Our lawyers in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Riyadh anchor an international team that works on behalf of financial institutions, energy, construction, healthcare, real estate, private equity, shipping and aviation companies seeking to invest or finance commercial projects in compliance with Islamic Shari’ah principles as well as conventional financing. Informed by decades of experience in the Middle East, our Islamic Finance and Investment team guides financial institutions and businesses in navigating the regulatory, political and commercial environment of the region. Serving Islamic and conventional financial institutions, merchant and investment banks, venture capital and private equity funds, fund sponsors and family investment companies, our team has helped to structure and implement billions of U.S. dollars in complex, innovative, often first of their kind transactions since 1995.

The team has developed a strong and highly respected working relation with leading Shari’ah scholars, which allows the team to develop investment and financing instruments in the Middle East, Europe and the U.S. that are compliant, practical and efficient. Typical transactions have included:

- Shari’ah-compliant property funds valued at nearly US$10 billion;
- private equity funds valued in excess of US$6 billion;
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- the acquisition, financing and development of properties in the U.S., Europe and the Middle East;
- Shari’ah-compliant leveraged private equity acquisitions in the U.S., and acquisitions made in Europe and the Middle East;
- landmark sukuk transactions and first-time Shari’ah-
compliant financing structures;
- *Shari’ah*-compliant project financings in the Middle East, including energy, desalination, residential and commercial projects;
- the restructuring of *Shari’ah*-compliant investments; and
- the formation of *Shari’ah*-compliant equities funds.

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