

BDO announces expansion in Eastern Caribbean

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BDO Eastern Caribbean is delighted to announce an expansion, as the firm welcomes partners of the former KPMG Eastern Caribbean practice to BDO, effective 1 April 2017. This expansion sees the following changes and additions to BDO Eastern Caribbean: in Antigua & Barbuda, the former KPMG office, led by Cleveland Seaforth, joins BDO. In St Lucia, the BDO presence is expanding with Brenda Duncan being joined by Frank Myers, formerly of KPMG. In St. Vincent and the Grenadines there will be a change of BDO firm, now represented by Reuben John formerly of KPMG, who joins BDO's Arrion Barnwell. BDO LLC in Anguilla remains with BDO's Claudel Romney as lead member.

BDO Eastern Caribbean will now also cover the territories of Dominica and Grenada, next to Anguilla, St Kitts & Nevis and Montserrat where BDO was already providing services. The new, expanded firm will operate as BDO Eastern Caribbean, with six partners and over 130 staff.

This new agreement adds to an already vibrant BDO region that has grown significantly in recent years with the addition of new firms in Aruba, Barbados and Puerto Rico. BDO Eastern Caribbean already has an impressive international client base and a reputation for strong local market knowledge, broad industry expertise and excellent technical skills. The move will continue to ensure that clients right across the region can benefit from the expertise of the BDO network as a whole, and at the same time find the service capabilities to fulfil their complex needs at local level.

Keith Farlinger, BDO's CEO of the Americas region, is delighted to see BDO Eastern Caribbean grow so significantly in a single expansion effort. "We are confident of a cultural fit between the newly joined firms, as well as their clients", he says. "BDO's integrated global network is highly regarded for its outstanding service delivery and this enlarged firm is looking forward to building strong relationships with existing and new clients, and continuing to add value to their businesses".

Brenda Duncan, Managing Partner, and Cleveland Seaforth, Chairman, are equally optimistic: “This represents an exciting new chapter in our firm's growth and will enable us to continue providing innovative solutions to our clients’ existing challenges, while assisting them in anticipating those of tomorrow”, comments Brenda. Cleveland adds: “I have no doubt that, with the support of the BDO network, our combined firms will grow our businesses further and strengthen our position in the local market”.

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