



value tenders and world class events which are all helping to maintain an increasingly busy news cycle.

The last 12 months have also seen the introduction of a number of new laws which have had a significant impact on the regulatory landscape and which include:

- Competition Law;
- Government Tenders and Procurement Law;
- E-Commerce Law; and
- Maritime Law.

In addition, socially significant steps have occurred in line with the Government's Vision 2030 agenda. For example, over the last 12 months we have seen a number of 'firsts' as highlighted below:

- women winning the right to drive;
- the re-opening of cinemas to the public;
- the issue of tourist visas for foreigners;
- tourist visas being issued to foreigners for special events;
- Saudi women over the age of 21 may now travel abroad without the need for the permission of their guardian; and
- a new law providing for 24 hour trading licences available from 1 January next year.

The following feature on [Saudi Arabia](#) touches on a number of current key issues.

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