

Dubai



LG in the Middle East

LG provides legal advice to clients around the world. Our base is in London but, like our clients, our reach is global.

We're not just commercially-minded, we're entrepreneurial and results-minded. Our approach is to get deep inside our clients' businesses and the industries they work in. It's this depth that gives us an extra edge in tailoring the most effective solutions for clients.

LG has a long history of working in the Middle East and Gulf regions acting for a wide range of clients throughout the region, including local companies, foreign companies investing in the area, high net worth families based there and their advisers. This was further strengthened in 2007 with the opening of our office in Dubai. By establishing a permanent presence we further enhance our ability to look after our clients' legal and business needs bringing together our corporate and finance, construction and projects and international wealth planning skills to this growing market.

“The newly rebranded LG is a serious presence in the mid-tier corporate and commercial property markets. Notable for its international focus” *The Legal 500 2007/8*

Corporate & Finance

Our corporate and finance lawyers offer a rare combination of technical expertise, commercial acumen and excellent client service combined with local knowledge of the Middle East market. We advise on all aspects of doing business in the region offering a broad range of corporate, commercial and finance activities.

We can advise you on...

- Incorporation of companies and commercial contracts
- Mergers and acquisitions, takeovers and re-organisations
- IPOs and secondary capital issues
- Raising capital on regional and overseas markets
- Financial services and regulation
- Investment funds
- Private equity

Construction & Projects

The team has experience in a wide range of international and cross-border construction, projects and real estate activities.

We can advise you on...

- Project finance, funding and development agreements
- Tender processes and procurement methods
- Commercial real estate and real estate finance
- Construction insurance, including project insurance, latent defects insurance, professional indemnity and contractors' all risk insurance
- Amendments to standard form building contracts, appointment documents, warranties and ancillary contracts; drafting bespoke documents tailored to the specific needs of a business or a project
- Development projects, process plants and infrastructure schemes
- Construction and real estate dispute resolution
- Troubleshooting during the project period to ensure the minimum of disruption from disputes and other problems
- Where disputes cannot be resolved by negotiation, using the appropriate dispute resolution methods to solve problems and achieve a satisfactory result
- Insolvency issues

“LG acts for some big names in the real estate sector, including institutional investors and developers ...and is increasingly active internationally.” *Chambers UK 2008*



Ranked Top Tier for International Private Client Services, Chambers Global 2008: “‘First-rate’ is the consensus opinion of commentators regarding this ‘strong, capable and competent’ firm, which is said by observers to boast ‘a stellar cast of private client solicitors’.”

Private Capital

Our internationally renowned private capital team provides advice on the full range of tax, trust and private client services to the world’s wealthiest families, and to the banks and offshore trustees who work with them. We have a particular focus on the Middle East and Asia and have a close relationship with private banks and trust companies in Dubai.

We can advise you on...

- Estate and succession law and international wealth structuring
- Proprietary advice for professional trustees
- Tax for individuals and trustees
- General trust law advice
- Contentious trusts & estates
- Family offices
- UK high net worth immigration
- International estate administration
- Private yachts and aircraft
- Residential property
- Trusts in commercial transactions
- Growth companies

Our experience

Some recent examples of the firm’s work in the region include:

- Advising Abu Dhabi National Tanker Company on a vessel purchase and assistance with delivery of two roll-on roll-off vessels
- Advising regional families on global wealth structuring, including establishment of private trust companies and family office structures to manage global assets
- Advising a shareholder on the sale of a Dubai Free Zone company to Saudi Arabian company, Oger Systems
- Advising a Sharia-compliant, investment funds group, on capital raising issues
- Advising a Bermuda based oil, gas and chemicals group with operations in South America, London and the Middle East
- Advising an international construction company which is expanding in the Gulf through a series of regional joint ventures
- Acted for the lead consortium member on the contract for the supply of a cement plant in the Middle East
- Advising a global project management consultancy on contracts in the UAE



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