

## WFW LAUNCHES DUBAI REAL ESTATE PRACTICE WITH HIRE OF PARTNER MOHAMMED KAMAL

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Watson Farley & Williams (“WFW”) has launched a real estate practice in Dubai with the hire of highly regarded Partner Mohammed Kamal. Mohammed joins the firm from the Dubai office of Berwin Leighton Paisner, where he was a real estate Partner and Office Head, having spearheaded the launch of the office in 2012. He previously headed up Hogan Lovells’ Middle East real estate practice. Mohammed will be joined by Associate Amy Jones who arrives from leading regional firm Al Tamimi & Co on 15 April 2018 to help support the launch of WFW’s real estate practice.

Mohammed has fifteen years’ experience in the Middle East advising on real estate transactions including development, infrastructure projects, leasing, corporate joint ventures, funds and financing including Islamic financing. Legal directories *Chambers Global* and *Legal 500* recognise him as a leading real estate lawyer in the UAE “who has his finger on the pulse of the market” with an “enviable client portfolio” and “always delivers what he promises”.

He is the second Partner to join WFW in Dubai in 2018, following the hire of dispute resolution Partner Charlotte Bijlani, former head of Baker & McKenzie’s international UAE arbitration practice, who arrived in February to launch the firm’s new contentious capability in the Middle East.

WFW Dubai Office Head, Andrew Baird commented: “Mohammed is yet another great addition to our team here in Dubai and further concrete evidence of the firm’s commitment to expanding our Middle Eastern offering across key service lines in our core sectors of transport, energy and real estate. He brings to the firm exactly the top flight real estate expertise our clients require. I’m delighted to welcome him to WFW”.

Mohammed added: “Real estate is one of WFW’s core industry specialisations and a key sector for major businesses operating in the Middle East region. The combination of a real estate practice together with the firm’s existing capabilities will significantly enhance the service we can offer to our clients particularly within the real estate finance space. I very much looking forward to working with my colleagues in Dubai and across WFW’s global network in supporting our clients both locally and internationally”.

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