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Welcome,

**To our
Ukrainian team,**

**Our thoughts and prayers are with
you and your families. We are here
for you.**

-Nico Meyer

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<https://www.ckhgroup.com/news-knowledge/resources-to-help-ukraine/>

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Words from our Team Leads:



To our Ukraine team who are experiencing the unimaginable, know that the entire CKH Group's hearts are with you.

Frank

FRANK D'URBAN-JACKSON
Partner



This month our Ukrainian colleagues have shown the world what fantastic fortitude and resilience their country and people possess. In the face of unimaginable danger and hardships, our staff in Ukraine

Nick

NICK CATRAKILIS
Chief People Officer &
Treasurer

have held their heads high and demonstrated unmatched tenacity, valor, and love for their country and their freedoms. It is an honor and privilege to work alongside them, and CKH will continue to do its role in ensuring that all staff in Ukraine remain as safe as possible while they continue to fight for their country.



It is with a sense of discomfort and unfamiliarity that I write this month's contribution. So much emotion, yet so few words. Perhaps Covid has tainted us but the emotion is real. The tenacity and strength that our colleagues from Ukraine maintain are nothing short of admirable. As we stare from our living room sofas we can in no way imagine the trauma of what is unfolding in front of us. We continue to pray for wisdom to become our leaders, and that peace will soon return. It is heartwarming to

Eon

EON VAN WYK
Partner

observe the camaraderie between the various offices. Thank you for standing together, and with CKH.

MONTHLY KAHOOT

Every Third Friday (*Mar. 18 next month*)

March theme: Video Games

February



Alex Kraemer

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MEET OUR GLOBAL OFFICES

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Teams in 8 global locations, employing 150+ professionals

Global Footprint

Strategic geographical positioning of offices to ensure consistent availability to any and all client needs

Expertise

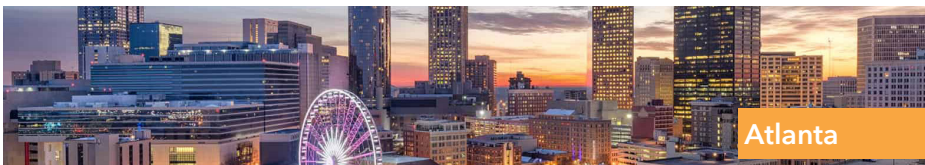
Utilizing local talent to ensure dynamic expertise and the most accurate results

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South Africa



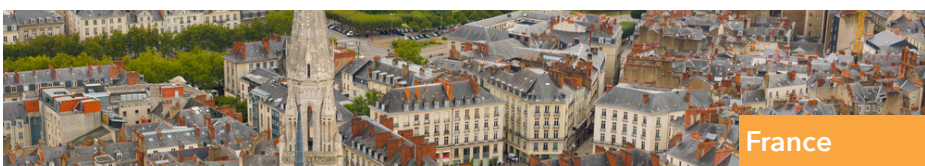
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Greece



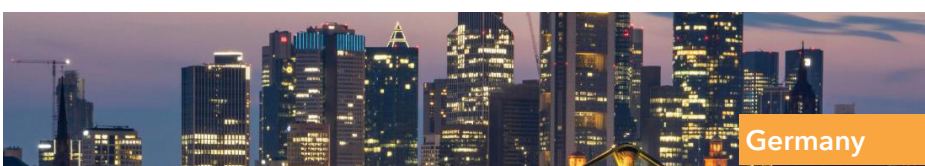
Ukraine



France



Poland



Germany



Spain

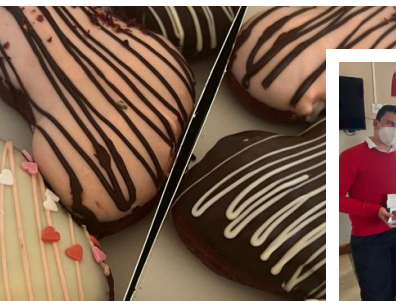
SOUTH AFRICA

Since its establishment in 2014 to support the US headquarters in Atlanta, the Cape Town office has brought together a diverse pool of accounting, finance, and consulting talent.

Cape Town, South Africa



The South Africa office attended a gin tasting event at the Cape Town Gin Company - The Gin Room



Valentine's Day



NEW HIRES



Ahkifah De Long Audit

"I completed my Bcom Accounting degree at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town and has been in the audit industry for 4 years now. In my free time, I enjoy swimming, hiking and dancing around the house with my kids."



Kathrynne Wenn Audit

"I am an Afrikaans girl from Ceres, Western Cape and really like to speak Afrikaans in the work place as much as I can. I will be working in the Cape Town office's audit department."



Jaco Botes AR Team

I grew up in a small town in the east of Johannesburg, South Africa. Being a forensic accountant and I have a passion for just conduct, fairness, and speaking up for those who aren't always willing."



Miché September HR

"I am currently the HR assistant in the South Africa, Cape Town office. I previously worked at Oxford University Press and I have a keen interest and passion for meeting people from culturally-diverse backgrounds. In my free time, I enjoy walking on the beach and hiking."



Lilia Poludenna Audit

"I'm located in London, UK. I recently finished my Master's Degree for Finance and Accounting at the University of Westminster. Before joining CKH group I worked as an Auditor in PwC Ukraine for more than 2 years."



Ryan Du Randt Marketing Intern

"Hi everyone. I am the marketing and branding intern in Cape Town, South Africa. I have many interests but my biggest one is anything sport related. I am a creative and technical minded person."

Covid Update

Masks are still required in indoor spaces, as well as COVID tests for travelers. Quarantine/ Isolation periods are in effect, and businesses are still operating under restrictions to avoid more transmission of COVID-19.

29.7%

of their
population
fully vaccinated

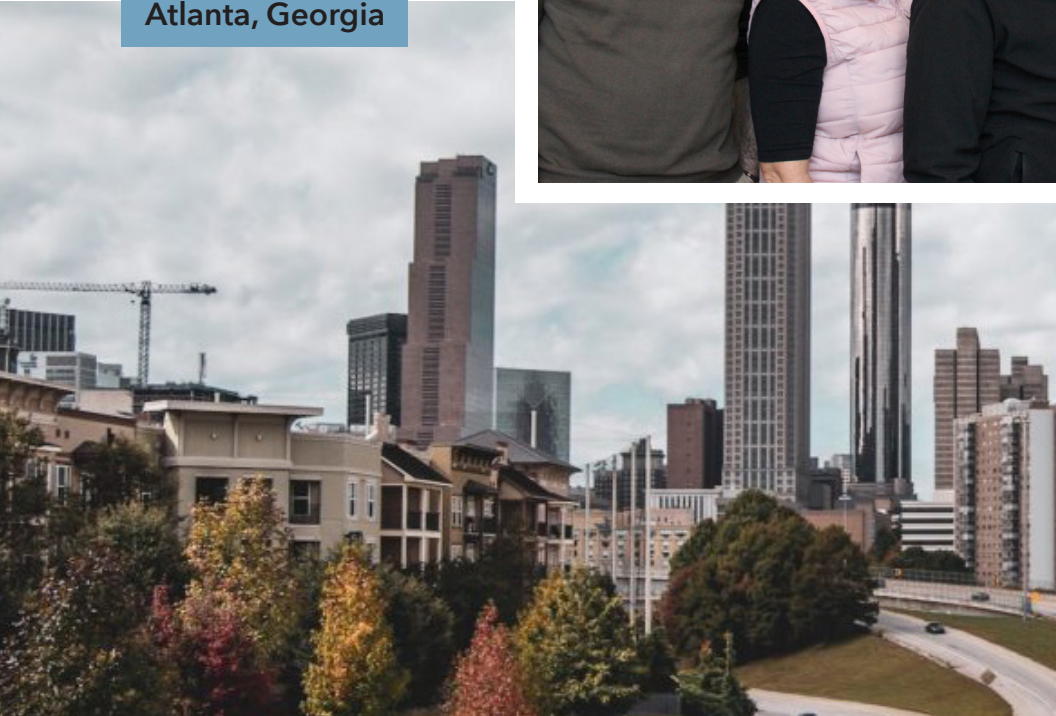
ATLANTA

Atlanta, Georgia is home to CKH Group's headquarters. The company's head office smoothly manages the work of its international network while giving autonomy to the firm's local offices worldwide.

Office Visitors

The Atlanta office had several visitors from across multiple offices. Visiting is Kyle Heyl, Erika Botes, Panagiotis Saratsis, and Helen Kisteniuik. They will be helping us push through this year's tax season.

Atlanta, Georgia





FEB 14 Valentine's Day

Across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones.

Also called Saint Valentine's Day, the holiday—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. Traditions and origins range from Greek mythology (Cupid), the pagan celebration "Lupercalia", and Christianity (Saint Valentine). However the origins, the day now remains as a holiday to celebrate ones love for each other.

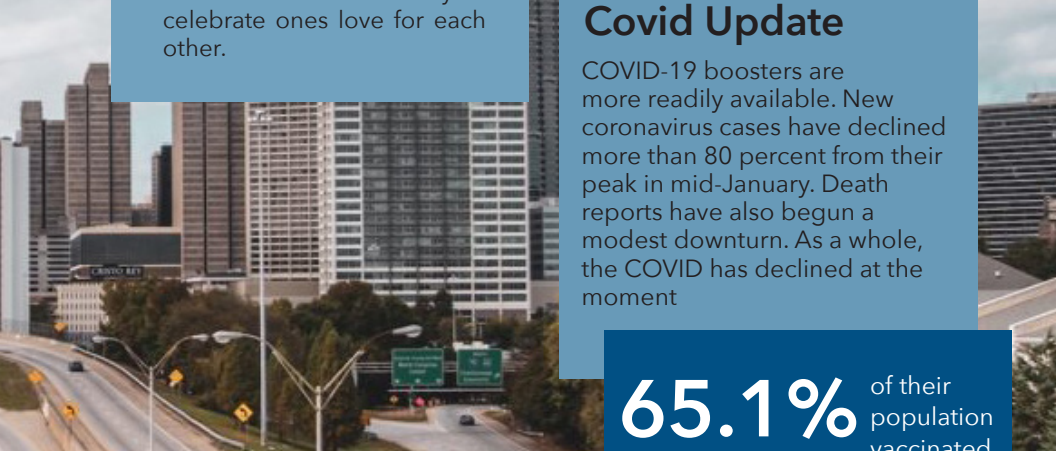
BIRTHDAYS

- March 18 - Harry Catrakilis
- March 30 - John Goss

Covid Update

COVID-19 boosters are more readily available. New coronavirus cases have declined more than 80 percent from their peak in mid-January. Death reports have also begun a modest downturn. As a whole, the COVID has declined at the moment

65.1% of their population vaccinated



GREECE

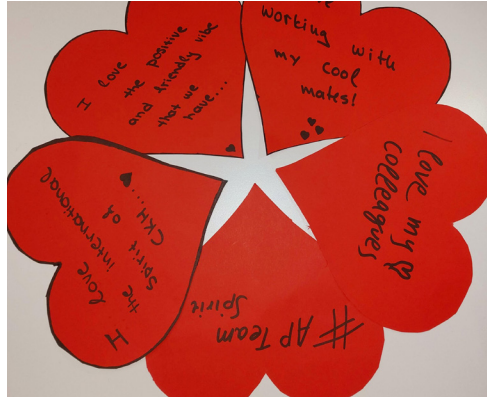
In 2018, our Italian SME (subject matter expert) relocated to Athens, GR in order to set up an additional European center that would cater to additional EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa) projects. Since then, CKH has also opened an office in Lemnos

Lemnos, Greece



Valentine's Day

The Greece offices handed out red and pink heart-shaped papers and wrote why they love their job and their team. Don't forget to share love, it makes the world a better place!





Cake Cutting

On 28th of January, the Greece office organised a cake cutting event in Athens and Lemnos with Mr. Harry and his wife. The lucky ones that found the hidden coin inside the "Vasilopita" (Maro Karamorschou, Stamatia Tsakozi, Despina Deriziwti, Daria Meshkova) received a special gift and are blessed with good luck for the whole year!



Covid Update

Covid Cases have also drastically reduced since the spike in January. With more and more of the population receiving the booster. Travel still requires masks and PCR test to enter Greece, however.

67.9%

of their population fully vaccinated

NEW HIRES



Francesco Westmaas Statutory Compliance

Francesco is our new team member in the Statutory Compliance project. He comes from Netherlands and has 5 years of previous financial accounting experience. In Netherlands he was very active in sports, as he used to go for kickboxing, swimming and running.



Ioannis Mimikos SALT Team

Ioannis is from Kalamata and he relocated recently to Athens to start building his accounting career. He is a fresh Economics graduate from the University of Macedonia (2021) In his free time, he enjoys listening music and attending traditional dance classes.

UKRAINE

The Kyiv office was established in 2016 at a time when few international companies considered the Ukraine as a destination for establishing a back office support for its financial and accounting services worldwide.



New Hire - Yuliia Golovatiuk

AR Team

"I am a positive person who likes to laugh, but at the same time, I take my work very seriously. I am a perfectionist when it comes to my duties, I love working with numbers and looking for inaccuracies. In my free time, I prefer to spend in the gym or reboot my brain with a good movie."



New Hire - Oleksii Podriadchykov

Newell Team

"I am the new FS reporting analyst at CKH Group within the Newell project team. Prior to accepting this position, I used to hold different finance and accounting related positions both in private and public sector. I am happy to contribute to mutual goals from the very first day in the firm."

Kiev, Ukraine



34.4%

of their
population
fully
vaccinated

SUPPORT UKRAINE

Current state of
emergency

Russia has launched a wide-ranging attack on Ukraine, and the conflict is ongoing. CKH Group's thoughts are with the Ukraine team and their families in this time of crisis. We wish them all the support and hope that they keep safe in this conflict. Please stay informed and stay alert.

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Covid Update

COVID-19 infections are decreasing in Ukraine, with 25,700 new infections reported on average each day. That's 71% of the peak – the highest daily average reported on February 9.

%

BIRTHDAYS

- March 29 – Iryna Ivanenko
- March 15 – Dinara Kartayeva
- March 28 – Sergii Kozak,
- March 28 – Lesia Lapchyk
- March 21 – Oleksandr Tymoshenko

POLAND

The Poznan office's strategic geographic position allows the firm to solidify its presence in Europe and better service our customers' needs on short notice. The Poznan office is an integral part of CKH.

Poznan, Poland



NEW HIRES



Monika Wlasniak
HR

"I am originally from Leszno, a town 68 km from Poznań. For many years I have been working as an Administrative and HR Specialist for international automotive and food companies. In my spare time I like cycling, reading (especially biographies and criminal novels) and growing House plants."



Covid Update

Poland's gap between those who have received their first and second dose is one of the closest, compared to other countries. Like other locations, average number of new infections reported each day is falling. In Poland it has fallen more than 30,700 over the last 3 weeks, 63% of its previous peak

58.3%

of their population fully vaccinated

FEB. 24

Tłusty Czwartek

Also known as Fat Thursday, it is the last day before lent. In Poland it is celebrated by eating a lot of doughnuts. We like to brag who ate more. 4, 5, 6 doughnuts? No problem!

Traditional foods include pączki (doughnuts), which are large deep-fried pieces of especially rich dough, traditionally filled with plum or rose petal jam (though others are commonly used) and topped with powdered sugar, icing, or glaze. Angel wings (faworki) are also commonly consumed on this day.

SPAIN

The Barcelona office is the latest addition to the CKH Group network. The team supports our other offices and solidifies CKH Group's presence in the EMEA region.

Barcelona, Spain

Covid Update

Aside from the Barcelona office getting Covid, Spain's new cases have decreased since its peak in January. All of our offices are seeing this trend in numbers.

82.2% of their population fully vaccinated

Barcelona Visitors

The Barcelona office had visitors from the Ukrainian and Greek teams. Together everyone went out to dinner, and to flamenco dancing.





Covid Positive

COVID-19 swept through the Barcelona office, with all team members testing positive (even fully vaccinated). Fortunately, everyone is recovered or on the path to recovery. Stay safe!

FLAMENCO SHOW!



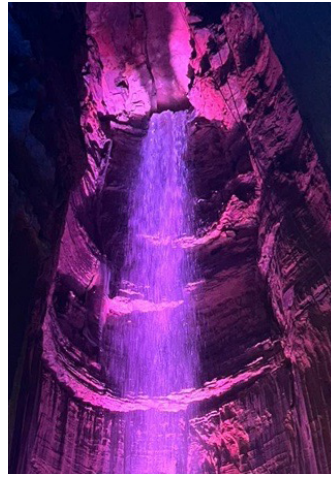
Jackelin & Guido BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION





FOCUSING ON YOU

Nature





Next Month's
Theme:
Comedy

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Ukraine Resources

CKH Group is standing with the members of our team, and their families, in our Ukraine office. We are keeping those impacted close to our hearts and in our minds. During this impactful time, we would like to provide the members of our CKH Group teams with appropriate resources to help the situation in Ukraine. If you are looking to donate to those in dire need here is a list of places that need your help in many ways. This list of resources was originally put together by Ukrainian journalists and citizens:

Supplies for the Military:

Note, All the funds donated directly or to either of these orgs will be used for logistical and medical support.

Donate directly to The Armed Forces of Ukraine: <https://ukraine.ua/news/support-the-armed-forces-of-ukraine/>

Come Back Alive: <https://savelife.in.ua/en/donate/>

Army SOS: <https://armysos.com.ua/en/>

Phoenix Wings: <http://wings-phoenix.org.ua/en/about-fund/>

Vostok SOS: <https://vostok-sos.org/en/make-a-donation/>

Medical Supplies:

Razom for Ukraine: <https://www.facebook.com/RazomForUkraine/fundraisers>

United Help Ukraine: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/337101825010055/>

Fundraiser for Sunflower of Peace: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/507886070680475/>

Revived Soldiers Ukraine: <https://www.rsukraine.org>

Hospitaliers: <https://www.facebook.com/hospitaliers/posts/2953630548255167>

Aiding Volunteer Work:

Ukrainian Red Cross: <https://redcross.org.ua/en/donate/>

Aiding Veterans:

UWVM/Veteranka: <https://www.uwvm.org.ua>

Aiding Children Impacted by War:

Voices of Children: <https://voices.org.ua/en/>

Supporting Journalists:

You can donate to The Kyiv Independent for continued coverage of Ukrainian English language journalism:

Patreon: <https://www.patreon.com/kyivindependent>

GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/kyivindependent-launch>

TRENDING SONGS AROUND THE WORLD

TOP 5 GLOBALLY

- **Heat Waves** by Glass Animals
- **STAY** by The Kid LAROI, Justin Bieber
- **abcdefu** by GAYLE
- **Enemy (from Arcane)** by Imagine Dragons & more
- **Cold Heart - PNAU Remix** by Elton John, Dua Lipa, PNAU

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GREECE

Trafficante by SNIK, VLOSPA, Oge

Lobby by Light

ALL TIME HIGH by RICTA, Mikros Kleftis

UKRAINE

astral step by shadowraze

adaptive strike by shadowraze & more

Stefania by KALUSH

POLAND

Jetlag by Milk Montana & more

Lawenda by SB Maffija & more

Proste fakty by SB Maffija & more

UNITED STATES

We Don't Talk About Bruno by Encanto Cast

Heat Waves by Glass Animals

Super Gremlin by Kodak Black

SOUTH AFRICA

Sondela by Venom & more

HOME by Riky Rick, Mas Musiq

Paris by Q-Mark, TpZee, Afriikan Papi

GERMANY

Wet von mir by CIVO

Kopf aus by 1986zig

Heat Waves by Glass Animals

SPAIN

Cayó La Noche by La Pantera & more

MAMIII by Becky G, Karol G

Desesperados by Rauw Alejandro & more

FRANCE

Jefe by Ninho

Filtré by Timal, Gazo

VVS by Ninho

Local Favorites - LEMNOS

Our team in Greece has expanded to Lemnos island, and with that a new selection of local restaurants to dig into!

Top 5 Restaurants

1

Kouroumbelo

Kouroumbelo is a traditional coffee shop that has been placed in Lemnos Central Square. It offers tasty Greek dishes.



2

Kavourakia

This restaurant serves traditional Greek food. It is a tasty go to spot for visitors and locals alike.



3

Meating Cafe

This spot is a one of the best coffee shops close to to the office. It also has tasty pastries and sandwiches.

4

Pesperago

This is a small bistro cafe in the center of the island. You can find the best wine and enjoy delicious food under the trees.

5

Ippokampos

Ippokampos is located next to the Port of Koutali and there you can enjoy your coffee and breakfast!



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