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His Excellency Ismail Al Naqi
Director General
Free Zones Authority of Ajman
Government of Ajman

SPEAKER & MODERATOR



Ekansh Agrawal
Associate Director
KPMG, UAE
Topic: Beyond the Basics: Advanced e-Invoicing Case Studies



Abdullah Javaid
Digital Transformation & E-Invoicing Expert
SQ Group
Topic: From Theory to Execution: Live ASP Demo & Integration



Vivek Raj
Chief Growth Officer
SQ Group



Ajaya Kumar
Director
Technology, Tax & Regulatory Services
Evas Constantin Group
Topic: Managing Compliance in an e-Invoicing Regime



Mahalaxmi Mallya
Manager
Tax Technical
Evas Constantin Group

SPEAKERS

PANEL DISCUSSION

Finance, Tax & IT – Are You Really Aligned?

PANELISTS



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8:00 AM to 1:05 PM
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The Committee of Taxation Society takes great pleasure in inviting you for the Event on “The Clock is Ticking for UAE E-Invoicing”

This event will take place on **Saturday, 31st January 2026, 8:00 AM to 1:05 PM Followed by Lunch** at **Hyatt Regency Hotel, Healthcare City, Dubai, UAE**

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AGENDA	
Day and Date	Saturday, 31st January 2026
08:00 AM to 09:00 AM	Registration & Networking, Breakfast
09:00 AM to 09:05 AM	Opening Address by Mahesh Prabhu Joint Secretary, Taxation Society
09:05 AM to 09:10 AM	President Address by Nimish Makvana President, Taxation Society
09:10 AM to 09:15 AM	Chairman Address by Naveen Sharma Chairman, Taxation Society
09:15 AM to 09:30 AM	Address by Chief Guest His Excellency Ismail Al Naqi Director General Free Zones Authority of Ajman Government of Ajman
09:30 AM to 10:15 AM	Address by Guest Speaker Ekansh Agrawal Associate Director KPMG, UAE Topic: Beyond the Basics: Advanced e-Invoicing Case Studies • Real-life implementation challenges • Common myths & misconceptions • Impact assessment framework • Readiness checklist for Phase-wise rollout
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Address by Guest Speakers Abdullah Javaid Digital Transformation & E-Invoicing Expert SQ Group Vivek Raj Chief Growth Officer SQ Group Topic: From Theory to Execution: Live ASP Demo & Integration • Live demo of ASP solution • System-to-system integration overview • Practical onboarding on the e-Invoicing portal • Key do's & don'ts during implementation
11:00 AM to 11:15 AM	Tea / Coffee Break
11:15 AM to 12:00 PM	Address by Guest Speakers Ajaya Kumar Director Technology, Tax & Regulatory Services Evas Constantin Group Mahalaxmi Mallya Manager Tax Technical Evas Constantin Group Topic: Managing Compliance in an e-Invoicing Regime • Compliance framework under UAE e-Invoicing • Controls, reconciliations & audits • Penalties, risks & mitigation strategies
12:00 PM to 01:00 PM	Panel Discussion Topic: Finance, Tax & IT – Are You Really Aligned? • Compliance vs business agility • Lessons from global rollouts • Role of IT in ensuring tax governance • Readiness for Day-1 & beyond • Open Q&A Panel Moderator Ekansh Agrawal, Associate Director, KPMG, UAE Panelists: Sandeep Nair, Senior Partner, Evas Constantin Group Mohammad Mosaj Gohar, Vice President, Technology – Middle East, SQ Group Danielle Cyrus, Tax Technology Expert
01:00 PM to 01:05 PM	Vote of Thanks by Rishi Sapra Managing Committee Member, Taxation Society
01:05 PM Onwards	Networking Lunch

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His Excellency Ismail Al Naqi

Director General
Free Zones Authority of Ajman
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His Excellency Ismail Al Naqi serves as the Director General of the Free Zones Authority of Ajman, bringing with him over 25 years of experience in government, business development, and economic strategy. Known for his visionary leadership, H.E. Al Naqi has been instrumental in shaping Ajman’s transformation into a competitive business destination within the UAE and across the region.

Prior to his role at the Free Zones Authority of Ajman, His Excellency held senior positions with TECOM Group, Dubai Internet City, Dubai Outsource City, and the Ajman Executive Council. His rich professional journey is marked by a consistent commitment to driving economic diversification, supporting innovation ecosystems, and strengthening public-private sector collaboration.

Since assuming leadership at the Free Zones Authority, H.E. Al Naqi has led the expansion and modernization of several key zones under its umbrella including Ajman Free Zone, Ajman Media City, Al Zorah Free Zone, Ajman Car Souk, and Ajman China Mall, now collectively home to over 15,000 companies from more than 145 countries.

Under his stewardship, Ajman Free Zone has emerged as one of the UAE’s most dynamic and digitally enabled investment destinations. His Excellency has championed the Authority’s flagship “One Click” initiative, a fully integrated digital platform that allows investors to start and manage their businesses with speed, transparency, and efficiency. The platform reflects his broader commitment to reducing bureaucracy, empowering entrepreneurs, and aligning Ajman’s growth with the UAE’s future vision for smart government and economic agility.

H.E. Al Naqi is also recognized for his global outlook. He has spearheaded the establishment of international representative offices in India, China, Turkey, and other strategic markets, enhancing Ajman’s global reach and simplifying access for international investors.

In addition to his digital transformation agenda, His Excellency has prioritized support for high-potential sectors such as e-commerce, advanced manufacturing, creative industries, logistics, and sustainability. He has also been a vocal advocate for nurturing SME growth, freelancer empowerment, and women-led enterprises.

Through his leadership, the Free Zones Authority of Ajman has grown into a future-ready ecosystem, providing robust infrastructure, streamlined licensing, and a commitment to service excellence. H.E. Al Naqi’s work continues to contribute meaningfully to Ajman’s economic development, the UAE’s diversification goals, and the broader regional ambition of building knowledge-based, innovation-driven economies.

His Excellency is widely regarded as a catalyst for growth in the free zone sector and a key voice in shaping the entrepreneurial landscape of the UAE.

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SPEAKER & MODERATOR



Ekansh Agrawal
Associate Director
KPMG, UAE

- A merit-holder chartered accountant with 12+ years of experience in indirect taxes and tax technology
- Currently working with KPMG UAE as an Associate Director
- Part of indirect tax and e-invoicing implementation journeys across India, UAE, KSA, Bahrain and Oman
- Has assisted 1000+ clients and trained 3000+ finance professionals on indirect taxes globally
- Always curious about the “why” and known for breaking down complex topics in stories
- Believes good tax advice starts with understanding the business, not just the law
- Leverages on AI tools and technology to boost efficiency and enhance results
- Active member of tax strategy committees and has held leadership positions at ICAI & international bodies
- An avid writer and speaker on tax and technology topics
- Host of “Walk the Talk” podcast where he interacts with inspiring people in the UAE to learn from their journeys
- Outside of work, you will find him playing racket sports, creating content for his YT channel, spending time with family and giving back through not-for-profit initiatives

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SPEAKER



Abdullah Javaid
Digital Transformation & E-Invoicing Expert
SQ Group

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Abdullah Javaid is a seasoned FinTech Product Leader and the Global Product Manager for e-Invoicing & e-Reporting at Skill Quotient Group (SQ Group), with 10+ years of experience driving large-scale digital transformation across APAC, Europe, and the Middle East.

Abdullah currently leads SMARTeIS, a next-generation e-Invoicing and e-Reporting platform, overseeing end-to-end product strategy, regulatory alignment, and market execution across Malaysia, Singapore, UAE, and Germany. He is actively spearheading UAE e-Invoicing initiatives, working closely with enterprises and ecosystem partners to ensure FTA and PINT-AE compliance, while enabling scalable, future-ready digital tax transformation.

With hands-on leadership in Peppol-based e-Invoicing implementations in Malaysia and Singapore, Abdullah brings deep, practical insight into regulatory mandates, interoperability models, integration architectures, and enterprise onboarding strategies. His work focuses on bridging regulatory complexity with business outcomes, helping organizations achieve compliance without disrupting operational efficiency.

Abdullah has led global enterprise e-Invoicing and financial system implementations for large multinational organizations, including automotive finance and enterprise services groups, across APAC, Europe, and South Africa. By aligning business objectives with technical delivery, he has consistently driven faster rollouts, stronger adoption, and measurable operational efficiency.

A Fellow Member of ACCA, Abdullah combines strong financial acumen with technical depth. He also holds certifications in Certified Business Analysis (CCBA®), Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO®), and AI for Product Management, enabling him to design AI-enabled, compliance-driven SaaS products at scale.

As a speaker, Abdullah is known for his clear, pragmatic, and implementation-focused perspective on:

- UAE e-Invoicing roadmap & compliance readiness
- PINT-AE and FTA alignment strategies
- Enterprise onboarding & change management
- Peppol and cross-border interoperability
- AI-driven tax and compliance innovation

Abdullah regularly advises enterprises, system integrators, and ecosystem partners on e-Invoicing adoption strategies, making him a trusted voice in shaping the future of digital taxation in the UAE and beyond.

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SPEAKER



Vivek Raj
Chief Growth Officer
SQ Group

Vivek Raj is the Chief Growth Officer at SQ Group, where he leads strategic expansion, partnerships, merger and acquisition and market growth initiatives across digital transformation, compliance technologies, and enterprise solutions.

With extensive experience working with banks, insurers, large enterprises, and government-linked organizations, Vivek plays a key role in helping organizations adopt future-ready technologies. His work spans driving e-invoicing, tax digitization, cybersecurity, and enterprise IT modernization, enabling businesses to remain compliant while driving operational efficiency.

Vivek is passionate about helping organizations navigate digital compliance with confidence while unlocking long-term growth opportunities through technology. At this event, Vivek represents SMARTeIS, SQ Group's advanced e-invoicing and compliance solution, sharing practical insights on UAE e-invoicing readiness, regulatory expectations, and implementation best practices. His approach combines regulatory understanding with real-world deployment experience, making complex compliance frameworks simple and actionable for enterprises.

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SPEAKER



Ajaya Kumar

Director

Technology, Tax & Regulatory Services
Evas Constantin Group

K Ajaya Kumar is a results-driven technology consulting leader with over 32 years of experience managing complex business transformation programs for global organizations.

At Evas Constantin, as Director – Technology, Tax & Regulatory Services, he leads the technology consulting practice with a focus on tax technology, regulatory services, and ERP-driven business transformation, helping clients navigate their digital journey with innovative and efficient solutions.

His expertise is deeply rooted in leveraging technology to solve complex business challenges in tax, finance, and regulatory compliance. As part of Big4 consulting organisation, he held dual senior leadership roles: first, as Executive Director for Technology, Tax & Regulatory Services, where he digitalized tax compliance through e-invoicing, RPA, and analytics and established CoEs; and later, as a PMO Director for Digital Services, where he governed the delivery of major SAP programs.

A key achievement was his leadership in the end-to-end implementation of e-invoicing solutions for a significant roster of major clients, with successful deployments across both India and other regions. With significant international experience from his time in UK as part of Big4 organisation, Ajaya revolutionized the tax compliance reporting process and led finance workstreams on global SAP implementation projects. He is an expert in SAP solutions (S/4HANA, FICO, GRC), process automation, and program management methodologies (Agile, ASAP).

Core Competencies: Business Transformation | Tax Technology & Automation | SAP S/4HANA & ERP | Program & PMO Leadership | Digital Strategy | Regulatory Compliance | Center of Excellence (CoE) Setup | RPA & Analytics

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SPEAKER



Mahalaxmi Mallya

Manager
Tax Technical
Evas Constantin Group

Mahalaxmi Mallya is a Chartered Accountant with over nine years of experience in direct and indirect taxation, including more than four years of post-qualification experience in the UAE. She has extensive expertise in UAE VAT, Corporate Tax, e-invoicing and Economic Substance Regulations (ESR) compliances.

Mahalaxmi began her career in India, where she specialized in direct taxation and handled complex search and scrutiny assessments, as well as appellate proceedings before the Commissioner of Income Tax and the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal. In the UAE, she advises clients on complex VAT and Corporate Tax issues, delivering insights on tax compliance frameworks, handling tax audits, tax impact assessments, private clarifications, and assessment and implementation of e-invoicing.

At EVAS Constantin, Mahalaxmi leads the tax practice, providing high-level technical guidance and client advisory, delivering sophisticated tax solutions, conducting advanced technical trainings, and supporting organizations in navigating the evolving UAE tax landscape with precision and confidence.

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PANELIST



Sandeep Nair
Senior Partner
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Mr. Sandeepkumar Nair is the Senior Partner at Evas Constantin Group, where he leads the Audit & Assurance, In-Country Value (ICV), AML & Compliance, and Consulting divisions. He is a Registered Auditor with the UAE Ministry of Economy, a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS), and a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (FCA).

Founded in 2013, Evas Constantin Group is a UAE-based professional services firm providing a comprehensive suite of audit, tax, advisory, and regulatory compliance services across multiple sectors. Under Mr. Nair's leadership, the firm has established a strong reputation for technical excellence, regulatory insight, and value-driven client service.

Mr. Nair is a Registered Audit Principal authorised to conduct regulated audits under the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA). He is also an Approved Internal Auditor with the UAE Central Bank for Insurance Brokers, reflecting his deep regulatory expertise and strong governance focus.

A Commerce Graduate from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India, and a Fellow Member of ICAI, Mr. Nair brings over 19 years of professional practice experience in the UAE region. He has successfully handled numerous complex and high-impact assignments and is widely regarded as a trusted advisor and sought-after professional for his versatile experience across industries.

Mr. Nair moved to the UAE in 2006 and served as an Audit Manager with an international audit firm until 2013. In the same year, he co-founded Evas Constantin, playing a pivotal role in building and scaling the firm into a respected professional practice in the region.

His core areas of specialization include internal audits, regulatory compliance, and anti-money laundering, with particular focus on financial institutions and insurance brokerage firms. He holds multiple professional certifications, including Certificate in Business Valuation from the ICAI and Certificate in Financial Crime Compliance (Insurance Sector) – International Compliance Association.

At Evas Constantin, Mr. Nair has also developed a niche and leading practice in In-Country Value (ICV) Certification, an initiative of the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology (MoIAT), UAE, supporting organizations in aligning with national economic diversification and Emiratization objectives.

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PANELIST



Mohammad Mosaj Gohar

Vice President,
Technology – Middle East
SQ Group

Mohammad Mosaj Gohar is Vice President, Technology – Middle East, heading Delivery and Pre-Sales, with over 18 years of leadership experience spanning technology delivery, digital transformation, and solution strategy across global enterprises and tier-1 banking institutions in Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Mosaj brings a 360-degree perspective across the technology lifecycle—ranging from architecture and solution design to large-scale delivery, stakeholder engagement, and enterprise presales. He has successfully led large, cross-functional teams and complex, multi-country transformation programs, consistently aligning technology initiatives with business outcomes, regulatory expectations, and operational scalability.

With deep hands-on experience in digital compliance platforms, enterprise integrations, and regulatory-driven transformation, Mosaj plays a key role in helping organizations navigate the transition to e-invoicing and tax digitization in the UAE and the wider region. His work closely supports the rollout of SMARTeIS, SQ Group’s advanced e-invoicing and compliance platform, where he focuses on translating regulatory mandates into practical, scalable, and enterprise-ready implementations.

Known for his people-first leadership style, Mosaj combines strategic vision with execution discipline—bridging the gap between regulators, business leaders, and technology teams. His approach emphasizes simplicity, resilience, and long-term value, ensuring organizations not only comply with mandates such as UAE e-invoicing, but also strengthen their digital foundations for the future economy.

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PANELIST



Danielle Cyrus
Tax Technology Expert

A passionate advocate for the power of technology in transforming tax compliance, Danielle brings over a decade of expertise in tax and regulatory technology across the UK, Europe, and GCC. She specializes in VAT, CIT, Transfer Pricing, Pillar 2, and E-Invoicing, helping multinational enterprises navigate new tax regimes with best in breed technology solutions. As founder of Magna Tech, Danielle is a strong proponent for early investment in smart technology, not only to ensure compliance, but also to position adopters for a lasting competitive edge.

Beyond her work in tax technology, Danielle is a strong advocate for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, championing initiatives that foster inclusive networks and workplaces. She is also honored to serve as a judge at the Gulf Customer Experience Awards 2026, recognizing excellence in customer experience across the region.

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