM	<b>Address by Guest Speaker</b> Advocate CA Harsh Patel Founder and Global CEO, Managing Partner Water and Shark <b>“Estate Planning &amp; Asset Protection – Global Perspective”</b> <b>Topic: To set the stage by exploring why asset protection is no longer optional and how global families must structure their wealth for continuity and legacy.</b> <b>Key Talking Points:</b> • Global volatility: sanctions, political risks, market instability • Cross-border exposure & rising tax regimes (inheritance, estate, exit taxes) • Litigation, family disputes, and duress scenarios • UAE/Dubai as a global hub for estate planning • Top-to-bottom structuring approach: Family office, foundations, trusts, wills • The 5Ps of Asset Protection (Privacy, Protection, Prosperity, Preparation, Preservation) • Why jurisdiction matters: UAE, Singapore, Switzerland, Cyprus • Common mistakes HNWIs make & lessons learned
10:05 AM to 10:55 AM	<b>Address by Guest Speaker</b> CA Nirav Shah Founder and Director Fame Advisory DMCC <b>“Taxation in Wealth Structures – UAE &amp; International Context”</b> <b>Topic: To highlight tax complexities and solutions when building global family structures.</b> <b>Key Talking Points:</b> • UAE Corporate Tax & compliance obligations for family offices, foundations, and holding structures • International tax implications of outbound investments from UAE & India • Property-related taxes: DLD/Stamp duty in UAE • Inheritance & estate tax exposure (UK, USA, EU) • Cross-border issues: GAAR, POEM, treaty shopping, withholding tax risks • How trusts, foundations, and family offices integrate with tax planning • Key challenges: enforcement trends (HMRC UK, IRS USA, India’s GAAR/FEMA)
10:55 AM to 11:10 AM	Coffee & Networking Break
11:10 AM to 12:00 PM	<b>Address by Guest Speaker</b> Julie Sophie Katia Rouas Managing Director Kendris DIFC <b>Topic: Practical case studies on use of foundations for structuring</b>
12:00 PM to 12:50 PM	<b>Panel Discussion: “Real-World Case Studies in Asset Protection”</b> <b>Topic: To bring real-life complexity to the stage through case studies and expert dialogue.</b> <b>Key Themes:</b> • Muslim family inheritance disputes – navigating Sharia vs. common laws • Divorce and creditor protection – safeguarding assets in UAE foundations • Estate planning failures – families relying only on wills or informal arrangements • Lessons from Middle East families using UAE foundations & family offices <b>Panel Moderator</b> CA Nimish Makvana, President, Taxation Society UAE <b>Panelists:</b> Advocate CA Harsh Patel, Founder and Global CEO, Managing Partner, Water and Shark CA Nirav Shah, Founding Partner, Tax Mate Julie Sophie Katia Rouas, Managing Director, Kendris DIFC
12:50 PM to 01:00 PM	Vote of Thanks
01:00 PM Onwards	Lunch

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**Dr Sahitya Chaturvedi, PhD, FCA**  
Secretary General, IBPC Dubai  
Head of Internal Audit, Ajmal Perfumes

#### Background & Career

- Dr Chaturvedi is a chartered accountant and Phd with qualifications from India, USA and the UK (including the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales).
- He has over two decades of international experience in the Middle East across sectors such as luxury, retail, real estate, education, medicine and investments.
- Since 2007 he has been working with Ajmal Perfumes (a global retail and manufacturing brand originating in India, based in UAE) in Dubai, handling finance and Internal Audit function across hundreds of outlets globally.
- He holds ongoing leadership roles in the Indian Business & Professional Council (IBPC) Dubai under the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry, especially as Secretary General and heading the executive committee of focus groups.
- He has studied Islamic finance and commerce (via Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK) and is well-versed in Family Office Funds including halal financing, Sharia-compliant business practices and sustainability.

#### Personal & Community Engagement

- He was born in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, India, into a family valuing scholarship: his father is a professor of English/Sanskrit/Hindi, and his mother holds a postgraduate degree in literature.
- He is active socially: participates in education, orphanages, hospitals, skill-development NGOs and cultural programs (especially related to Hindi culture and Hindustani classical music) that also includes the radio/TV cultural programming and stage performances.
- Among the several institutional awards and recognition, He believes the award of excellence for NetZero impact and sustainability is the most value proposition for a responsible citizen.

#### Significance & Why He Matters

- Dr Chaturvedi exemplifies a professional bridging Indian credentials and Middle Eastern business environment—especially in the family office, fund management and retail space in Dubai where global operations meet local regulatory, cultural and financial complexities.
- His community engagement indicates a blend of professional success with social/cultural responsibility, which offers a more holistic model rather than purely commercial success.

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### MODERATOR



**CA Nimish Makvana**  
President  
Taxation Society UAE

Nimish Makvana was a Senior Partner and Management team member of Crowe MAK in UAE. Crowe MAK is a member firm of Crowe Global which is among the top 10 global accounting networks of the world

Pro-active and result oriented senior finance professional with over 25 years of successful expertise in Audit and Assurance services, Internal controls, accounting review, leading financial, internal and management audits of Multinational and leading local clients from Trading / Services / Manufacturing / Hospitality Industry including Private Joint Stock Company and Public Joint stock company. He possesses strong commercial, networking and entrepreneur skills and expertise in developing Strategic Business Plans, General management, Auditing, Financial Analysis, IFRS and Finance reporting.

He is deeply passionate about serving Audit, accounting professional community, and supporting key social causes and CSR. He was strategically involved with Crowe UAE in overall practice development firm wide, thereby contributing towards quality enhancement and key contributor to the strategic initiatives of the firm.

Nimish Makvana regularly shares his views in Media on professional and economic matters and have featured in Times NOW Emerging India Forum and Union Indian Budget presentations.

#### Professional Affiliations:

- Fellow Member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- Associate Member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- Associate Member of The Emirates Association for Accountants & Auditors Association (EAAA)

#### Professional credentials/achievements:

- Co-Founder and President, Taxation Society
- Currently serving as Honorary Director – UAE Chapter of The Institute of Directors (IOD), India.
- Served as Chairman of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) – Dubai Chapter in 2015-16 and winner of the Best Overseas Chapter Award from ICAI, India and first founding member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (Dubai) Chapter NPIO.
- Served as 1st elected President and as well as Administrative Board Member of Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC) – Dubai, which is the largest representative organization of Indian businessmen and professionals in the Emirate of Dubai.

#### Education:

- Bachelor of Commerce – University of Mumbai - India
- Chartered Accountant from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- Chartered Accountant from The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

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**Advocate CA Harsh Patel**  
Founder and Global CEO  
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Water and Shark

Harsh Patel is one of the world’s most sought-after experts in asset protection, international taxation, and cross-border structuring. He is the Founder & Global CEO of Water & Shark, a multi-jurisdictional legal, tax, and advisory network operating across 12+ countries, advising royal family offices, ultra-high-net-worth individuals, and global founder-led enterprises on wealth preservation, international taxation, and succession planning.

As Legal & Compliance Advisor to the Private Office of H.H. Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Saeed Bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan, Harsh plays a pivotal role in building institution-grade family governance and legacy frameworks that safeguard capital across borders.

Recognised by Forbes and renowned global media platforms, and honoured by multiple international governments, Harsh has been celebrated as an “Icon of the UAE” and featured by CNBC, Gulf News, and other leading global outlets. A member of the Forbes Business Council, he has addressed the UK Parliament’s House of Lords and the European Parliament, where he champions founder-led growth, the India–GCC–Europe corridor, and the future of private wealth ecosystems.

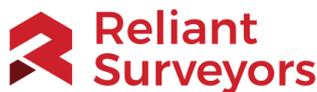
His advisory philosophy is defined by the 5Ps of Wealth — Privacy, Protection, Prosperity, Preparation, and Preservation — enabling clients to evolve from wealth creators into legacy architects. Through discreet, compliant, and globally bankable structures, Harsh ensures that wealth is not only protected but preserved for generations.

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**CA Nirav Shah**  
Founder and Director  
Fame Advisory DMCC

Nirav is qualified as Chartered Accountant from Gujarat, India. Being an excellent academia, he has secured 6th Rank in Inter CA and 36th rank in CA Finals. He then moved to KPMG in Mumbai and had specialized in International Tax and Finance and is advising on various cross border transactions from International and Domestic Tax and Regulatory perspective. His skills help companies do set up right Corporate Holding structure for the group, Evaluation of New Business/Investment Opportunities, Strategic Inputs/Reviews for businesses and Managing Compliance issues.

Nirav has a 20 plus years' experience from own practice to leading consulting firm to working with large family-owned corporate group. He has a hands-on experience of establishing and managing structures and compliances in more than 12 jurisdictions; evolving suitable corporate structures for holding companies, acquisition of business, financing, and IP optimization structures; establishing suitable family structures for Asset protection, succession planning, efficient ownership, and valuable experience of operating in multiple jurisdictions.

Nirav had successfully conducted VAT Trainings for Dubai SME, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Dubai, Jain International Trade Organization (JITO) Dubai and Indian Business & Professional Council (IBPC) Dubai (to name a few), with a total participant of around 1,600+ Professionals who work from 550+ Companies, coming from the 7 Emirates of UAE (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaimah and Fujairah).

He is also a full member of Society of Trust and Estate Planners (STEP).

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**Julie Sophie Katia Rouas**  
Managing Director  
Kendris DIFC

Julie Rouas acts as a consultant to Middle Eastern and international families, their businesses, and international wealth-holding structures in the UAE, such as DIFC Foundations. She focuses on wealth succession planning and restructuring strategy. She strives to address the needs of her clients while facilitating the sustainability of their vision through an in-depth understanding of the dynamics and complexity of their situation.

Prior to joining KENDRIS, she acquired experience in the wealth management industry in Paris in the family office department of an independent Franco-German financial services group and in the Private Clients team specialized in international inheritance law and disputes of LPA-CGR, an international law firm.

Julie Rouas also has experience in Southeast Asia, particularly in Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Singapore, where she had her first experience in the international fiduciary sector.

#### Qualifications / Expertise

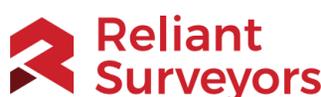
- Master's Degree in Private and Professional Wealth Management from Pantheon-Assas University (Paris II)
- Master's degree in International Business Law from Pantheon-Assas University (Paris II)

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