



WASEL & WASEL

AWARD WINNING.  
LAWYERS.



OVER USD  
10 BILLION  
IN DISPUTE  
MANDATES

We counsel on the  
most complex matters.

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SERVICES**





## Clients

Our clients include multinationals, Fortune 500 and publicly listed companies, State-owned companies, high-net-worth family businesses, and ultra-high-net-worth individuals. We are also regularly engaged by leading law firms as co-counsel.

## Lawyers

Our lawyers make an all-star team drawn from the top ranks of premier law firms, holding degrees from Ivy League universities, have worked on multi-billion dollar matters, and have held senior positions in government.





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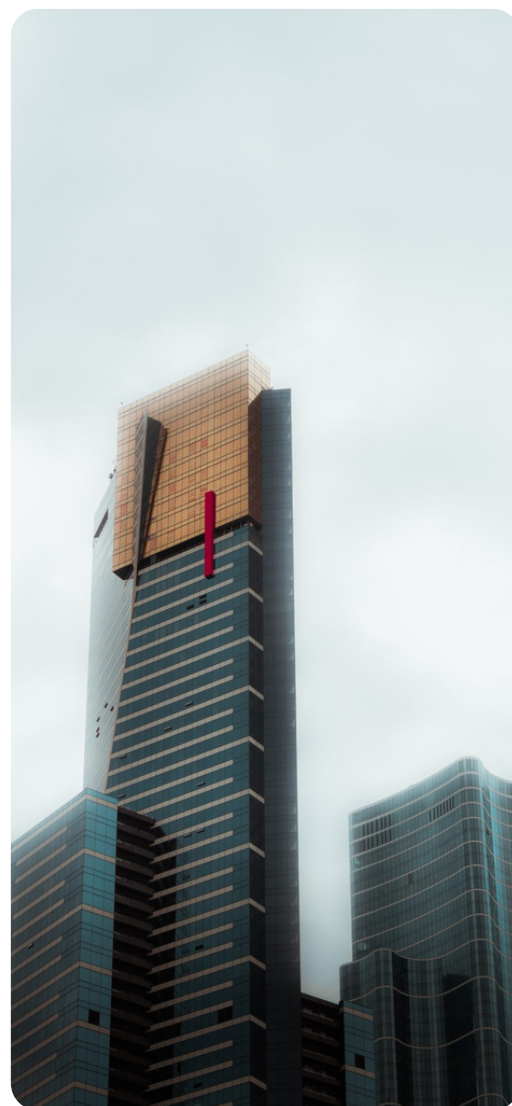
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**ABUWASEL**

Our firm grew to eight-figure revenues with a docket of disputes exceeding USD 10 billion in value in our first three years of operation because of our client successes and landmark strategies. We are trusted by some of the world's largest multinational and Fortune 500 companies.



# OUR **PLACES**

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**Melbourne**  
Victoria  
Australia



**Dubai**  
DIFC Courts  
United Arab Emirates



**Toronto**  
Ontario  
Canada



**Abu Dhabi**  
ADGM  
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# — AWARDS & NOMINATIONS —

## **Construction and Real Estate Law Firm of the Year 2022**

Thomson Reuters ALB Awards



## **National Expert (Investor-State Disputes) 2022**

Getting The Deal Through



## **Arbitration Team of the Year 2022**

Middle East Legal Awards



## **MENA Super 50 Lawyers 2022**

Thomson Reuters ALB Awards



## **Litigation Law Firm of the Year 2023**

Thomson Reuters ALB Awards



## **Arbitration Law Firm of the Year 2023**

Thomson Reuters ALB Awards



## **Recommended Firm (International Arbitration) 2022**

Global Law Experts



## **Administrative Law 2022**

Lexology Client Choice



## **UAE Law Firm of the Year 2022**

Thomson Reuters ALB Awards



## **National Expert (Tax Controversy) 2022**

Getting The Deal Through



## **Middle East Law Firm of the Year 2023**

Thomson Reuters ALB Awards



## **Regional Law Firm of the Year 2020**

Middle East Legal Awards





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## Commercial Arbitration

Our team has substantial experience in handling small to large-scale commercial arbitrations, whether domestic, foreign, or multi-jurisdictional, complimented by our expertise in various industry sectors.

## Recent Instructions

ICC construction procurement arbitration between Canadian entity and Spanish / Korean consortium.

ICC construction arbitration between Korean subcontractor and Chinese main contractor.

Ad hoc insurance arbitration between UAE construction firm and global insurance provider.

DIAC hotel development-related arbitration between HNW developer and Indian contracting firm.

ICC emergency arbitration procedures between Jordanian contracting firm and UAE State entity.

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## Recent Instructions

UNCITRAL proceedings under the OIC treaty between a Jordanian investor and EMEA State.

ICSID proceedings under a BIT between a Dutch holding conglomerate and an EMEA State.

ICSID proceedings under a BIT between a Chinese technology conglomerate and an EMEA State.

UNCITRAL proceedings under a BIT between an Indian manufacturer and an EMEA State.

ICSID proceedings under a BIT between a US major developer and an EMEA State.

## Treaty Arbitration

Our investment treaty arbitration specialists regularly act as counsel for investors against States in disputes arising out of bilateral and multilateral investment treaties, investment contracts, and other instruments.



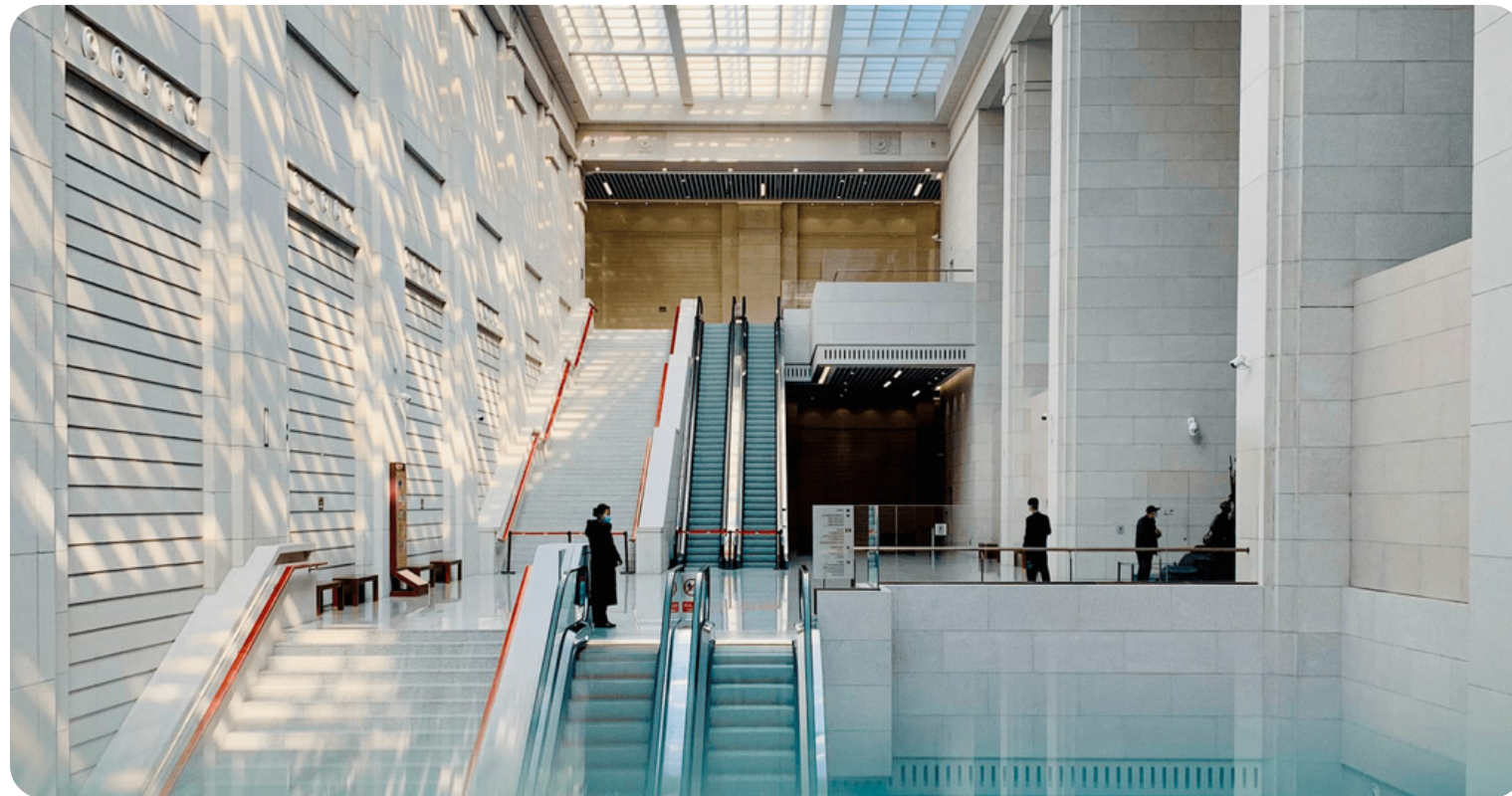
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## Complex Litigation

We have market-leading expertise in managing complex litigation and cross-border disputes in various sectors and jurisdictions. Our team is expert in representing clients in both common and civil law jurisdictions.

## Recent Instructions

USD 40M vicarious liability dispute between a UAE major electronics retailer and a Korean MNC.

INTERPOL Red Notice removal for a high-net-worth Jordanian investor related to capital markets.

USD 120M dispute between an HNW and a major bank related to the illegitimate use of financial instruments.

GCC multi-jurisdictional fraud supply claim related to a major infrastructure project for an Indian claimant.

The first insurance dispute arising out of the Yemen War valued at USD 30M for a global O&G supplier.

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## Construction Disputes

We represent public and private owners and developers, and engineers and architects, general and specialized contractors, subcontractors and suppliers, manufacturers, financial institutions, guarantors and other parties involved in construction projects.

## Recent Instructions

USD 18M dispute between an agriculture subcontractor and an Australian main contractor.

USD 110M status-quo dispute between a UAE conglomerate and a Malaysian contractor.

Prevention of a performance bond liquidation for a USD 40M project against a major contractor.

Dispute Adjudication Board proceedings between a hotel fit-out subcontractor and the main contractor.

Dispute between steel supplier and an Italian main contractor related to a USD 1.5B project.



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## Corporate Disputes

We represent parties in shareholder and corporate disputes, and regularly advise and represent parties in piercing the corporate veil and taking action directly against shareholders, managers, and directors.

## Recent Instructions

USD 20M shareholder dispute between exiting shareholder and global engineering firm.

USD 120M derivative shareholder claim for a Canadian shareholder arising from corporate fraud.

Representing a shareholder of a Fin-Tech firm in pursuing allegations of breach of governance.

USD 60M capital markets dispute between a shareholder of a listed firm and block trade acquirer.

USD 40M dispute between an institutional investor and a pharmaceutical firm for misrepresentation.

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## Recent Instructions

USD 30M tax dispute for an energy utility company arising from government-mandated markdowns.

USD 120M tax dispute for a tobacco manufacturer arising from production moisture loss and wastage.

USD 40M tax dispute for a technology MNC arising from permanent and fixed establishment status.

USD 90M tax dispute for a publicly listed developer in relation to retrospective property development taxes.

Tax dispute for a US defense contractor arising from defense and security agreement tax concessions.

## Tax Controversy

Our tax litigators have counseled on tax disputes exceeding USD 800 million relating to domestic tax laws and regulations, and international tax treaties, before various committees and courts.



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## Legal Risk

Clients often look to our contentious and disputes expertise to counsel on legal risks associated with transactions, investments, and broad due diligence on organizational issues.

## Recent Instructions

Due diligence to a leading energy servicer on conservation and guaranteed energy savings projects.

Due diligence to a tobacco manufacture on licensing issues arising from novel health licensing regulations.

Risk assessment on knock-for-knock arrangement in a USD 30M subcontract for MEP works.

Risk assessment to a global retailer on executing a cloud distributed order management system.

Due diligence for acquisition of a manufacturer of lifesaving IV solutions with proprietary technologies.

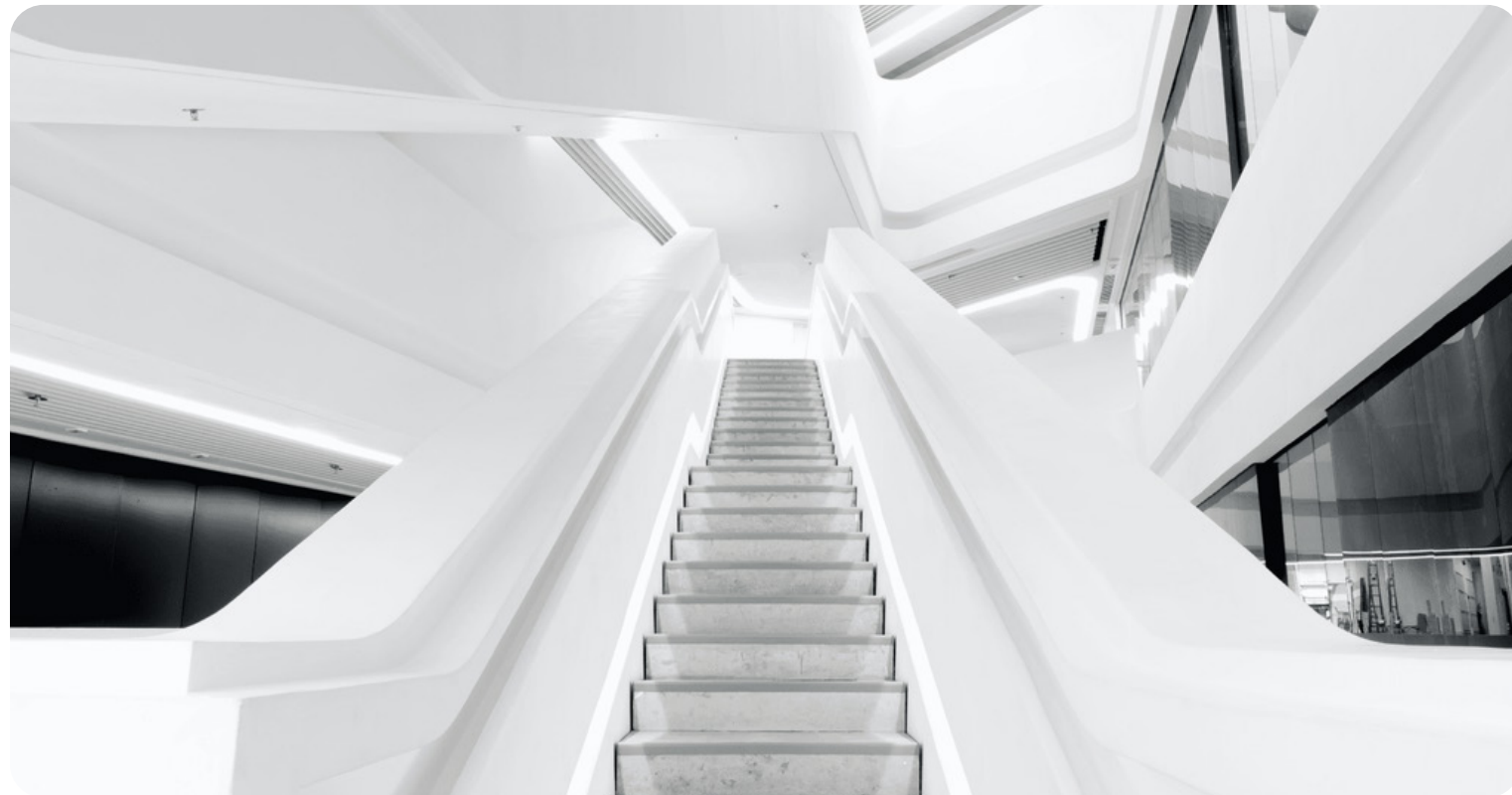
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## Complex Transactions

Our disputes team is often sought to support complex transactions due to our extended foresight into the contentious issues that could arise and our ability to ensure higher safeguards for our clients.

## Recent Instructions

Opining on non-deliverable forward transactions for a global pharmaceutical manufacturer.

Counsel on e-commerce compliance for data localization, cybersecurity, and e-authentication.

Counsel on effective anti-trust measures to mitigate abuse of market and cross-border anti-competition.

Counsel on region-wide transactional considerations for a US automated technology provider.

Counsel on regulatory compliance with a securities authority for a cross-jurisdictional reverse merger.



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## Expert Witness

We have been engaged by clients and law firms to provide expert opinions and declarations to courts in various jurisdictions including New York, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, and before arbitral tribunals.

## Recent Instructions

Expert witness before the New York courts on the laws of the DIFC, ADGM, and UAE in a USD 8 billion claim.

Expert witness before the Swiss courts in a USD 30M dispute on UAE laws relating to proxy powers.

Declaratory testimony before the New York courts in relation to USD 90M arbitration proceedings.

Expert opinion prepared for the UK courts in relation to corporate structuring and dissemination of assets.

External counsel support on UAE law in relation to arbitration proceedings for a Korean law firm.

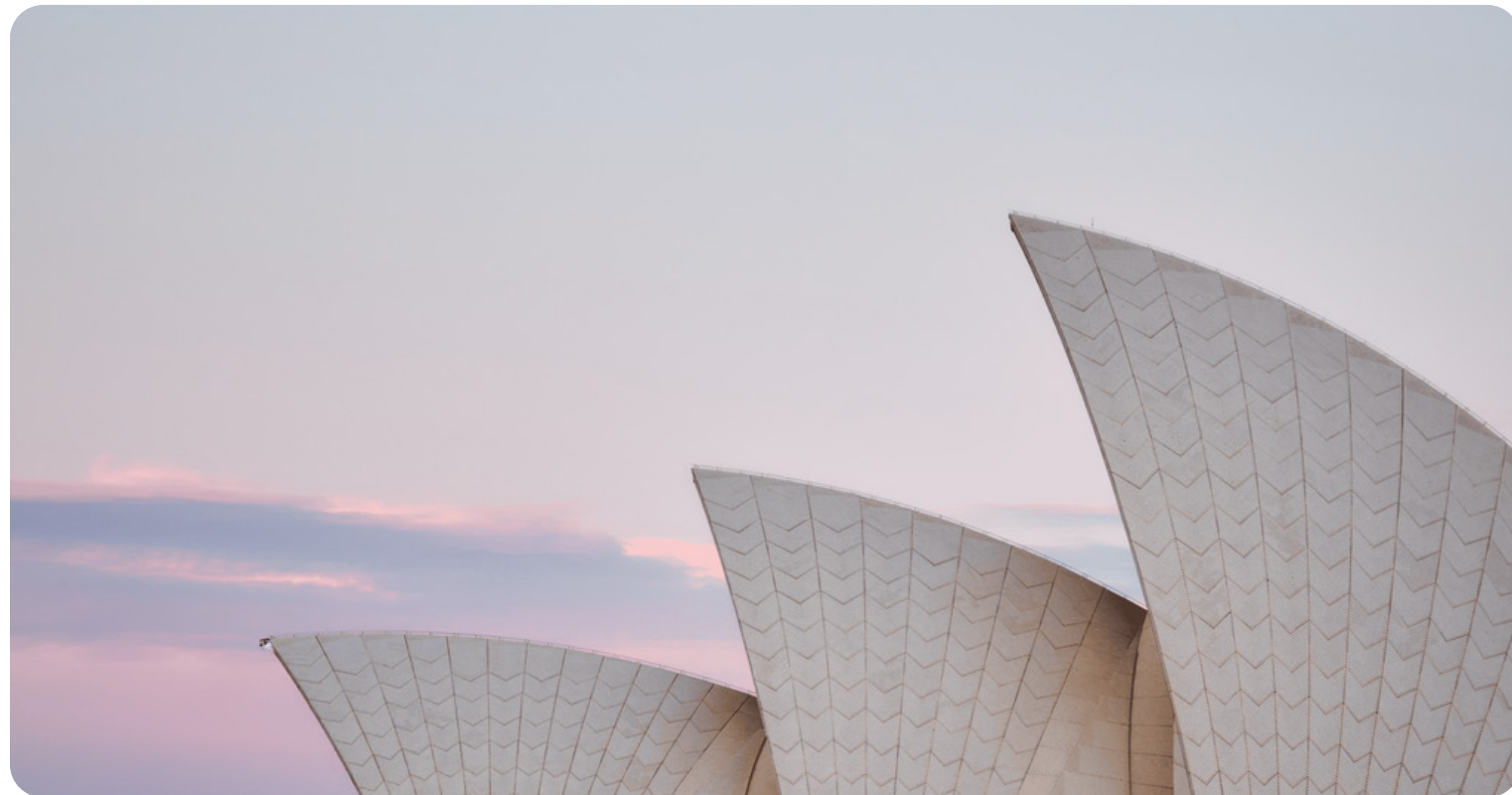
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## Recent Instructions

Advising claimant on resorting to the DIFC courts to obtain Mareva injunctions as part of global strategy.

Advising claimant on resorting to the Singapore courts on FNC grounds vis an inoperable jurisdiction.

Managing data insight and investigation on behalf of the claimant to pursue jurisdiction in the DIFC courts.

Advising a large holding company on defending against injunctions in London, New York, and the UAE.

Advising a multi-jurisdictional contractor on setting aside an arbitration award in multiple jurisdictions.

## Trial Consultancy

Clients, advisors, and law firms from across the globe engage us for trial consultancy support to assist in developing asset tracing, jurisdictional venue options, cross-border trial and enforcement strategies.



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## Government Disputes

We are regularly engaged to support private and public parties in disputes with small to national government agencies, in domestic and foreign territories, backed by our significant expertise in administrative law.

## Recent Instructions

Counsel to a leading e-commerce business on government issues arising from sales of digital rights.

Counsel to a free zone authority in an administrative dispute with its respective Federal government.

Counsel to a domestic public utilities company in dispute with its respective Federal government over tariffs.

Counsel to an education services provider vis a licensing authority for revocation of an academic permit.

Counsel to a heavy civil engineering contractor on a turnkey project dispute with a State oil field operator.

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## White Collar

We are frequently engaged by UHNW individuals, wealthy family dynasty members, high-ranking executives, and MNCs to assist in investigations, government enforcement, and white-collar disputes.

## Recent Instructions

Counsel to a service executive under investigation by a financial services regulatory authority.

Counsel to an UHNW businessman in the first contempt proceedings before the DIFC Courts.

Counsel to a CEO of a publicly listed company in prosecution investigation related to shareholder exit.

Counsel to an UHNW real estate mogul on criminal defamation and fraud and embezzlement claims.

Expert in a multi-billion USD complaint for fraudulent related-party roundtripping transactions.



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