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# **PARTNER MOVES MIDDLE EAST**

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# PARTNER MOVES

## THE MIDDLE EAST | Q3 2024

In this edition of Beacon Legal’s “Partner Moves in the Middle East” we look back at the top Partner moves in the third quarter (July-September) of 2024. In this update, we have arranged the moves by location and practice areas.

This data is taken from publicly available sources including LinkedIn, Law Middle East and Pirical.

Dubai led the way with 11 high profile moves, Saudi Arabia with 6 and Abu Dhabi with 5. This high volume of movement demonstrates the fierce competition between the leading firms as well as the positivity towards growth in the Middle East, despite sustained challenging economic conditions in other global markets.





## DUBAI U.A.E

### BSA: Energy

**Frances-Yvonne Igweh** joined BSA from Spencer West in July. Igweh was appointed as a Partner and Head of Energy and Natural Resources for Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA).



### Greenberg Traurig: White Collar Crime

**Benjamin Jones** joined Greenberg Traurig to strengthen the firm's white collar defence and investigations practice. Jones was previously a Senior Associate at Dubai firm, Al Tamimi.



### Dechert: Investment Funds

**Amanjit K. Fagura** joined Dechert as an investment funds Partner from Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, where she was most recently a Partner. This move furthers Dechert's regional growth efforts.





# DUBAI U.A.E

## Norton Rose Fulbright: Banking & Finance

**Aditi Sanyal** has joined Norton Rose Fulbright's Dubai office from Simmons & Simmons. Sanyal will focus on supporting financial institutions across the Middle East with their conventional and Islamic financing needs.



## Ashurst: Dispute Resolution

Ashurst appointed **Shane Jury** as a Partner in September. Ashurst will benefit from Jury's broad experience in disputes and investigations, specifically within the financial services sector. He joins from rival firm Addleshaw Goddard.



## CMS: Banking & Finance

**Robin Balmer** joined CMS as a Partner from Norton Rose Fulbright. Balmer will focus on asset finance, project finance, property finance, trade finance and Shariah-compliant transactions.





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## Greenberg Traurig: Corporate Finance

**Pawel J. Szaja** is a specialist in corporate finance, focusing specifically on capital markets and M&A across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Szaja will work across Dubai, Riyadh and London.



## Clifford Chance: Antitrust

Clifford Chance appointed **Sabra Ferhat** as its first antitrust lawyer in the UAE. Ferhat has relocated from the firm's London office in the position of Counsel.



## Baker McKenzie: Dispute Resolution

**Sally Kotb** has returned to Baker McKenzie from Habib Al Mulla as a dispute resolution Partner, where she will focus on both local and international commercial arbitration and dispute resolution.







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## Hadef & Partners: Engineering & Construction

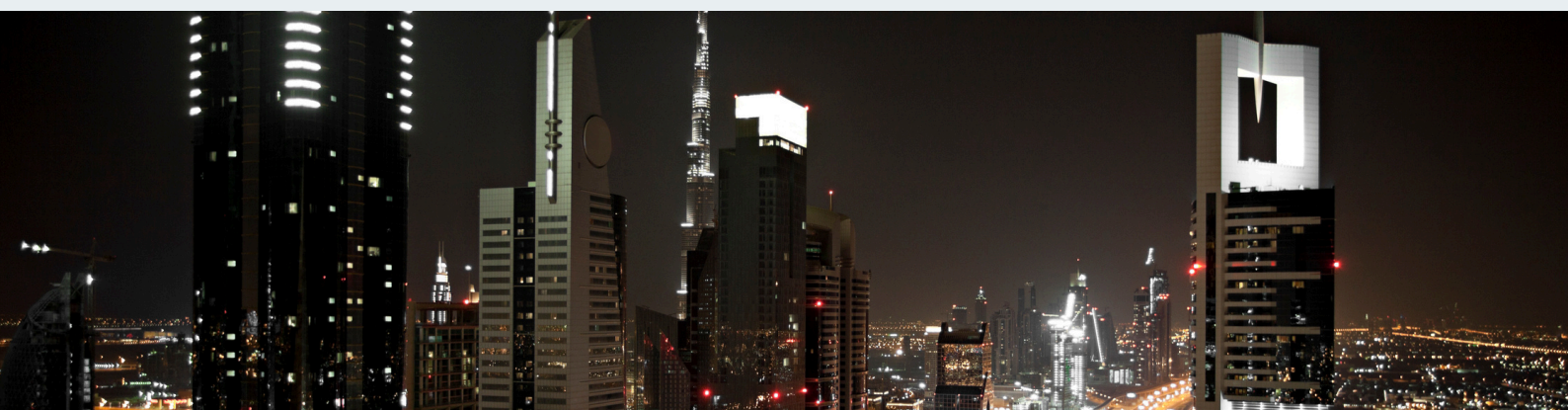


**Scott Hutton** joined Hadef & Partners as a Partner and head of Engineering & Construction in Dubai. Hutton is an experienced disputes practitioner, formerly serving as Partner at EKP Legal Counsel (now BLK Partners).

## Baker Botts: Construction



Due to growing client demands in the Middle East, **Stuart Jordan** has relocated to Baker Botts' Dubai office from London. Jordan will continue to serve as Global Head of Construction.





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## ABU DHABI U.A.E

### Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas: Corporate Transactions



**Himanshu Chahar** joined Indian firm, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, in their Abu Dhabi office as a Partner and director in corporate transactions.

### A&O Shearman: Corporate



A&O Shearman corporate Partner **Benjamin Crawford** has relocated to Abu Dhabi from Beijing, as part of the firm's ongoing investment into the UAE and wider Middle East.

### Brodies: Projects, Energy & Infrastructure



**Gregor Hughes** has joined Brodies' Middle East oil and gas practice, focusing on project development and transactions within the energy and infrastructure sectors.





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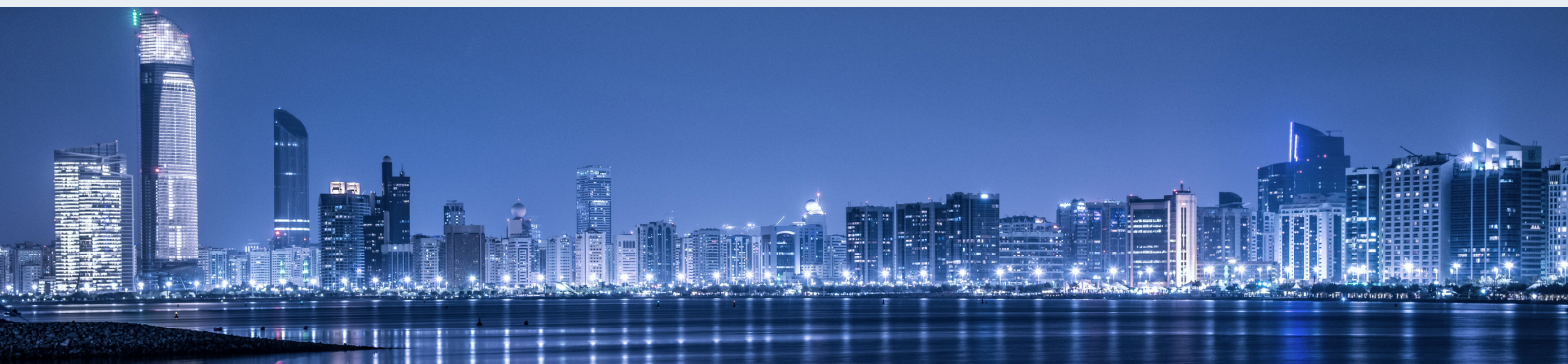


**Rachael Boyes** joined Brodies Middle East, alongside Gregor Hughes, in the firm's oil and gas practice. Boyes was previously seconded to Qatar Energy LNG's projects team in Doha.

### Baker McKenzie: Data, Cyber and Technology



**Dino Wilkinson** has joined Baker McKenzie from Clyde & Co, where he served as a partner and led the Middle East TMT practice, bringing over 12 years of experience advising blue-chip corporate and government clients.



## RIYADH SAUDI ARABIA

### King & Spalding: Real Estate and Funds

**Haifa Bahaian** joined the Saudi office of K&S from Saudi Venture Capital (SVC), where she worked for nearly three and half years, most recently as Chief Legal Officer.



### Z&Co: Tax Advisory and Disputes

**Osama Kurdi**, joined Saudi firm Z&Co in August. Kurdi was formerly a Director for indirect tax claims at the General Secretariat of Zakat, Tax and Customs Committees, in Saudi Arabia.



### CMS: Technology, Media & Telecommunications (TMT)

**Ken Wong** joined CMS as a Partner from Clyde & Co in Dubai, where he was a Legal Director. This specialist hire plays into CMS' expansion in Saudi Arabia.





## RIYADH SAUDI ARABIA

### Latham & Watkins: M&A and Private Equity

**Leen Zaza** joined Latham & Watkins' Riyadh practice from K&A, where she worked for over a decade. Zaza's corporate practice spans sectors important to the growth of Latham in Saudi Arabia.



### White & Case: Capital Markets

**Majed Alkuraydis** has returned to White & Case as a Partner, heading up the firm's capital markets practice and global financial institutions group.



### Dentons: Regulation & Dispute Resolution

Dentons have strengthened their regulatory and litigation practice in Riyadh with the hire of **Abdullah Alsulaimi** from the Ministry of Justice in Saudi Arabia.





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# DOHA QATAR

## Charles Russell Speechlys: Corporate



**Ahmad Anani** joined Charles Russell from PwC Legal, and was previously office managing partner at Addleshaw Goddard. Anani will join the firm's Corporate offering as Head of Capital Markets and Regulation for the Middle East.







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