INTERNET ACCOUNTANT

Personal, mobile, efficient – online accounting

Internet applications for SMEs are booming. Companies can now do their accounting online as well. BDO is one of the first accounting firms to offer this type of service, meaning that SMEs can save time, money and stress, and make more targeted use of their accounting data.

Every SME knows how things are: an accounting program that needs regular updates and may not be compatible with the accountant's financial platform; sensitive data forwarded by mail, fax or inadequately protected email traffic; time-consuming exchange and synchronisation of data with the accountant; a mountain of receipts and other documents.

But this is how things should be: no in-house accounting software; no email traffic involving confidential data; no mailing of original documents; all documents archived electronically, easy to find and accessible remotely at any time; order, transparency and security.

Thanks to the Internet, SMEs can now have things the way they should be. BDO offers this type of serviced tailored to SMEs.

The "Internet Accountant" comprises the services of BDO and consists of two parts:

1. AbaWeb Accountant

The company records its entries directly in the AbaWebFiduciary program, which is hosted on the BDO server. The data can be processed and viewed at any time and from anywhere. Both the client and accountant work in the same interface, so data no longer needs to be exchanged The program features various profiles and profile packages in the areas of:

- Financial accounting
- Payroll
- Accounts payable and receivable
- Activity recording and project accounting
- Electronic banking
- Sales and quotations
- Order processing (ERP)
- Address management (CRM)
- Processing electronic invoices and receipts
- Online shop solutions

Various functions are grouped in each profile, and the company can select one or more profiles to match its needs. The profiles are compatible with one another and some are modular. This ensures that your business management software can always be adapted to the current requirements of your enterprise. The program was developed by Abacus.

2. Data storage

AbaWebFiduciary is linked to the data storage facility in the Internet Accountant, which comprises two electronic folders. The client has exclusive access to the first folder, and can structure the archive to meet internal needs. The second folder can be accessed by both the client and BDO. The company can also archive permanent documents, such as shareholder agreements, insurance policies, commercial register extracts and rental contracts, in the data store.

Protection against unauthorised access

Data is transferred between client and Internet-Accountant over a secure connection, and a SuisseID signature is required to access the system. These mechanisms serve to protect sensitive data against unauthorised access.

All you need is Internet access

Since the client works on the BDO server, an in-house accounting program is no longer required, meaning an end to tasks like backing up data and installing program updates. All you need are broadband Internet access and an Internet browser such as Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox.

Multiple uses

The Internet Accountant reduces accounting costs, simplifies collaboration with the accountant, creates transparency, facilitates additional evaluations and increases data security. A service like this could be just what many SMEs have been waiting for.

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