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SMP FORUM 2026

FUTURE-READY SMPs: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE, ADVISORY-DRIVEN PRACTICES IN AN EVOLVING PROFESSION

8 September 2026 (Tuesday), 9.00am – 5.00pm

Connexion Conference & Event Centre @ Nexus, Bangsar South, Kuala Lumpur

GROUP DISCOUNT
Save additional RM50/pax for registration of 2 pax and above (member/ member's firm).

What will it take for Small and Medium Practices (SMPs) to remain competitive and resilient in the years ahead? Rising audit exemption thresholds, accelerating digitalisation, stronger tax enforcement, talent shortages and continuing fee pressure are reshaping the profession and challenging traditional practice models. At the same time, compliance work is becoming more automated, while clients increasingly expect faster service, practical advice and strategic business support.

SMP Forum 2026 is designed to help practitioners respond to these challenges by strengthening business resilience and long-term sustainability. Moving beyond traditional audit and compliance services, the forum explores strategies to help SMPs diversify their service offerings, strengthen operational efficiency, navigate evolving regulatory requirements, and create new sources of value for clients.

Through panel discussions and focussed deep-dive sessions featuring regulators, practitioners, tax specialists, and practice leaders, participants will gain valuable insights into adopting technology and AI responsibly, managing tax compliance in the e-Invoicing era, attracting and retaining talent, strengthening audit quality, and developing advisory services that support long-term business growth. Above all, **SMP Forum 2026** aims to equip practitioners with the insights and strategies to build firms that remain relevant, profitable and trusted in an increasingly complex business environment.

FORUM OBJECTIVES

- To help SMPs reposition beyond traditional compliance into advisory-led and value-based practices
- To address talent attraction, retention, and sustainable workforce models for SMPs
- To provide practical guidance on managing rising regulatory and tax compliance demands
- To explore realistic adoption of digital tools, AI, and automation within SMP environments
- To support SMP sustainability amid audit exemption changes, fee pressure, and enforcement intensity

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Sole Proprietors, Partners, Managers and Senior Associates of **Small and Medium Practice** Firms

FORUM PROGRAMME

8.30 am REGISTRATION & WELCOME REFRESHMENTS

9.00 am **WELCOME REMARKS**

9.10 am **SCALING UP, SPECIALISING, OR STAYING FOCUSSED: CHOOSING THE RIGHT GROWTH PATH**

As the profession evolves, growth is no longer one-size-fits-all for SMPs. This session helps practitioners make deliberate, informed choices about their firm's future—whether to scale, specialise, form alliances, merge, or build a high-quality boutique practice.

The discussion will cover leadership transition, succession planning, KPIs, governance, talent, and the operational systems that underpin sustainable growth.

9.50 am **BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY AND ASSURANCE SERVICES: PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMPs**

Growing ESG and sustainability reporting requirements are creating new advisory and assurance opportunities for SMPs. This session explores how firms can build sustainability services by leveraging their existing assurance and advisory expertise to deliver enhanced value to clients.

The discussion will also cover the talent and capability requirements highlighted in the SSM's consultative document on the proposed Companies Act amendments relating to sustainability reporting.

10.30 am MORNING REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING

11.00 am PANEL DISCUSSION

TECHNOLOGY THAT DELIVERS: AI, AUTOMATION & DIGITALISATION FOR SMPS

With manpower shortages continuing to challenge SMPs, technology is becoming an essential enabler of efficiency and productivity. This session explores practical AI applications, workflow automation, and integrated practice management systems that can help firms streamline operations, improve client service and increase productivity.

Participants will also gain insights into managing data security and cybersecurity risks, selecting technology that delivers value for the firm, and using technology to support professional judgement, ethics and client trust.

12.10 pm **TAXATION IN TRANSITION: WHAT SMPs MUST KNOW IN 2026**

With tax requirements continuing to evolve, SMPs need to stay abreast of developments that affect both their firms and their SME clients. This session provides updates on key tax developments, including e-Invoicing implementation and common pitfalls, CP204, tax governance and documentation expectations, the impact of e-Stamp duty systems on engagement letters and workflows, cross-border tax considerations for SMEs, and tax planning from a commercial and advisory perspective.

12.50 pm NETWORKING LUNCH

1.50 pm **AMLA AMENDMENTS AND KEY UPDATES TO AMLA & DCR 2026 DECLARATION: IMPLICATIONS FOR COMPLIANCE**

Recent amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act (AMLA), together with updates to the AMLA & DCR 2026 Declaration requirements, have introduced enhanced compliance expectations for reporting institutions and taxpayers. This session provides a practical overview of the latest regulatory changes, including expanded reporting obligations, increased enforcement focus, and alignment with international standards.

Participants will gain insights into key risk areas, common compliance gaps, and best practices to ensure accurate and timely declarations, strengthen internal controls, and mitigate regulatory exposure in an increasingly stringent compliance environment.

2.20 pm PANEL DISCUSSION

BUILDING THE FUTURE SMP WORKFORCE: ATTRACTING, DEVELOPING, AND RETAINING TALENT IN A CHANGING PROFESSION

Talent remains one of the most pressing challenges facing SMPs. This panel examines the changing accounting talent landscape, from the supply of graduates and professional accountancy talent to the factors influencing career choices and why young talent is leaving—or avoiding—SMPs and audit.

Panellists will discuss the impact of regulation, workload, and firm culture on talent attraction and retention, as well as practical strategies for developing rewarding career pathways, supporting employee wellbeing, investing in upskilling, and preparing talent for higher-value advisory and leadership roles.

3.30 pm PANEL DISCUSSION

PRACTICE REVIEW: STRENGTHENING AUDIT QUALITY WHILE SUPPORTING SMP SUSTAINABILITY

With the implementation of the MIA Practice Review Programme (PRP) framework from 1 July 2024 and the establishment of the Taskforce on Practice Review & Disciplinary Mechanism (TPRDM) following member feedback at the MIA AGM held on September 2025, the profession is entering a critical phase of reform.

This session provides SMPs with clarity, transparency, and practical insight into how practice review and disciplinary mechanisms are evolving—what is changing, what remains, and how firms can respond constructively without fear or misinformation.

4.40 pm AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING

5.00 pm END OF FORUM

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5. **SELECT** an event
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- Replacing registered participants is not allowed.
- Paid registration that is cancelled can opt to transfer the paid amount to future event(s) after deducting any applicable administrative charges.
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- Corporate/Individual is required to provide the EFT form each time when a refund is requested.

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