

# Market Entry in the Middle East

Business Strategy & Regulatory Affairs

## Topics

- Which product type, which business model could be successful?
- Regulatory strategy: national versus GCC central authorisation
- National pricing systems & tendering
- Maintenance on the market: the do's and don'ts
- Case study for a product business strategy (regulatory affairs and pricing)

Focus on the GCC countries (Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the UAE), Jordan, Iraq and Egypt

## Your speakers

**Dr. Rand Alawi**  
Business Development  
Consultant,  
Riyadh, SAUDI ARABIA

**Dr. Thamer Obeidat**  
Secretary General,  
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## Aims and objectives

The countries of the Middle East are now going through a period of political change. The current situation holds both risks and opportunities for bringing your pharmaceuticals to the markets.

This seminar addresses your regulatory affairs options for entering the national markets, as well as your pricing and reimbursement options. Which countries offer promising markets for your products and fit your business model? How can you efficiently receive and maintain a marketing authorisation?

After having completed this seminar you will have gained valuable insights into the different health systems and know how to link your business development with your regulatory affairs strategy.

## Who should attend?

This seminar will be of benefit to all those working in the pharmaceutical industry who are interested in entering the Middle Eastern market or in keeping their products on the market.

Especially those working in

- general management
- regulatory affairs
- market access/pricing & reimbursement
- business development & sales

will benefit from the seminar.

Please note that this seminar is restricted to 25 participants.

## Your speakers



**Dr. Rand Alawi**  
Business Development  
Consultant,  
Riyadh, SAUDI ARABIA

She has 10 years experience in business development at the most successful pharmaceutical companies in the Middle East. Her experience includes choosing successful products, product licensing and territorial co-marketing. She is well known for linking business development with regulatory requirements.



**Dr. Thamer Obeidat**  
Secretary General,  
Drugstore Owners Association,  
Amman, JORDAN

Dr. Obeidat is an expert on pharmaceutical business management and is currently the Secretary General of the prestigious association. He is an expert negotiator on pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement and is well known as a policy formulator for exports and product protection strategies.



**Dr. Mohammed Saleem**  
Boehmert & Boehmert,  
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General Director of SIPS (Science-forum for Research & Consultancy). He has served as a senior consultant to many UN organisations and in projects of the WHO. Dr. Saleem has served as head of the IPR Committee & also as a member of the technical review board on herbal medicine and natural products at the Jordan FDA.

**Day 1: 10h00 - 18h00; day 2: 9h00 - 17h00**

## Political and economic situation in the Middle East region

- Political change - influence on the pharmaceutical scene
- Risks and opportunities in the current situation
- Lucrative countries depending on the pharmaceutical product type and expected business model

## Regulatory strategy for the region

- Regulatory definition of chemical pharmaceutical, biological pharmaceutical, herbal, vitamin and mineral pharmaceuticals and OTC
- General model for the marketing authorisation in the different countries?
- Formal and informal mutual recognition agreements between the countries
- GCC central authorisation?
- Regulatory affairs, pricing and business strategy in the Middle East

## Pricing options

- Tender processes in the different countries
- National health service reimbursement versus free marketing options
- Pricing systems in the Middle Eastern countries
- Strategy to get the requested product price
- Tactics for improving low-priced products
- Product definition and pricing systems

## Going MENA in practice

- Formulating a successful business strategy
- Product strategy building in the Middle East's difficult regulatory environment
- Available options for a successful product launch
- Cooperation options versus do-it-alone options; licensing and local production business strategies
- Operational questions: marketing authorisation via a scientific office or an agent?

## Maintaining on the market - the do's and don'ts

- Contractual marketing & appointment aspects of regulatory and business consequences
- Case study on a selected drug: example of a successful product business strategy, regulatory affairs and product price request

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## How to register

■ **Registration: +49 6221 500-501**

■ **Conference-No. 13 10 238**

■ **Date/Venue:**

24–25 October 2013 in Frankfurt  
Mercure Hotel & Residenz Frankfurt Messe  
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■ **Fee:**

€ 1.790,00 (+ German VAT)

The fee includes course documentation as well as  
mid-session refreshments and lunch. Invoice and  
confirmation will be forwarded to you.

■ **Time schedule**

1st Day: 9h30 registration; 10h00-18h00 seminar  
2nd Day: 9h00-17h00 seminar

■ **Hotel accommodation:**

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the  
hotel and are subject to availability. Please book at  
least six weeks prior to the seminar to obtain a hotel  
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and the Seminar-No.

## Any Further Questions?



Please feel free to contact me if  
you have any questions.

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