



Core strengths

Simmons & Simmons is an international law firm with over 2,000 staff worldwide. The firm has demonstrated its commitment to the Middle East for more than 30 years, working for governments, government agencies, banks and financial institutions, major local companies and multinational corporations operating in all the main sectors of commerce and industry.

The Dubai offices specialises in the areas of energy, projects, Islamic finance, corporate and telecommunications work. This complements the legal services provided through our other offices in the Gulf region, namely Abu Dhabi and Doha.

Our services

Corporate

- company and partnership law
- corporate structuring and finance
- privatisations, flotations and offerings
- mergers and acquisitions
- incorporation of companies and branch offices in the Middle East including free zones

Projects

- project finance
- construction
- concession, joint venture and project development and support agreements
- public procurement issues

Energy and utilities

- oil and gas
- petrochemicals
- electricity
- water and desalination
- energy and utilities regulation

Finance

- general banking (including Islamic finance)
- secured and unsecured lending
- asset finance and leasing
- trade and export credit finance
- acquisition finance
- structured finance
- international capital markets and securities
- corporate recovery and workouts

Financial services

- investment and venture capital funds
- Islamic funds and products
- financial services and regulation
- public/private placings and marketing of funds
- asset management

Commercial law

- general commercial
- licensing, agency, franchise, distribution and sponsorship agreements
- pharmaceuticals and biotechnology
- transport
- leisure and hotel management contracts

Telecoms, media and technology

- telecommunications
- IT and e-commerce

Intellectual property

- general IP
- brands and trademarks

Aerospace and defence

- satellite systems
- defence contracts and procurement
- offsets and countertrade

Expertise in practice

Drilling business

– advising the UAE purchasers of an oil field drilling business located throughout the Middle East.

Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)

– drafting of the dispute resolution rules

– drafting new laws for DIFC on the regulation of Islamic Banking and Arbitration.

Dubai Metro

– advising the Roads and Transport Authority on the operation and maintenance contracts for the Dubai Metro.

GCC Government

– advising a government client on the deregulation of a major sector in a Middle Eastern country, including drafting the English and Arabic versions of a new law.

General Industry Corporation

– advising GIC on its privatisation programme and the potential IPOs of its factories.

Logistics company

– advising on the acquisition of a regional multi-jurisdictional logistics company and its initial public offering on the Dubai Financial Market.

Oil and gas major

– acting on behalf of an oil and gas major in relation to a manufacturing and marketing joint venture in the Middle East.

UAE Stocks and Commodities Authority

– drafting regulations in relation to commercial bonds and Islamic Sukuk.

UAE telecoms sector

– advising the Government of Dubai on the proposed liberalisation of the telecommunications sector in the United Arab Emirates, including advice on market and regulatory structures and third party access rights and preparing a draft telecommunications law.

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