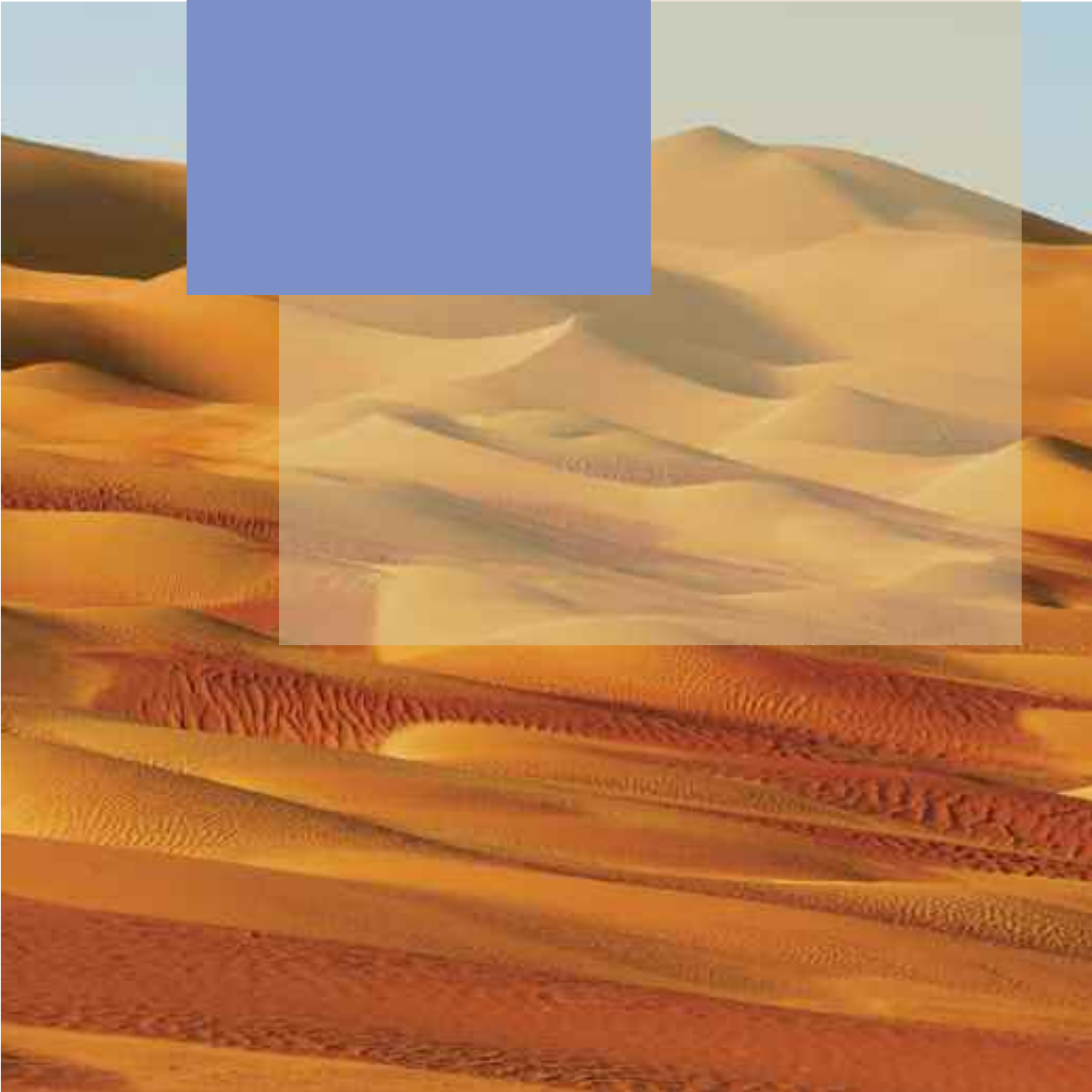


Middle East



Core strengths

Simmons & Simmons is an international law firm with 2,000 staff in 20 offices world wide. Simmons & Simmons' long established Middle East practice comprises lawyers from our three offices in the region – Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Qatar. We provide a comprehensive and integrated service that covers our clients' requirements throughout the Middle East and North Africa, wherever their business takes them. Our ability to provide advice in Arabic, English and French means we offer our clients a true 'one stop shop' for their international and local legal advice.

With support from our other offices as needed, we are able to respond quickly to client needs with commercially driven, market leading legal advice.

Our services

Corporate and major projects

- project advice and development including financing, contracts and structuring
- domestic and cross border mergers and acquisitions including due diligence
- joint ventures and strategic alliances
- demergers and corporate restructurings
- incorporation of companies and branch offices in the Middle East including free zones
- IPOs and other fundraisings including pre-IPO planning and restructuring and post-IPO support.

Finance

- general banking (including Islamic finance)
- Islamic funds and products
- secured and unsecured lending
- asset finance and leasing
- trade and export credit finance
- acquisition finance
- structured finance
- international capital markets and securities
- investment and venture capital funds

- financial services and regulation
- public/private placings and marketing of funds
- asset management.

Commercial

- outsourcing and facilities management
- PFI/PPP and partnering arrangements
- manufacturing, licensing, development and exploitation agreements
- distributorship, agency and franchise agreements
- supply and manufacturing agreements.

Real estate and construction

- real estate development, investment and management
- funding and finance including securitisation
- preparation and negotiation of the terms of construction documentation including tenders, letters of intent, contracts, consultants appointments and warranties
- drafting of performance bonds and guarantee arrangements

- PFI, PPP, BOOT and partnering/alliancing contracts.

Dispute Resolution

- international and domestic arbitrations, including ICC, ICSID, DIFC/LCIA and DIAC
- disputes in the courts of the DIFC
- project management of large commercial disputes in national courts
- Alternative Dispute Resolution, mediation, and expert determination
- risk management and corporate crime advice.

Public law and regulatory

- privatisation of state entities
- licences and licensing procedures
- review and drafting of laws and regulations in both Arabic and English.

Expertise in practice

Aabar Energy PJSC

- advising in relation to the US\$877.5m sale of Singapore based Pearl Energy, an upstream oil company with assets in South East Asia, which included the early redemption of Aabar's convertible Sukuk

Aldar Properties

- advising on the Al Raha Beach mega project spread over 500 ha and valued at US\$15 bn

Allianz

- advising Allianz Global Investors Europe GmbH on the launch of their first Shariah compliant fund using a UCITS III Luxembourg umbrella fund platform

Arabian Cement Company

- advising, as borrower counsel, on the US\$125m financing of a new cement plant and 50MW power plant at Al Qatrana in Jordan

Commercial Bank of Qatar

- advising on a US\$900m rights and GDR issue and on a US\$250m syndicated loan to finance development of St Regis Hotel, Doha

Dubai Metro

- advising the Roads & Transport Authority in Dubai on the Operation and Maintenance Concession Agreement for the Red and Green Metro Lines for the new Dubai Metro

Emirates International Telecommunications LLC

- advising Emirates International Telecommunications L.L.C. and GO Plc on their EUR93.83m acquisition of a 21% stake in Greek telco ForthNet S.A.

International Construction Consortium

- advising an international consortium on its BOT bid to build the UAE's first PPP highway consisting of over 325 km of new and upgraded highway

International Financial Company

- advising a leading international financial services company in proceedings in the DIFC courts

Kentz Corporation

- advising in respect of their Middle East subsidiaries as part of their listing on the London Stock Exchange

Occidental Petroleum

- advising on the US\$350m acquisition of two upstream subsidiaries of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in Qatar

Qatar Investment Authority

- advising the Qatar Investment Authority on the US\$1bn joint venture with NYSE Euronext

Qtel

- advising on all aspects of the liberalisation of the telecommunications regime and the introduction of competition in Qatar

Reem Island

- advising the developers of the new city on Al Reem island in connection with construction, infrastructure and real estate matters

Reliance Industries

- advising on the US\$2bn construction phases for KG-DWN-98/3, a 15 trillion cubic foot offshore gas field in the Indian ocean

Salam Bounian Development Company

- advising on their US\$137m Musharaka Sukuk (bond) listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for financing "The Gate", a mixed use real estate project

Samba Capital

- advising in their capacity as financial advisor and placing agent on US\$500m placing for Qatar First Investment Bank, a new Islamic bank established in the Qatar Financial Centre

Scotiabank Europe PLC

- advising on an update of US\$25bn Euro Medium Term Programme

Sorouh Real Estate PJSC

- advising on large scale developments such as the US\$25bn Shams Abu Dhabi, Al Ghadeer, Lulu Island and Atlas Gardens, Morocco and in respect of the Al Mashtal Hotel, Abu Dhabi.

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