



# PwC Legal Middle East – the Law Firm of the Future

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PwC Legal is the network legal firm of PwC with a global footprint of over 5,500 legal professionals in 160+ jurisdictions – the largest legal network in the world by geographical coverage.

PwC Legal acts for some of the world's leading businesses and governments – around the globe, we are involved in the most high-profile transactions.

Working alongside the multidisciplinary, world-class business advisory services of the PwC global network, PwC Legal offers a range of business-focused core legal services. Our strength lies in providing commercially relevant advice for clients – executing corporate and commercial transactions, implementing change and transformation projects and with regulatory & compliance requirements.

As the largest licensed Big 4 law firm in the region, PwC Legal offers a truly integrated approach to professional services to our Middle East clients in conjunction with PwC. The ability to embed legal advice more fully into our advisory services allows us to better support our clients and help solve their complex problems.

We cover the Middle East region through our 50+ team of lawyers and legal professionals based in the region and our network of preferred and trusted regional local firms with whom we regularly work.

Our clients in the Middle East include public and private companies, governments, banks, family businesses, sovereign wealth funds, investment houses and private equity funds.



Advice from legal professionals based in the Middle East, who leverage the multi-disciplinary strength of PwC.

## What can you expect from us?



### Mergers & Acquisitions

- Our M&A lawyers have a strong track record of undertaking significant and complex M&A transactions across the Middle East.
- We support our clients with a full range of M&A transaction services, including assessing and structuring opportunities, drafting and reviewing preliminary and transaction documents, legal due diligence, sale and purchase agreements, disclosure, investment & shareholders' agreements, transaction management and signing and closing coordination, post-deal integration and 100-day plan implementation.



### Restructuring

- We provide legal corporate reorganisations services to groups of companies with a Middle Eastern footprint.
- We advise on reorganisations, alignment of legal corporate structure to business division, legal entity and business rationalisation and simplification, post-acquisition integration and pre and post IPO reorganisations.



## Corporate & Commercial Advisory

- Our Corporate & Commercial team advises clients in relation to market entry, joint ventures, group structuring, economic substance, foreign direct investment, companies law matters, intellectual property and real estate.
- Our team operates across the Middle East and assists clients on all of their regional corporate requirements.



## Entity Governance & Compliance

- Our Entity Governance & Compliance Team comprises qualified and experienced governance professionals, company secretaries and government liaison experts, who specialise in delivering a broad range of corporate governance services, advisory and implementation of legal entity incorporations, execution of corporate transactions/changes and managing entity compliance.
- We provide a legal entity management solution to help consolidate all entity governance and compliance services in all territories via one provider.



## Immigration

- Our Immigration team provides transactional and advisory support to businesses that are setting up or expanding in the region, and have a need to hire, retain and manage an expatriate workforce. Covering the entire Middle East and North Africa region we are able to quickly mobilise our industry specialists, whenever and wherever needed.
- We regularly assist clients with the end-to-end visa procurement services for both long and short term work authorisation.



## Energy

- Our Energy lawyers specialise in the legal aspects of Energy sector activities from planning and development through construction and production to decommissioning. We advise on, negotiate, and draft a range of commercial contracts.
- The team advise clients on a range of commercial activities in the Energy sector, including oil & gas project development agreements and power project agreements.



## Government Consulting

- Our Government Consulting team provides legal and regulatory services to our Government clients in the region.
- We work closely with federal and state legislatures, local governments and executive agencies, government business functions, independent agencies and state owned enterprises, and government leaders to enhance public services and support business growth.



## Data Privacy

- Our Data Privacy team provides business-critical support on data protection, privacy, confidentiality and cyber security matters to businesses, governments and public authorities all over the world.
- Our team can help you proactively with you data protection compliance obligations to build trust, achieve legal certainty and avoid financial and reputational risk.



## FinTech and Financial Regulation

- Our Fintech, Blockchain and Emerging Technology lawyers have a strong track record of providing legal services relating to emerging technologies as well as traditional financial regulation services.
- Our team regularly assists clients on preparing legal licensing, regulatory and compliance advice, assisting with licensing, compliance and registration procedures and preparing a wide variety of contractual arrangements governing traditional financial services and emerging technology solutions.



## Family Business

- We support our clients in their succession planning to ensure the sustainability of their businesses. We design and implement solutions to ringfence assets and liabilities as between family members and taking into account parts of businesses that are owned outside of the family group.
- We also assist putting in place an exit strategy which allows for a smooth exit within or outside the family without disrupting the business or the family.



## Employment

- Our employment practice provides employers across the Middle East with strategic advice and assistance in relation to the entire spectrum of employment law issues: from pre-employment through to termination of employment and beyond.
- We have extensive experience in advising on niche topics such as pensions, health and safety and death in service.

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