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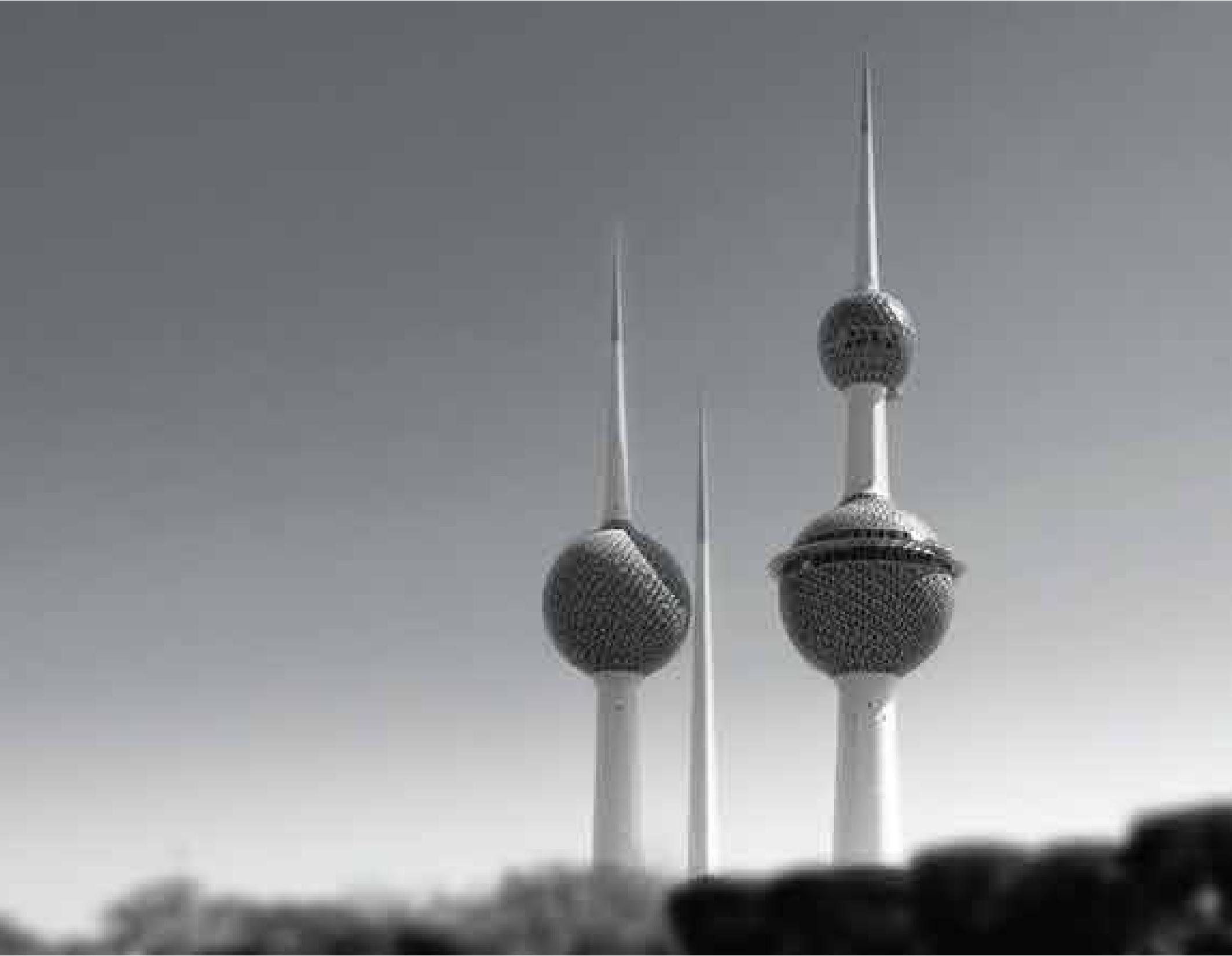
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A Message from the Management



Over the years, our law firm has grown to be a prominent corporate law firm in the State of Kuwait. As an owner, I ask myself how we got this far and the answer always revolves around the purpose of our existence: We want to make a difference.

We develop innovative solutions by incorporating complex legal and commercial techniques that lead the industry. Our clients come to us knowing that we make it happen, investing time and effort in

realizing their aspirations. We add value to everything we do through going the extra mile to ensure the maximization of clients' returns.

Our team of lawyers forms a pool of strategic thinkers with substantial expertise in the common law and civil law areas, combined with more than half a century of experience in legal practice and traditions in the State of Kuwait. Al Markaz is globally minded and strives to exceed all client expectations in terms of the quality of our work and our responsiveness.

Fawwaz Abd-Allah Al Saeed
Managing Partner



Our Vision

To combine our extensive legal expertise with exceptional service to create successful partnerships that yield utmost value for our clients and our society.

Our Core Values

Our core values are entirely focused on our journey towards achieving client satisfaction and legal excellence for our clients and their business.

Integrity: providing commitment and ensuring transparency in all our dealings.

Excellence: striving for the highest quality, value and professionalism in our work.

Teamwork: encouraging a collaborative approach among our staff.

Loyalty: maintaining long-term relationships and partnerships internally and externally.

Accountability: applying high levels of ethical standards throughout the firm.

Innovation: developing solutions by incorporating complex legal and commercial techniques that lead the industry.



Our Mission

Our mission defines what we do and is considered the basis of our practice:

- To be the center of excellence by providing premium professional and innovative legal solutions;
- To implement sustainable business practices in every possible way;
- To collaborate with our clients to form driving forces toward a regenerative economy, and
- To provide full protection and maximum level of returns to our clients.



Our Firm

Nestled in the business hub of Kuwait City, Al Markaz law firm is a leading firm recognized for its elite team of highly experienced, multi-lingual international and local attorneys. Our ability to combine significant global knowledge and standards whilst providing well-rounded innovative legal solutions to our clients in key practice areas is undisputed.

Founded in 1983 by Mr. Fawwaz Abd-Allah Al Saeed, a prominent attorney and former President of Kuwait Bar Association, Al Markaz Law Firm has experienced exponential growth since its inception, partnering with an extensive client base of blue chip Kuwaiti and foreign corporations.

Our clients include large publicly held corporations, investment banks, brokerage firms, investment funds, private equity firms, institutional investors, oil and gas, construction and real estate companies. We also have a proud history of conducting complex litigation matters in the areas of both traditional court proceedings and arbitration.

Al Markaz Law firm has witnessed the transition of the Gulf region to a centre of commerce, finance and investment. We understand the challenges clients face with cross-border transactions and globalization and therefore have a strong network of affiliated firms in the globally allowing us to offer premium legal services in other jurisdiction.



Our Team

Our greatest asset of all is our talented, dedicated and highly experienced team of attorneys, hand-picked from around the globe. Our diversity and experience as a tool adds tremendous value to our work. Our team acts as trusted advisors for our clients because of the deep market understanding and the ability to conceptualize plans and solutions which is legally and commercially advantageous.

Our multi-lingual team possesses a combination of considerable common and civil law expertise combined with more than half a century of experience in legal practices and traditions in Kuwait and across borders.



Biographies



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Mr. Fawwaz Al-Saeed is a highly reputed Kuwaiti attorney. He founded Al Markaz Law Firm in 1983 and currently oversees the operations of the firm's departments, as well as assists many of Kuwait's leading financial institutions and corporations in various matters and aspects of the law. He emphasizes his practice in corporate consultancy and commercial litigation, with a special emphasis on cases that involve the application of commercial law, corporate law, banking and Islamic finance. Mr. Al Saeed holds over 30 years of experience and has extensive experience in commercial transactions, alternative dispute resolution, and court proceedings before the highest courts of Kuwait. In 1997, Mr. Al Saeed was granted high professional recognition when elected as the President of Kuwait Bar Association, a position which he held for two successive yearly terms.

Languages:

Arabic and English

Professional Association and Memberships:

President of the Kuwaiti Bar Association (1997)

Admission:

Kuwait Supreme Court

Education:

Kuwait University (LL.B) (1982)

Our Litigation Team





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Mr. Alenezi is a Partner in the Litigation department at Al Markaz. In his career to date, he has focused on developing his practice in the areas of civil & administrative litigation. He graduated from Cairo University in 2000, following which he moved to Kuwait to practice law in his chosen fields of specialism with various blue chip corporate law firms.

Languages:

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Education:

Cairo University (LL.B) (1999)



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Languages:

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Professional Association and Memberships:

Kuwait Bar Association

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Mr. Megally joined Al Markaz in September 2006 and is a senior associate in the firm's Litigation department. Mr. Ismail litigates and advises on a broad range of matters including general and commercial litigation, and has acted in a number of complex and high-profile cases that involve the application of international trade law, corporate law, administrative law, real estate law, construction law, and capital market regulations. He has extensive experience and expertise in corporate restructuring. Mr. Ismail holds over 20 years of PQE between Egypt and Kuwait.

Languages:

Arabic

Professional Association and Memberships:

Egyptian Bar Association

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Cairo University (LL.B) (1983)



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Mr. Abdel Hameed joined Al Markaz in June 2010 and is a senior associate in the firm's Litigation department. He holds more than 20 years of PQE between Egypt and Kuwait and emphasizes his professional practice in general and commercial litigation which mainly involve matters of international trade law, administrative law, corporate law, civil law, alternative dispute resolution, taxation and labor law. Additionally, Mr. Abdel Hameed has vast experience litigating compensation cases, and has built a strong reputation handling cases of alternative dispute resolution and cases before the Constitutional Courts.

Languages:

Arabic

Professional Association and Memberships:

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Education:

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Languages:

Arabic and English

Professional Association and Memberships:

Kuwait Bar Association

Education:

Zagazig University (LL.B) (2007)



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Mr. Al Yahia joined Al Markaz in April 2008 and is an associate in the firm's Litigation department. Mr. Al Yahia's practice covers a wide range of areas including general and commercial litigation, with an emphasis on international trade law, corporate law, civil proceedings and capital markets. He has wide experience through handling cases on corporate misdemeanors, and cases involving capital market laws and regulations. Mr. Al Yahia holds over 6 years of PQE in Kuwait.

Languages:

Arabic

Professional Association and Memberships:

Kuwaiti Bar Association

Education:

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Languages:

Arabic

Professional Association and Memberships:

Egyptian Bar Association

Arab Lawyers Union

Amnesty International

Arab Union of International Arbitration

Education:

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Professional Association and Memberships:

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Languages:

Arabic and English

Professional Association and Memberships:

Kuwaiti Bar Association

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Zagazig University , Egypt (LL.B) (2013)



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Languages:

Arabic

Professional Association and Memberships:

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Education:

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Languages:

Arabic and English

Professional Association and Memberships:

Kuwait Bar Association

Arab Lawyers Union (U.S.A)

Education:

Washington D.C. University (LL.M in International Commercial Law and International Contracts) (2010)

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Languages:

Arabic and English

Education:

Kuwait University (LL.B) (2013)



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Languages:

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Education:

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Languages:

Arabic

Professional Association and Memberships:

Egyptian Bar Association

Education:

Cairo University (LL.B) (1999)



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Languages:

Arabic and English

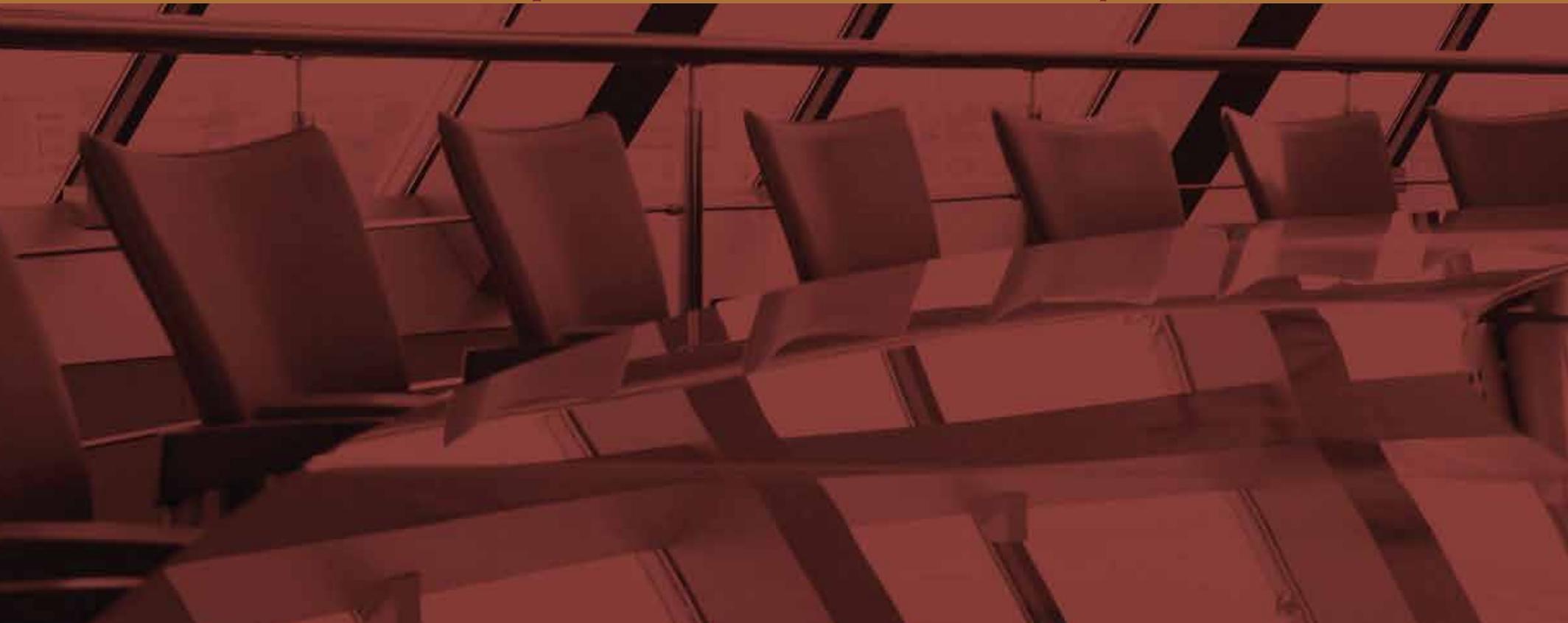
Professional Association and Memberships:

Egyptian Bar Association

Education:

Zagazig University (LL.B) (2003)

Our Corporate Advisory Team





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Languages:

Arabic and English

Professional Associations and Memberships:

Egyptian (Bar 1997).

Egyptian Court of Appeal (2006).

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Professional Program (CLAC): Contractual and Legal Matters in Construction Industry, AUC (2006).

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Languages:

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Professional Association and Memberships:

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Languages:

English, French and Arabic

Professional Associations and Memberships:

Middle Temple UK

Law Society Kuwait

Education:

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Languages:

Arabic

Professional Association and Memberships:

Egyptian bar Association

Arbitration Center of Faculty of Law – Ain Shams University

Education:

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Languages:

Arabic and English

Professional Associations and Memberships:

Syrian Bar Association

Kuwaiti Bar Association

Education:

LLM in Islamic Finance, Kuwait University

Practice Diploma in International Arbitration Law – College of Law of England and Wales (2007)

University degree in law, Damascus University, Syria (2002)



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Languages:

English

Education:

University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2009

LLM, International Trade Law

Abuja Law School, 2007

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Languages:

English, Spanish and Italian

Professional Association and Memberships:

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Languages:

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Education:

Business Management, Associate Degree Program, Scranton, PA, U.S.A

Alexandria University (LL.B- English Section) (2007)



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Languages:

Arabic and English

Education:

De Montfort University – Leicester, UK (LLB Hons)
LLM International Corporate Finance - University of Reading



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Mr. Galal is an associate in the firm's Corporate Advisory department. He emphasizes his practice in civil, corporate and commercial legal consultancy, and advises on matters of civil law, international trade Law, corporate law, and labor law. Mr. Galal has developed his practice in debt restructuring, banknote trade agreements, leasing and employment contracts. Prior to joining Al Markaz in May 2013, Mr. Galal practiced law for 2 years in Egypt with a German law firm.

Languages:

Arabic and English

Professional Association and Memberships:

Egyptian Bar Association

Education:

Arab Academy for Science Technology and Maritime Transport (LL.M in International Legal Commercial Transaction and Logistics – English Program) (2014)
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Languages:

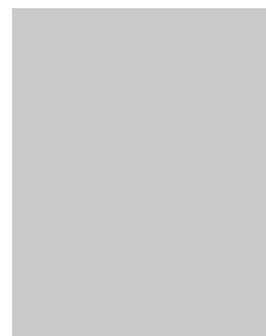
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Professional Association and Memberships:

Egyptian Bar Association

Education:

Zagazig University (LL.B) (2012)



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Languages:

Arabic and English

Professional Association and Memberships :

Kuwait Bar Association

Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI): Certified Sharia Advisor and Auditor (CSAA), 2012.

Committee for Reviewing Civil Legislations, Kuwait Bar Association: member, 2014.

Education :

Kuwait University (LL.B) (2003)



Practice Areas

Corporate Advisory

From the very inception of an idea, to the assessment of its viability, all the way to its execution and closing, our team is there every step of the way. It is our business to understand your corporate and commercial needs, with a focus on realizing their maximum value.

Our Corporate Advisory team consists of some of the most talented and sought-after corporate lawyers in Kuwait, with a proven ability to solve the most complex corporate issues. Al Markaz acts as a trusted firm and confidant to several of the largest public and private companies in Kuwait in relation to:

- Acting on the full range of mergers & acquisitions transactions, including public and private transactions, share and asset sales, joint ventures, IPO, right issues, takeovers and asset spin offs;
- Legal due diligence on the buyer and seller sides;
- Establishment of corporate and other investment entities such as partnerships and trusts;
- Advice on general and industry specific rules and regulations;
- Advice on ongoing compliance with stock exchange listing rules and related regulatory instruments;
- Advice on risk and stock portfolio management;
- Advice on all taxation aspects in Kuwait;
- General commercial matters such as franchising, service and consultancy agreements as well as agency arrangements and outsourcing;
- Property transactions;
- Telecom regulation,
- Maritime Law.



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Litigation

Our team aims to offer the best legal protection to our client. We examine the issue from all angles using different perspectives in order to provide the best possible solution, be it formulating a settlement or vigorously litigating the action in court, bearing in mind the time and costs involved for the client.

In addition, we have a proud history of conducting complex litigation matters in the areas of both traditional court proceedings and arbitration such as:

- Proceedings before Courts of First Instance and Appeal;
- Proceedings before the Supreme Court of Kuwait;
- Corporate and commercial litigation;
- Complex construction disputes;
- Administrative litigation;
- Capital Markets Tribunal
- Alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration and mediation, and
- Litigation support in relation to proceedings in foreign jurisdictions.



Arbitration & Dispute Resolution

Al Markaz is widely recognized for handling international and domestic dispute resolutions for clients in a number of areas and industries. We specialize in:

- Arbitration in the Kuwait Arbitration Court;
- Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution by negotiation and agreement;
- Arbitration undertaken before the London Court of International Arbitration, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and
- International Court of Arbitration and Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA).



Banking and Finance

Unprecedented instability in the global financial system has exposed market participants to extraordinary risk and uncertainty. Changes in the financial and regulatory landscape have altered the way business is conducted and are affecting legal arrangements. Our strategy to tackling these issues involves keeping up-to-date with the latest developments in practice across the globe and adapting to this new environment is key to achieving business objectives, from which we may predict the changes in the market direction/trend. Our practice includes:

- All inter and intra bank financing transactions including bond and debenture issues,
- Lending transactions,
- Secured and unsecured international loan agreements,
- Cross-border finance transactions
- Corporate and debt restructuring

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Islamic Finance

Our lawyers have advised leading Islamic and conventional financial institutions, as both lenders and issuers/borrowers, on Islamic financing products and techniques for over 30 years.

We combine our in-depth market knowledge and insight with our expertise in Islamic legal principles, structures and techniques to orchestrate the most appropriate solutions in accordance with the principles and values of Islamic law.

Al Markaz is specialized in:

- Different Islamic financial, partnership and sale structures such as the Murabaha Musharaka; Ijara, Wakala, Musawama, Bai' Mu'ajjal, Istisna', Muqawala and Tawarruq;
- Lease arrangements with sale and purchase options;
- Conditional sale contracts;
- Project finance;
- Long and short term debt packages;
- The grant of different kinds of security by borrowers, and
- Insolvency and protection of creditor rights.



Construction

Our Construction practice entails helping contractors, corporations, investors and other clients to deliver major infrastructure and development projects.

We work on identifying and addressing the issues and risks arising out of construction contracts, whereby our industry-focused knowledge is necessary to ensure a detailed understanding of their nature.

Our legal practice in Construction includes, without limitation:

- EPC contracts;
- BOT and PPP projects;
- Procurement management;
- Tender management;
- Probity issues;
- Traditional turnkey and other construction contracts and associated sub-contracting arrangements;
- Project management agreements;
- Insurance arrangements applying to construction projects;
- Construction associated services contracts, and
- Construction dispute resolution.



Oil and Gas

Kuwait has one of the largest proven reserves of crude oil in the world and is among the world's largest oil producers. As such, Kuwait's economy is heavily dependent on the oil sector, which accounts for over half of gross domestic output.

Al Markaz provides pioneering advice on the entire lifecycle of energy assets, from the consenting and planning process, through to the construction, financing, operation, maintenance and ultimately their refinancing or sale.

Our work includes advising sellers and buyers (on M&A transactions), project sponsors, corporations, financially active/passive investors, suppliers, manufacturers, governments and debt funders (including banks, bond arrangers, ECAs, DFIs and multilaterals) on energy transactions globally.



Intellectual Property

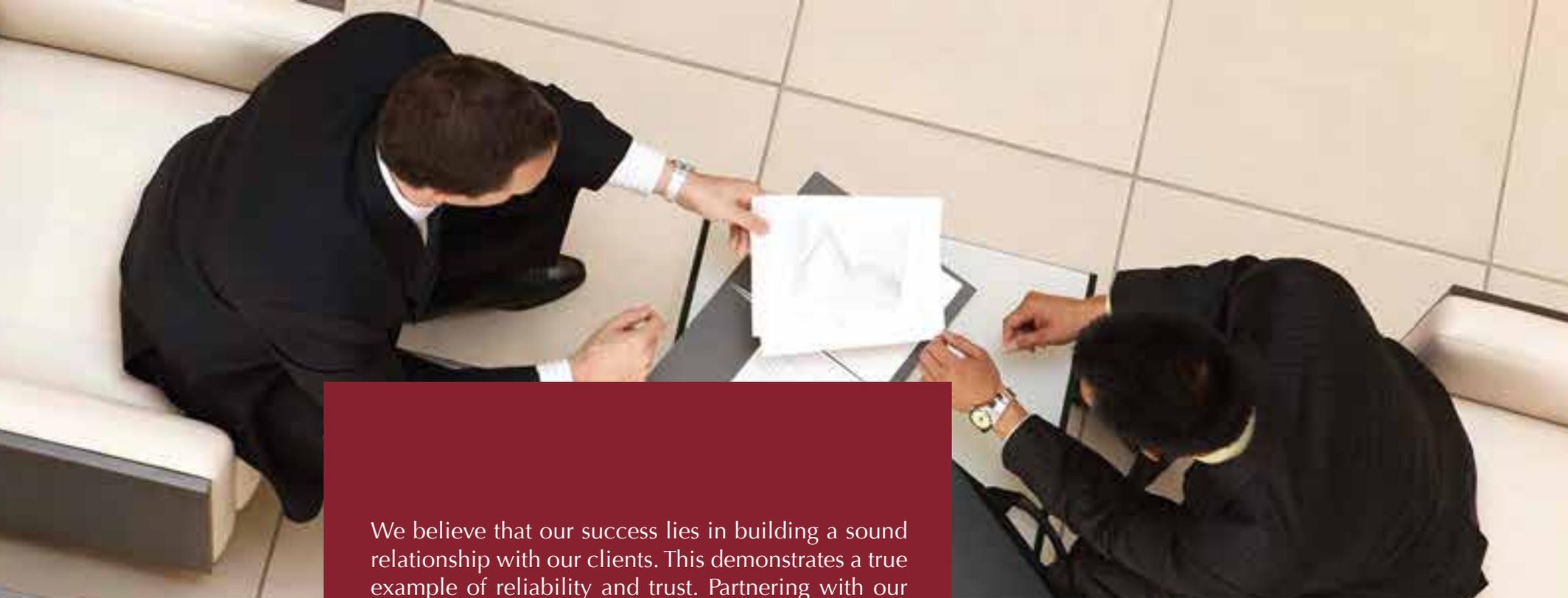
From trademarks, designs and patents registration to litigation and enforcement procedures, Al Markaz offers a full range of services in respect to intellectual property, as we understand the value of intangible assets, ideas, designs and techniques, and the importance of protecting them. We understand the commercial issues and pressures which arise from IP disputes or related negotiations, and provide innovative and strategic solutions to deal with them.

These include:

- Trademarks;
- Patents;
- Copyrights;
- Design Rights;
- Intellectual Property including licensing agreements and registration services
- Confidential Information Protection, and
- Intellectual Property Litigation.



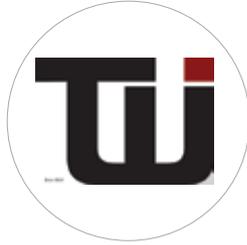
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