

TaylorWessing

# Middle East Litigation & Arbitration



**We have a renowned  
team of litigation and  
arbitration specialists  
in Dubai.**

## The team has worked on some of the most groundbreaking and notable disputes and projects for clients across the Gulf, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia.

Our team acts across the full spectrum of dispute escalation and avoidance mechanisms, including:

- litigation
- arbitration
- mediation
- enforcement of awards and judgments
- engaging in settlement negotiations.

We act for clients across the globe with more than 100 disputes lawyers in our international network.

We have specialist expertise in a number of areas:

- Construction and engineering – supporting large-scale projects worldwide throughout their entire lifecycle.
- Real estate – acting for developers, individual purchasers, investment companies, landlords, and tenants including experience in the hotels, hospitality and leisure sectors.

- Financial services and commercial disputes – we're experienced in the full range of commercial disputes in DIFC Courts, Courts of England & Wales, and UAE Courts.
- Investor-state arbitrations – representing private actors against states in treaty disputes.
- Private wealth – acting for high net worth individuals and sovereign wealth funds in disputes regarding commercial and real estate investment projects.
- Oil and gas.

**With extensive local and global experience, we have supported leading multinational companies, financial institutions, family offices, and sovereign bodies for over 25 years.**

## Our experts have more than 40 years of experience in the region, and have been involved in some of the most groundbreaking and complex disputes in the Gulf.

### Our notable successes include:

- being the first law firm to secure enforcement of an English Court Judgment in Onshore Dubai (via instructed local counsel)
- acting as counsel for a leading precedent on the application of the DIFC's Real Property Law
- acting as counsel for a leading precedent regarding anti-suit injunctions and pre-arbitral steps in the High Courts of England & Wales
- being the first specialist lawyer to file a claim form in the DIFC Court, now one of the world's leading free zone courts
- acting for a global retail brand as a claimant in a multi-million pound investor-state dispute
- acting for a Yemeni-based contractor on disputes arising during construction of an oil and gas pipeline.
- successful resolution of a claim under a software license agreement for a London tech company against a UAE ride-hailing business
- acting on more than 100 arbitration claims across the Gulf and Sub-Saharan Africa both as counsel or as arbitrator
- acting against a syndicate of banks on an alleged breach of multiple facility and commercial agreements.

## The core team



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Nick is Head of our Construction and Disputes teams in Dubai. He helps national and international clients navigate the Middle East's dynamic construction sectors. Nick has been advising clients on construction, engineering law, arbitration and insurance law for more than 30 years.



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## The core team



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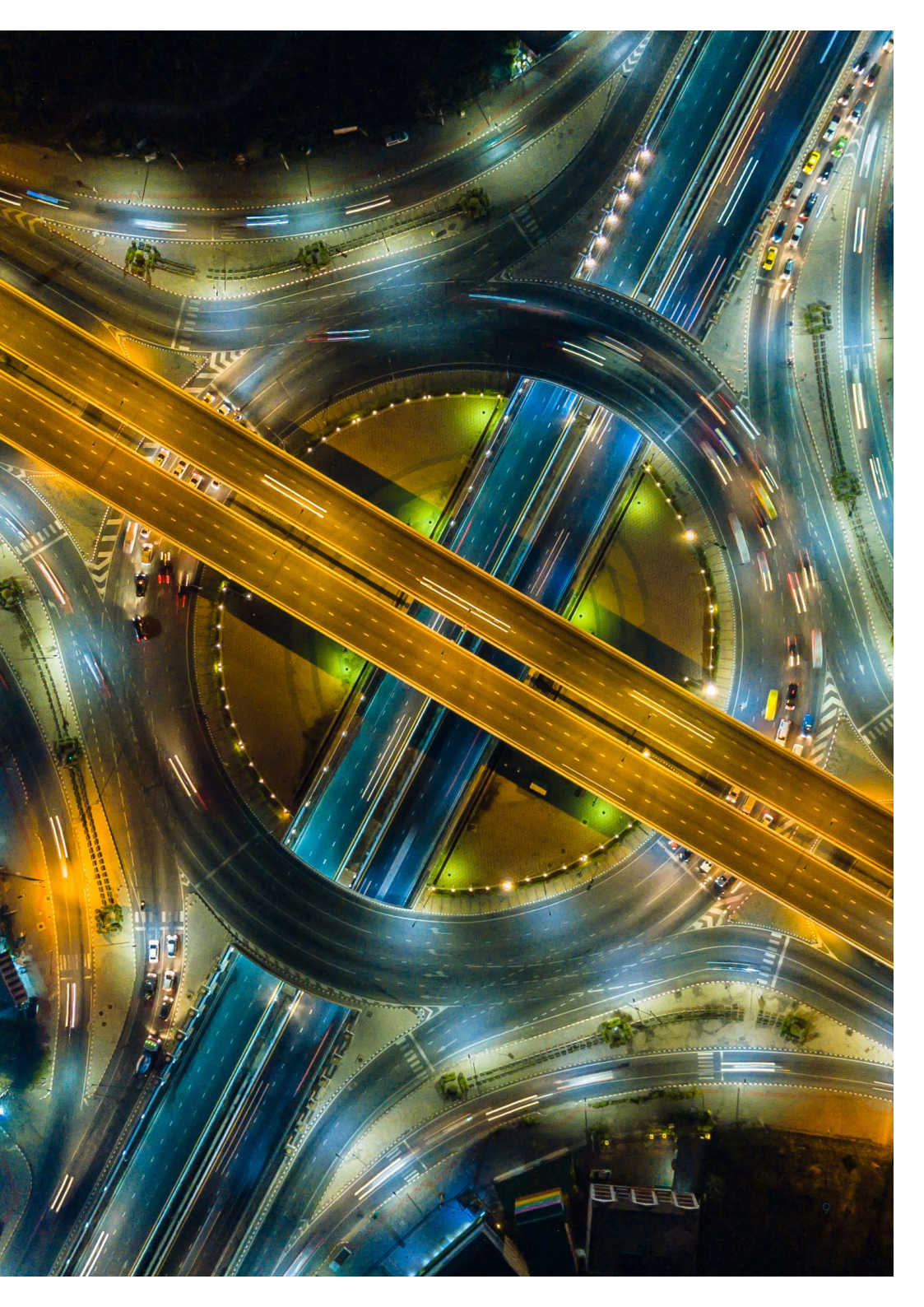
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# About us

**Taylor Wessing is a global law firm that serves the world's most innovative people and businesses.**

**Deeply embedded within our sectors, we work closely together with our clients to crack complex problems, enabling ideas and aspirations to thrive.**

**Together we challenge expectation and create extraordinary results.**

By shaping the conversation in our sectors, we enable our clients to unlock growth, protect innovation and accelerate ambition.



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**Private Wealth**



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**1100+ lawyers**  
**300+ partners**  
**29 offices**  
**17 jurisdictions**

### **Challenge expectation, together**

With our team based across Europe, the Middle East, US and Asia, we work with clients wherever they want to do business. We blend the best of local commercial, industry and cultural knowledge with international experience to provide proactive, integrated solutions across the full range of service areas.

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