Middle East
Arbitration practice
IFLR Middle East
International Law Firm of the Year in 2013, 2014 and 2015

Arabic and English speakers

37 years in the region

Global network
Allen & Overy are leading specialists in Arbitration

A pre-eminent international arbitration practice

We have one of the world's leading international arbitration practices, with extensive experience of advising clients on high-value, complex arbitration disputes, and a track record of achieving successful outcomes.

Expertise in conducting international arbitration proceedings

Under all of the major international and regional rules, including those of the ICC, LCIA, ICSID, AAA, UNCITRAL, DIAC, HKIAC, SIAC and others.

Recognised as experts in resolving investment disputes

Arising out of bilateral and multilateral investment treaties – we successfully defended the UAE in the first-ever ICSID arbitration proceedings brought against it and have never lost an investment treaty case.

Significant experience in a wide range of disputes

Including construction, concessions, projects, energy (oil and gas), power, major infrastructure, real estate, finance, M&A, telecommunications, joint ventures and shareholder disputes.

Quality people

We have arbitration specialists in Europe, the U.S., Asia and the Middle East. Our lawyers in the Middle East are among the region’s most experienced and highly regarded.

Experienced advocates

Our experienced practitioners regularly appear as advocates before tribunals comprising renowned international arbitrators. This offers you a significant advantage, in comparison with many other firms which routinely instruct external advocates, because you know that the advocates presenting your case have worked with you from day one and know the matter inside and out.

Commitment

To obtaining a swift, cost-effective resolution of any dispute in the best commercial interests of our clients. We pride ourselves on ensuring that our advice is direct, commercial and easy to understand. It will always include your options for resolving the dispute quickly and amicably, without the need for formal proceedings.

“Allen & Overy LLP specialises in international arbitration, with an emphasis on commercial matters, construction disputes, and investment treaty arbitrations.”

Legal 500 2015 (UAE Dispute Resolution)

Ranked Tier 1

Chambers Global 2015
(Dispute Resolution)

Ranked as ‘Standout’ for dispute resolution

Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Report 2014
Our Middle East arbitration experience

Clients appreciate the strength of our expertise in the core practice areas of international commercial, construction and investment treaty arbitration.

We have extensive experience of advising on disputes across the region, including in the UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Egypt and Jordan.

Clients benefit from both the Middle East team’s expertise on the ground, and its integration within the global International Arbitration Group.

Some examples of our recent Middle East experience include:

- Successfully defending the UAE in ICSID arbitration and annulment proceedings. These were the first-ever ICSID arbitration proceedings brought against the UAE. Claims were valued at around USD1 billion.

- Successfully defending two Middle Eastern government entities in DIAC arbitration proceedings relating to the termination of a long-term port concession, including a substantial redevelopment project. Claims were valued at in excess of USD580m.

- Acting for a Middle Eastern energy company in an ICSID arbitration against a foreign state under the Energy Charter Treaty. Claims are valued at around USD250m.

- Representing a Middle Eastern LNG producer in UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings relating to the construction of a sulphur plant in Qatar. Claims were valued at more than USD650m.

- Acting for the same Middle Eastern LNG producer in multi-billion dollar ICC gas price re-opener arbitrations.

- Successfully defending a Middle Eastern government entity in ICC arbitration proceedings relating to the termination of a contract for a landmark project in Abu Dhabi. Claims were valued at around USD200m.

- Acting for a Qatari investment bank in DIAC arbitration proceedings relating to the acquisition of a significant shareholding in a company.

- Defending a project sponsor in ICC arbitration proceedings relating to the construction of a power station in Jordan. Claims were valued at USD150m.

- Acting for a global power company in claims relating to the construction of a power plant in the UAE. Claims were valued at over USD200m with arbitration proceedings in Dubai.

- Successfully representing the same global power company in ICC arbitration proceedings relating to the supply of turbines for a power project in India. Claims were valued at around USD80m.

- Acting for a major global port operator in ICC arbitration proceedings relating to the expansion of a container terminal in the Middle East. Claims were valued at around USD50m.

- Defending an Asian oil and gas company in an ICC arbitration relating to the development of one of world’s largest offshore gas fields. Claims are valued at around USD150m.

- Successfully representing a leading UAE investment company in LCIA arbitration proceedings arising out of a settlement deed. Claims were valued at more than USD100m.

- Defending one of the largest industrial companies in the UAE in a large shareholder dispute under the DIAC arbitration rules.

- Defending a Dubai government entity in DIAC arbitration proceedings in Dubai relating to alleged breaches of a concession agreement.
Acting for a Middle Eastern government entity in a series of DIAC arbitrations arising out of the construction of the largest exhibition centre in the Middle East. Claims were valued at more than USD200m.

Defending a Middle Eastern government entity in ad hoc arbitration proceedings relating to the construction of a network of pipelines in the UAE. Claims were valued at around USD100m.

Acting for a Middle Eastern-based pocket PC/mobile phone company in LCIA arbitration proceedings arising out of a contract for after market services.

Acting in ICC arbitration proceedings relating to a joint venture dispute in connection with a strategic water storage project in the UAE.

Representing a Dubai-based investment company in a DIAC arbitration concerning the unwinding of a joint venture.

Acting in a USD300m ICC arbitration involving the merger of an investment bank with several retail banks throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

Successfully defending a major international hotel operator against claims in an ICC arbitration relating to the construction and operation of a luxury hotel in Zanzibar.

Acting for a major U.S. petrochemical company in connection with LCIA arbitration proceedings relating to the construction of a petrochemical plant in Saudi Arabia.

Defending a Dubai-based petroleum company in LCIA arbitration proceedings relating to the disputed termination of an off-shore drilling agreement.

Acting for a Middle Eastern property development company in a number of DIAC arbitrations relating to real estate development projects in Dubai. Claims were valued at around USD50m.

Representing a substantial Omani trading company in ICC arbitration proceedings against a major Korean manufacturer of motor vehicles.

Acting for a Middle Eastern investment company in LCIA arbitration proceedings relating to alleged breaches of a management contract. Claims were valued at around USD40m.

Acting for an investment company in LCIA arbitration proceedings relating to alleged tax liabilities arising from the sale and purchase of a company.

Acting for a contractor in two separate but related UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings relating to the construction of a beach resort.

Sources say: “A really fantastic team — they are meticulous, smart and empathetic.”
Chambers Global 2013 (Middle East, Dispute Resolution)

“The team is superb for contentious matters and arbitration in particular.”
Chambers Global 2014 (Middle East, Dispute Resolution)

Sources say “One of the leading arbitration practices internationally.”
Chambers Global 2015 (International Arbitration)
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Chambers Global 2015 (Middle East Dispute Resolution)

“Clients say Christopher Mainwaring-Taylor and regional managing partner Simon Roderick impress with their ‘real understanding of our business objectives and approach’.”

Chambers Global 2012 (UAE, Dispute Resolution)

“Simon Roderick is praised for his extensive and well-rounded experience in the region. He frequently appears in arbitration proceedings and is able to draw on his significant transactional expertise to anticipate clients’ needs.”

Chambers Global 2015 (UAE Dispute Resolution)

“Arbitration expert Christopher Mainwaring-Taylor is ‘commanding in his approach’ as an advocate and ‘very pragmatic and responsive’, according to sources.”

Chambers Global 2015 (UAE Dispute Resolution)

“Christopher Mainwaring-Taylor is a highly accomplished lawyer with notable expertise in oil and gas, as well as construction arbitration. Described by clients as “absolutely first class,” he has a wealth of experience in the UAE, as well as being recognised for his busy Qatar practice.”

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