



CRA International (CRA) Expands Middle East Presence with the Opening of Saudi Arabia Office

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New Riyadh Office is Company's Second in the Region

BOSTON, April 6, 2010 – [CRA International](#) (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing [management, litigation, regulatory, and financial consulting services](#), today announced that it has expanded its presence in the Middle East with the opening of an office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The new Riyadh office will complement CRA's existing office in Bahrain, which opened in 2005 as a base from which to serve clients in the region.

"The Middle East is a dynamic and developing region whose consulting needs are as challenging as anywhere in the world," said CRA's President and Chief Executive Officer [Paul Maleh](#). "Our offices in Riyadh and Bahrain provide an important platform to support the initiatives of our clients and drive our growth across the region."

Clients have engaged CRA for a broad range of projects throughout the region, including in Jordan, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. "As Middle East countries diversify their economies, the scope of our consulting work in the region has expanded beyond our traditional areas of strength in chemicals, utilities, oil, and gas," Maleh said. "We are now working on engagements in the areas of public policy and for clients in the manufacturing and service sectors. We assist clients in the Middle East with strategy services, program management organization in complex transformational projects, transaction evaluation, and regulatory development, among other areas. In addition to serving local clients in the private and public sectors, we also are increasingly advising international firms with ambitions to participate in the region's growth."

CRA's management team in the region is comprised of consultants from the [Global Industrial Consulting \(GIC\)](#) and [Energy & Environment](#) Practices. The team includes Vice President [Robert Young](#), who heads the Global Industrial Consulting Practice in the Europe and Middle East Region, as well as [Nic Braley](#), [Wassim Bou-Ghanem](#), [Jonathon Wright](#), [Richard Tabors](#), and [Mounir Ayntrazi](#). They are supported by other consultants based locally in the region as well as in other CRA locations around the world.

"We are pleased to announce CRA's office in Riyadh to complement our Bahrain base," said Robert Young, Vice President and Leader of the Global Industrial Consulting Practice in the Europe and Middle East Region. "Saudi Arabia has been an important market to us for many years, and our base in Riyadh enables us to expand our support for clients. Our Middle East operations benefit from our highly talented, local GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) staff and the capabilities of some of our top performers from the U.S. and Europe. We look forward to developing this model in Saudi Arabia. Our strategy is to develop distinctive, high quality and cost effective consulting services based in the region to not only support our clients but to also provide further growth opportunities for CRA."

About CRA International / Charles River Associates (CRA)

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