

# CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECTS

Our GCC construction and projects practice is one of the largest and most active in the region. We have a long and proud history of representing government bodies, developers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, suppliers and funders, and have appeared in all the major centres for International Arbitration. We also have extensive experience with project finance deals across sectors which include oil and gas, water, power, transport, infrastructure and industrials.

*A well run, responsive team who are always on hand and make time to provide coherent and concise advice in a timely manner that is easily digested by the non-legal clients.*

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**The team is “excellent for construction-related litigation and arbitration”**

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## Significant experience

Every one of our practitioners have advised on each of the main stages of a typical construction project, namely, Project Conception, Project Delivery and Dispute Resolution. We have acted on projects in UAE, Qatar, Oman, KSA, Kuwait, Yemen, Pakistan and Africa.

### Project Conception

We have advised clients on obtaining project finance, tender processes, identifying appropriate standard form contracts and amendments to those standard forms, associated construction documents, such as bonds, warranties and guarantees, and risk allocation.

Experience includes:

- ▶ Leading the team that advised the successful bidder upon the award of a 29 year concession agreement relating to the design, build, finance, operation and maintenance of district cooling services on Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi;
- ▶ Providing the Main Contractor, in relation to 5 residential towers at the Pearl Development (Qatar), valued in excess of US\$ 500 million, legal and strategic advice, in relation to a number of complex construction law issues including design, variations, delay, extension of time, liquidated damages, defective works and termination. Working closely with the Project Director and the Project Delivery Team, on a day to day basis, to ensure that the client's position was protected and the project progressed. In addition, working closely with local counsel to manage and advance a number of matters in the local court system including interim relief via "injunctions and "Status Quo" cases; and
- ▶ Drafting an ad hoc co-operation agreement in relation to a new build maintenance & work shop facility for the Sheraton Park Project (US\$ 100 million) as part of the Integrated Rail Network in Qatar. Advising on design process and risk together with other construction law issues including variations, price escalation clauses and delay whilst liaising and working closely with in house legal teams.

### Project Delivery

Proper contract administration, the identification of the risk allocation under the contract and the procedure for managing that risk is central to timely project delivery and the avoidance of disputes. We provide our clients with the tools to manage their contracts efficiently, including

providing contract administration guides which are bespoke to each contract, with the overall aim of ensuring that our clients' rights and entitlements are protected whilst seeking to avoid formal disputes.

### Dispute Resolution

It is not always possible to settle claims and entitlements amicably and, in such circumstances, we provide our clients with a leading dispute resolution offering.

Our recent track record includes:

- ▶ Acting for a contractor in a DIAC arbitration for a AED 2.8 billion claim against a developer. The project concerned the construction of a large sports and leisure facility in Dubai;
- ▶ Advising an Abu Dhabi based EPC Contractor in relation to a US\$ 120 million dispute arising out of the design and construction of a tank farm facility in Fujairah;
- ▶ Acting for a KSA-based EPC Contractor in pursuing a substantial multi-million dollar claim against a regional engineering company for defective workmanship relating to a major oil and gas installation; and
- ▶ Advising a major Abu Dhabi based EPC contractor in relation to a US\$ 60 million dispute arising out of the engineering, design, construction and testing of a floating oil rig constructed in Abu Dhabi.

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