



Litigation, Arbitration & Investigations

With 7 Partners and over 30 other lawyers, our Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations team is one of the largest and most highly regarded dispute resolution practices in the Middle East.

We advise on the full spectrum of contentious matters, including onshore and offshore litigation, international arbitration, investigations, regulatory and compliance.

Our team offers:

Market-leading regional expertise –

We offer a powerful combination of regional expertise and global reach. Having been in the region since 2005, our knowledge extends well beyond the law, and our team is skilled at navigating the complex economic, cultural and social specificities that surround business transactions. We are able to quickly assess the strengths and weaknesses of your position, reduce uncertainty and create a pragmatic strategy to minimise business disruption. We are the *only* firm ranked Band 1 in all dispute resolution categories for international firms in Legal 500 2020 (United Arab Emirates).



Dedicated UAE onshore litigation capability –

We are one of the few international firms in the UAE with an integrated onshore UAE court litigation practice through our exclusive relationship with DHA Law, a fully-fledged litigation and onshore firm represented by Ahmed Ramadan and Halima Al Marzouqi, two senior Emirati lawyers. This ensures that there is no duplication of work and offers us the ability to deliver clients a seamless service at no additional cost.



A global leader in international arbitration – We are acknowledged as a leader in the international arbitration field, ranked in the Global Arbitration Review's GAR30 as one of the leading global practices. We bring extensive experience handling arbitrations in every major international and regional arbitration centre, including (but not limited to) DIAC, the DIFC-LCIA, ADCCAC, SCCA, QICCA, GCCAC, ICC and LCIA; as well as ad hoc arbitrations and under the UNCITRAL Rules.



Examples of experience

- Advising a **Middle Eastern automotive retailer and distributor** on claims against its joint venture partner before the onshore UAE courts (and in 3 parallel arbitrations), seeking damages of approximately USD950 million.
- Advising a **UAE-based development company** in DIAC arbitration proceedings against a contractor concerning the construction of one of the tallest residential towers in the world.
- Acting for **two pan-African** and **one French financial institution** in USD260 million debt recovery proceedings against an international construction group before the DIFC Courts, onshore Dubai courts and the Joint Judicial Committee.
- Acting for a **Fortune 500 company** in ICC arbitration proceedings seated in Oman in connection with an employer's claim in damages in excess of USD50 million arising from a fire at a refinery.
- Acting for a **telecoms company** enforcing a USD600 million LCIA arbitral award in Saudi Arabia, involving Enforcement Court and related Saudi Court of Appeal proceedings and anti-suit injunction proceedings in the English courts.
- Advising an **international EPC contractor** in ICC arbitration proceedings on a multi-million dollar dispute arising out of the design and construction of a stadium for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.
- Acting for a **major UK contractor** in relation to upstream and downstream claims valued at USD150 million regarding the design and construction of one of the UAE's most prestigious universities.
- Successfully represented a **prominent Indian real estate billionaire** in multiple proceedings, including in LCIA arbitration proceedings seated in Singapore commenced by a UK AIM-listed company seeking over USD500 million in damages; in LCIA India arbitration proceedings seated in Delhi in which damages of up to USD1 billion were sought; and in seeking the discharge of a USD80 million worldwide freezing order granted on an ex-parte basis by the DIFC Courts.
- Advising a **global pharmaceutical company** on an internal investigation across the Middle East and elsewhere involving over 40 allegations of alleged fraud and compliance issues (under the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the UK Bribery Act and local legislation) and related settlements with the relevant authorities. The investigation is one of the most high-profile and largest of its kind worldwide.

Awards and accolades



**Litigation Team
of the Year**

THE MIDDLE EAST
LEGAL AWARDS 2019



**#2 Most Powerful
Law Firm Brand
in the World**

ACRITAS 2020



**International
Law Firm of the
Year 2020**

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A client cited the team as “very skilled and hard-working,” finding the partners “have excellent client care skills and are extremely personable.”

— Chambers Global 2020
(Dispute Resolution: United Arab Emirates)

DLA Piper Middle East LLP “brings a unique blend of in-house technical expertise to provide its clients with the best service possible.”

— Legal 500 2019
(Dispute Resolution: United Arab Emirates)