DAVID YATES LEADS THE DIGITAL AND DATA TEAM AT AL TAMIMI & CO

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Al Tamimi & Company has appointed **David Yates** (pictured) to head its Digital and Data team. The hire strengthens the firm's capabilities in its Digital and Data practice and takes the total number of Partners to 82 throughout the its 17 offices spread across 10 countries.

Yates was previously part of Al Tamimi & Company from 2010 to 2013 and now re-joins as partner and Regional Head of Digital and Data. He has spent the last 10 years back in his native Australia where he specialised in technology, data and IP at an independent law firm.

Commenting on the appointment, Samer Qudah, managing partner at Al Tamimi & Company, said:

"David re-joins the firm to head our Digital and Data practice, a vital area for Al Tamimi & Company. I am delighted David is on board, his understanding of the legal landscape across the region and exposure to international markets will be crucial in leading our team, and his expertise will add value and deepen our offer and client experience.

"For David and our Digital and Data team this is an important time. The region is continuing to experience a significant technological evolution within government and private sectors, and this presents opportunities for us. I believe this is an exciting time to be in the region and part of Al

Tamimi & Company, and I am sure David will be an asset for us as we continue to ensure our clients receive the best advice and representation."

On re-joining Al Tamimi & Company, David Yates Said:

"I am excited to be re-joining Al Tamimi & Company as a Partner and the Regional Head of Digital and Data. It has been 10 years since we founded the TMT practice at the firm, and since then it has gone from strength to strength to become a leader in the region. I look forward to working closely with Digital and Data Partners Nick O'Connell and Andrew Fawcett, and the other partners and colleagues across the firm's offices, to provide clients with excellent legal services across the region."