



Middle East & Africa

Winston has decades of experience representing clients in the Middle East and Africa—key markets for global businesses. Our lawyers provide clients with effective and high-quality representation related to cross-border transactions, corporate, finance, banking, private equity and venture capital, as well as handling litigation and international arbitration matters. The combination of our lawyers' extensive regional experience combined with longstanding relationships with local counsel, ensures that we are well equipped to provide top-quality legal services to clients in the region.

Key Contacts

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Areas of Focus

Litigation & International Arbitration

One of our practice's primary focuses is multi-jurisdictional litigation and international arbitration. Drawing on the experience of our lawyers who have lived and worked in the Middle East, our global team acts for multinational companies, governments, and individuals, representing them in complex litigation and commercial and investor-state arbitration and court actions enforcing or challenging arbitral awards. We regularly work with our network of top local counsel and have represented clients in numerous matters under DIFC-LCIA, DIAC, ADCCAC, and ICC arbitration rules. The combination of our expansive local experience and our integrated global network of offices ensures that we are well placed to provide first-rate advice to clients involved in arbitrations in the Middle East and Africa.

Corporate & Finance

Our transactional lawyers have considerable experience counseling clients on transactions throughout the Middle East and Africa. Our team advises on a broad range of high-profile transactions and matters, involving a variety of sectors. These include cross-border mergers, acquisitions, and disposals, strategic alliances, and joint ventures. Reflecting the changing nature of doing business in the region, we have experience advising boards of directors and independent committees on corporate governance, transactions, investigations, and change-of-control issues.

International Trade

Our highly experienced International Trade attorneys represent clients with operations in the Middle East and Africa to navigate international trade challenges inherent to the region, including issues related to U.S., UK, and EU sanctions, export-controls challenges, and anti-money laundering and anti-bribery/anti-corruption concerns. Our International Trade team has experience assisting clients in developing their compliance and risk management programs; guiding them through transactions with complex international trade issues; and conducting internal investigations, responding to government inquiries and investigations, and, when necessary, litigating these issues on our clients' behalf.

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