



Middle East & North Africa

Our lawyers understand Middle East business practices and cultures, and provide pragmatic and effective advice. We provide advice on issues of U.K., U.S., and Canadian law, as well as the laws of the UAE and Qatar.

The firm's traditional strengths are in key sectors for regional economies: oil and gas, renewable energy and clean-tech, healthcare, aviation, financial services, real estate, international trade, infrastructure and project development, as well as arbitration and disputes resolution. We combine deep industry understanding with world class technical skills in a broad range of legal disciplines.

Select Experience

- A major independent Canadian international oil company, regarding "buy-back" contract formats as used in Iraq and Iran.
- A public international oil and gas company, in the construction and financing of a US\$19-million gas plant and pipeline project in Oman, including the negotiation of the gas sales agreement with the Government of Oman.
- A U.S. oil company, regarding acquisition of exploration rights in Oman along with joint venture arrangement with a Japanese international oil company.
- Alberta based oilfield services company with operations in North American and the Middle East, in its US\$26-million disposition of its business and operating assets to a US-based strategic buyer.
- An international energy company, in the negotiation of farmout and joint operating agreements in Bahrain and Qatar.
- An international oil and gas company, in a concession agreement in Egypt, including all related participation and joint operating agreements.
- An international oil and gas company, in negotiating and drafting of an oil and gas concession, exploration production sharing contracts, technical assistance contracts, and joint ventures in Indonesia, Madagascar, Oman, Yemen, and Qatar.
- An international oil and gas company, in the acquisition, negotiation and structuring of petroleum exploration and production rights in Syria and Bahrain, including joint venture arrangements and tax planning.
- An international oil and gas company, in an oil and gas concession and related joint operating and joint venture agreements in Egypt.
- An international oil and gas company in the negotiation of concessions and exploration production sharing contracts in Oman and Qatar.
- An international oil and gas corporation, in all legal aspects of the acquisition, consortium arrangements, exploration, development and pipeline operating agreements for the US\$1.3-billion Sudan petroleum project.
- An international oil company, in the negotiation and drafting of an engineering, procurement, and construction management contract between four international oil companies (of which our client was one) and OGP, (a joint venture engineering venture co-owned by Petronas and Nova) in respect of various production facilities relating to oil development in Sudan.
- An international oil company, in regard to exploration and production matters in Tunisia.
- An international petroleum company, in joint venture arrangements, development and financing of a US\$208-million pipeline project for the transportation of gas to the United Arab Emirates.
- **Arakis Energy Corporation**, in all aspects of the acquisition, consortium arrangements, tax planning, exploration and development and pipeline construction for the Sudan Petroleum Project, a joint venture also involving CNPC and PETRONAS.



- **Burlington Resources**, in joint venture matters relating to their Algerian PSCs.
- **Exterran**, in its corporate and joint venture arrangements in the UAE.
- **Gulfstream Resources Canada Limited**, a Canadian oil and gas company, in its exploration and production activities in Madagascar, Oman, and offshore Qatar.
- **Gulfstream Resources Canada Limited**, the largest working interest holder, in the ARCO Consortium Natural Gas Project Qatar Offshore. The consortium was developing the world's largest natural gas field for the export of natural gas inside and outside the Middle East. We were involved in all aspects of the project including the joint venture arrangements, the natural gas sales contracts, gas transportation agreements and financing.
- Insulation sub-contractor, in ICC arbitration proceedings advancing a multi-million dollar claim arising out of the construction of an LNG plant in Qatar.
- International construction contractor, in court proceedings advancing a multi-million dollar claim arising out of the design and construction of a magnesium oxide plant in Jordan.
- International construction contractor, in ICC arbitration proceedings relating to a multi-million dollar dispute arising from the development of an offshore gas platform in the Black Sea.
- International joint venture owners, in advancing a multi-million dollar delay claim arising out of the construction of a 1350 MW combined cycle power plant in the GCC.
- International joint venture owners, in advancing a multi-million dollar insurance (property and BI) claim arising out of the construction and operation of an aluminium smelter in the GCC.
- International joint venture owners, in advancing a multi-million dollar insurance (property and BI) claim arising out of the construction and operation of a cooling tower
- **ME Global BV**, on its \$450-million senior debt financing with a syndicate led by Mizuho.
- **Mubadala Development Company**, in its acquisition of all of Global Alumina Corporation's interest in Guinea Alumina Corporation.
- **OBS Group Holdings**, on the restructuring of its Skycourts Assets and related Sharia'a financing.
- Qatar Aluminum Limited, with its rebuild project of its primary aluminium products plant; Doha, Qatar.
- **RBC Capital Markets**, working as part of a syndicate of underwriters, in a \$115 million bought deal offering of common shares by Verenex Energy Inc.
- British oil and gas company in a multimillion dollar UNCITRAL arbitration against an American geological development corporation in the development, production and sale of two oil fields in Kazakhstan
- Australian construction contractor in a multimillion dollar ICC arbitration seated in London against an Omani state-owned entity in the construction of a gas processing plant in Oman.
- **RuggedCom Inc.**, in its acquisition of an Israeli wireless networks company.
- **Teva Pharmaceutical Ltd.**, as Canadian counsel, in its acquisition of ratiopharm Group for approximately \$4.85 billion (€3.625 billion).
- The developer of QAFAC MTBE Facility, Um Said, Qatar, a world-scale MTBE Facility.

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