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OGH LEGAL

**A MENA LAW FIRM OFFERING DISPUTE
RESOLUTION & CORPORATE ADVISORY
LEGAL SERVICES**

About us

OGH is one of the leading MENA law firms, delivering local law expertise with international service standards. Established in 2016 by three well regarded litigation specialists, we have grown rapidly to become one of the most prominent full-service law firms in the region, with hubs in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Cairo. We provide innovative legal services to clients across a broad range of sectors and have been recognized for the high quality of our work by Chambers, Legal 500 and WWL, as well as various awards bodies. We bridge the gap between local and international law firms in the Middle East, offering sector expertise, strength of client service and unparalleled local law knowledge. We are working on some of the largest, most complex and pathfinder cross-border and in-country matters in the region: our current live book of cases totals US\$5 billion. We are often the go-to co-counsel for magic and silver circle firms in the Middle East and have built a solid reputation as a professional law firm offering practical & commercial advice. Our clients include government entities, sovereign wealth funds, banks & other financial institutions, state-owned enterprises, high-value family houses, as well as Fortune 500 corporations.

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Why OGH Legal?



We are different

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1

Local law experts

As a MENA law firm, we have a deep understanding of the local laws, precedents and frameworks. We have rights of audience before all courts, as well as an international level expertise. We are well positioned to advise clients on all aspects of their legal matters.

2

Specialist dispute resolution lawyers

Ranked in legal directories such as Chambers and Legal 500, our UAE Court litigation has a combined value of AED100 billion. Several members of our team sit as Arbitrators and we have conducted arbitration cases subject to many regional and international rules, including DIAC, ADCCAC, ICC, UNCITRAL, CRCICA and SIAC.

3

Benefit from consistency

Our founders have over 100 years combined experience at large regional and international firms, and we are the go-to local law counsel for many tier 1 international law firms. We pride ourselves on providing local expertise at international client service standards, meaning our clients benefit from a true "one-stop-shop."

4

Relationships with gov. authorities

We have strong relationships with the local authorities and regulators and are able to connect you with the right level of contact. We often have access to laws ahead of publication and we will keep you afresh of the latest legal developments impacting your clients.

5

Innovative thinking

With our wealth of expertise and proven commercial awareness, we are able to offer innovative legal solutions to complex business issues, tailor-made for the local legal and procedural regime.

6

A commitment to fair pricing

We work with our clients to find bespoke pricing solutions that offer as much price certainty as possible. We are transparent, flexible and open to discussions on fee arrangements.



Our approach is simple: provide clients with a depth of local legal expertise coupled with international service standards. Our offering is unrivalled, shown by the awards and accolades won since our inception in 2016.

Our office in Cairo provides a gateway to wider Africa. Our team on-the-ground offer innovative legal solutions to complex business issues, representing our clients' interests both in Egypt and cross-borders. We cover a wide range of sectors including energy, construction, real estate, financial institutions, banking, logistics, life sciences & healthcare, pharmaceuticals and tourism, hospitality and retail. Combining in-depth local knowledge, a broad network across Africa and a sophisticated and logical approach to client service, we provide fresh-thinking and a new approach to legal services in Egypt.

The United Arab Emirates is our headquarters with offices in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, serving clients across the seven Emirates. We provide dispute resolution and corporate services to financial institutions, corporations and government entities with both inbound and outbound interests. Our Founding Partners have over 100 years combined experience of the legal systems in the Emirates and our multifaceted team cover a full range of sectors.

Trusted by clients

Award winning

The Legal 500 EMEA 2023

"The firm has a number of highly regarded lawyers who are considered and known in the market as the stars of litigation in the UAE."

Chambers Global 2023

"They are very responsive and high levels of service are provided. They make me feel confident in dealing with all the risks."

Chambers Global 2022

"They're really good at explaining local legal issues, they are very responsive and are a really good-quality team." The same source went on to praise that "their client care is really excellent."

The Legal 500 EMEA 2021

"We highly value OGH Legal's services as they provide high quality work at a competitive price point. We consider that they provide one of the best value-for-money services in the market."



Our expertise

We founded OGH Legal to offer specialist dispute resolution services, with the objective of bridging the gap between international and local law firms across MENA. This remains at the heart of our business as we organically expand our footprint across the region, offering high quality legal services to both local and multinational clients. Due to growing client demand, we enriched our offering to include corporate and commercial advice, taking a unique approach to how we deliver these legal services.


Through our deep understanding of legal issues and risks which often cause or result in dispute, we are able to advise on corporate issues from the perspective of avoiding potential pitfalls, ensuring our clients' contracts, policies and procedures are as robust as they can be from the get-go. Our deep experience in gathering evidence and the discovery process aligns to the level of scrutiny required for due diligence for your next M&A deal. Our established relationships with governments and related authorities means we have first-hand knowledge of the regulatory frameworks impacting your sector. Our clients trust us to not only to understand the law and its nuances in practice, but to apply it strategically to meet the commercial objectives of your business – day-to-day and in exceptional circumstances. We won't only give you the “what”, we will guide you through the “how”.



700+ live dispute cases



400 enforcement cases



US\$100 million in corporate deals



US\$ 5 billion in total value

Litigation

Our team has an exceptional record in litigation. We handle disputes on a broad range of complex and transnational disputes in various sectors including real estate, construction, oil & gas, IP, hotels and tourism, and banking & finance. Members of our team have worked in both civil and common law systems. We have rights of audience before all of the UAE Courts, Egyptian Courts and Union Supreme Court. Members of the team are also Part II registered with the DIFC Courts, as well as being members of the DIFC Court's User Committee.

Our book of litigation work has a combined value of over AED100 billion and has seen us recognized by top legal directories and awards platforms. We cover all types of dispute from commercial & employment, to intellectual property and complex civil and criminal cases. Two of our senior lawyers have previously worked as public prosecutors, giving them first-hand experience and a solid understanding of criminal law proceedings.

We are also well versed in bankruptcy and insolvency matters and have acted on some of the largest cases in the UAE. One of our senior partners was part of an adhoc litigation practitioners' committee who reviewed the related draft local laws.

Our litigators support our arbitration team through the ratification, recognition and enforcement of international and domestic arbitration awards under the laws of the relevant jurisdiction.

Arbitration

We have a broad range of experience in domestic and international arbitrations, acting as counsel, co-counsel and experts in at-home or abroad arbitrations. Several members of our team sit as arbitrators and have a unique understanding of the workings of arbitral proceedings, and one of our founding partners was previously Director & Registrar of the DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre.

Within the region, we have been appointed as counsel in arbitrations administered by DIAC, CRCICA, ADCCAC, BCDR-AAA and the GCC Commercial Arbitration Center. On a global scale, we have conducted arbitration cases subject to LCIA, SIAC, ICC, UNCITRAL and ICDR rules.

Notably, we are particularly experienced in corporate & commercial, banking and construction and real estate disputes, with a track record which underscores our considerable success. We collaborate with experts who bolster our case and proactively adapt our case strategy to ensure the best possible outcome for our client in sophisticated and complex arbitrations.

Corporate

Our legal services include formation of corporate entities, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, strategic alliances, corporate counseling and governance, pre-transaction restructuring – including spin-offs & separation of divisions, lines of business or other assets into separate corporations - integration after acquisitions, and reorganizations after divestitures.

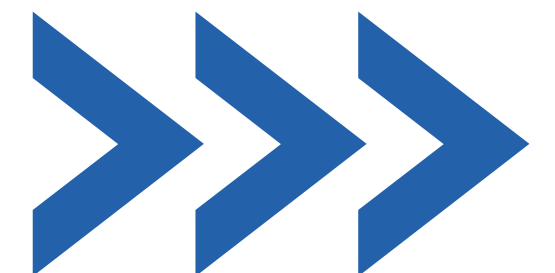
As a corporate client service provider, we provide advice and assistance on all aspects of your business needs including your legal and regulatory requirements. Our services cover restructuring, company law, corporate governance, and company secretarial matters.

We have extensive experience advising many of the world's leading domestic and multinational companies; both listed and unlisted corporations across all sectors. We also have wide-ranging experience advising board members and C-suite on corporate governance, compliance and the applicable laws and regulations impacting their business. Our client base includes institutional investors, private equity investors, underwriters, board committees, directors and others.

Highlights of our experience



An overview of our recent work



Financial Institutions



SWF UAE Investment Portfolio

Acting for a North African Sovereign Wealth Fund on a number of local court disputes arising from investment portfolios in the UAE, valued at over AED 1 billion.

US Investment Fund

Acting for a US Investment fund in a USD 500 million UAE court case against a local UAE bank in a complex and multi-party matter.

USD Multi-Million Finance Dispute

Acting for a UAE trading company in a USD multi-million financing related dispute, spread over more than six concurrent and related cases.

A Multi-National Bank

Acting for HSBC in more than 40 cases including white collar crimes, general debt recovery, commercial disputes, trade and real estate (many claims over US\$250 million value).

UAE Family Estate Dispute

Acting on behalf of the claimants on a US\$1 bn dispute relating to an estate of one of the UAE's wealthiest families.

A Middle East Bank

Acting for Kabul Bank to relation to outstanding dues from borrowers (value of claim circa USD 600m).

Bankruptcy + Insolvency



JBF RAK Bankruptcy

Representing the largest creditor in the JBF RAK bankruptcy case before RAK Court.

KBBO Bankruptcy

Acting on behalf of a large wealth management company creditor before bankruptcy proceedings in Abu Dhabi (KBBO).

NMC Healthcare Group Liquidation

Acting on behalf of a UAE bank as part of the NMC Health Care Group Companies liquidation.

UAE Developer Debt Dispute

Advising a UAE conglomerate and its subsidiaries in a number of local court actions against a subsidiary of a large UAE developer in respect of debts arising from a restructuring.

Syndicated Loan Restructuring

Acting for the leader of a syndicated loan of a total in excess of US\$1 billion, in its claims against the borrower currently in the midst of restructuring proceedings.

US Investment Fund Debt Purchase

Acting on behalf of a US investment fund which purchased USD 200 million debt from a UAE local bank and is now pursuing claims on behalf of the bank against debtors and funding the process.

Corporate Investigations | WCC



Danish Tax Authority Fraud

Advising SKAT on the largest claim, in volume, in the UAE. In parallel, there were claims being pursued in 5 other jurisdictions globally.

Local Agent Dispute

Advising Asia Royal on a dispute in relation to a US\$50 million claim arising out of a number of transactions involving the client's local agent.

SWF Misconduct + Fraud

Acting for two North African SWFs in respect of investment relationships where there are suggestions of possible misconduct and fraud and assisting in formulating exit strategies.

Financial Institution Fraud Case

Acting on behalf of a major financial institution in Dubai in pursuing an AED 5 million fraud case against a third party.

Falsified Payment Receipts

Advising a Saudi company in relation to the receipt of falsified payment receipts. This criminal complaint is being dealt with in multiple jurisdictions.

UAE Government Fraud Case

Acting for a UAE Emirate government in a fraud investigation and prosecution of claims against members of the investment committee [USD 100 million].

Corporate



Commercial Bank

Advised one of the biggest commercial banks on its multimillion-finance agreement with international financial institutions.

Multinational Retail Company

Advising a multinational company on leasing the chain of Commercial Stores in Egypt to a big local company for more than 800 Million EGP.

A Major Multinational

Lead counsel on the capital increase of a major multinational company in an amount exceeding US\$55 Million.

Pharmaceutical Company

Advised on the sale of assets for a large Pharma company to another multinational nutrition company as part of US\$11 billion global deal.

Saudi Acquisition

Advising a large Saudi company in the acquisition of three companies in Egypt, Tunisia and Libya for nearly US\$1 million.

Maritime & Shipping Acquisition

Acting on behalf of a multinational company on its acquisition of 100% shares of a group of local companies in the field of maritime and shipping.

Intellectual Property



Gaming IP Dispute

Acting for a US company on a USD 400m dispute related to a famous game in an IP&IT litigation case in Dubai.

Real Estate IP Matters

Acting on behalf of a large UAE developer in numerous cases related to IP matters.

Commercial Agency | Trademark

Acting for a leading German company in a complex dispute related to commercial agency and trademark.

Automotive Brand | Copyright

Acting for an online automotive dealer in regard to brand name and copyright issues.

Media Copyright | Trademark

Acting for a leading radio station in a copyright and trademark dispute filed by a UK company.

Commercial Agency Dispute

Acting for a US Fortune 500 company on an agency dispute & successfully removing registration of the local agent in a groundbreaking decision.

Tech, Media + IT



The World's Leading E-Commerce Site

Acting in respect of a number of onshore claims arising out of allegations of breaches of UAE special laws on privacy, anti-discrimination, and defamation rules.

Digital Process Twin Tech Supplier

Representing a global world's leading supplier of Digital Process Twin technology to the process industries before the commercial agency committee and thereafter the local courts.

A Leading US Media Company

Acting for a leading US media company in a UAE court litigation, value of the claim was approx. US\$100m.

Mobile Telecoms Network Operator

Advising on a USD250 million CRCICA arbitration between a multinational mobile telecomms network operator and a local company.

An International Tech Company

Acting for an international technology company on an AED 50m dispute with a local company seeking payment of due amounts.

Video Game Developer

Advising a video games company in a dispute against the publisher in relation to the ownership of game modes.

Construction



Address Hotel Dubai Fire

Acting on behalf of a major contractor in defending a US\$1.7 billion claim relating to a major fire at a high-profile hotel in Dubai, brought by the insurer.

Mega Hotel + Residential Project

Advising a contractor consortium in relation to a mega hotel and residential project in an ICC arbitration with a value of approx. USD 60m.

Hotel Construction Dispute

Advising the employer in a dispute with contractor in relation to a hotel with a value of USD 40m.

KSA Mega Project

Acting for a contractor on a USD 2bn dispute with the employer of a mega project in Saudi Arabia.

Major Airport Facility

Advising an international contractor on a range of issues in relation to the construction of a major airport facility in the Middle East.

Construction Tech Arbitration

Acting for a major international contractor specialising in the design and installation of computerised building control in a DIAC arbitration.

Real Estate



Leading UAE Developers

Legal counsel for large UAE developers including Nakheel, Emaar Properties, Dubai Holding and Aldar Properties.

Retail Stores Leasing Agreements

Lead counsel to a multinational company on leasing the chain of Commercial Stores in Egypt to a big local company for more than 800 Million EGP.

Utilities Dispute

Acting on behalf of a leading UAE semi-utilities company in an AED multi-million claim against a major real estate developer and property manager in Dubai and Sharjah.

DIFC Property Investment Dispute

Acting for Taaleem PJSC, in relation to a dispute arising out of a USD 350 million property investment situated in the DIFC.

Land Purchase Arbitration

Counsel of the Claimant (large development company) on an arbitration case (ad-hoc) against a purchaser of land.

Hotel AED Billion Dispute

Acting on behalf of a UAE developer in an AED 1 billion claim being brought by a hotel owner, case heard by Dubai Courts.

Energy + Infrastructure



Jebel Ali Power Plant, UAE

Acting for a Spanish leading construction group on an AED 2 billion dispute with DEWA arising out of the construction of the Jebel Ali Power Plant, Dubai.

Desalination Plants, GCC

Advising an international contractor in an ICC arbitration for recovery of extra cost claims in respect of two desalination plants in the GCC.

Oil + Gas CRCICA Arbitration

Acting for a US petroleum services company in a CRCICA arbitration with its local partner on profit distribution valued at USD 55m.

Refinery Project CRCICA Arbitration

Counsel of the Claimant on an arbitration case before CRCICA concerning a refinery project.

Major Port Project, GCC

Advising an international supplier in respect of delay of payment claims on a major port project in the GCC, in excess of USD 100m.

Oil + Gas ICC Arbitration

Acting for European Oil and Gas company with its local Sharjah partner in relation to an ICC arbitration value of claim approx. USD 10m.

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