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BCLP has been established in the Middle East since 2009, although many of our lawyers have worked in the MEA (Middle East and Africa) region for longer. We are embedded in the local markets by having a genuine on-the-ground local law capability, serving both domestic and international clients. We have an office in Abu Dhabi (ADGM Square) as well as in Dubai (DIFC) and run them as one offering. From these two hubs, our growing team - currently of six partners and 14 lawyers in total - undertake high profile and significant mandates across the Middle East region and Africa on local projects and operations, and on making investments across Europe, USA, Southeast Asia and India. Whether it's a high-value engineering arbitration, assisting in drafting zoning and sustainability laws or free-zone regulations, structuring and planning a giga-project, forming a joint venture or handling any type of transaction in the real estate and infrastructure sectors, our team has the experience and practical knowledge to help you achieve your objectives throughout the region.

THE LEGAL DISCIPLINES THAT OUR UAE OFFICES COVER INCLUDE:

- Real Estate and Infrastructure
- Construction, Engineering and Procurement
- Real Estate Finance
- Corporate and Commercial
- Hotels and Leisure
- Dispute Resolution
- Planning and Environment
- Projects

Together, our UAE lawyers have over 175 years of combined experience advising clients on transactions and guiding them through disputes in the region.

You can rely on our experience of having supported clients such as Abu Dhabi Ports Company, Al Tayer Group, ALEC Engineering & Contracting LLC, DAMAC, Dubai Holding, Dubai Multi Commodities Centre, GS E&C, Hyundai C&E, Majid Al Futtaim, Miral, Samsung Engineering, Tamouh Investments, and many others.

As an example of the unique challenges we can take on, we are acting for a major UAE portfolio company in mediation proceedings (rare in the UAE), seeking to resolve without recourse to arbitration proceedings.

As a testament to the top-end work our Middle East team is undertaking, we were; awarded the United Arab Emirates Real Estate Law Firm of the Year at Chambers Middle East Awards 2022, a finalist in the International Law Firm of the Year and Litigation & Dispute Resolution Team of the Year categories at the Oath Middle East Legal Awards 2021, ranked Tier 1 in the Real Estate category in Legal 500 EMEA 2021, ranked Tier 2 in the Construction category in Legal 500 EMEA 2021, a finalist in the Real Estate category at Chambers Middle East Awards 2021, won the Real Estate & Construction Team of the Year category at the Oath Middle East Legal Awards 2018, a finalist in the Law Firm of the Year category at the MEED Awards 2018, and finalists in the Construction team of the Year, Litigation Team of the Year and Real Estate Team of the Year in the Middle East Legal Awards 2019 (run by the Association of Corporate Counsel and Legal Week).

Additionally, our UAE offices have had multiple media mentions in leading publications including GAR for arbitration, The Banker for the financial sector and the Oath for the UAE.

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EMEA- Data Privacy, Digital and AI Round Up 2024/2025

As expected in the data privacy and digital space, 2024 shaped up to be a year full of guidance, consultations, regulatory focus areas and legislative updates. Artificial Intelligence (AI) remained a hot topic with advertising technology (AdTech) closely following its heels. With the blizzard of global data protection developments continuing unabated in 2024 with no doubt more to come in 2025, it is a good moment to look back at what 2024 held for businesses as well as to consider what 2025 may hold in the EMEA region.

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The Evolving Real Estate and Construction Disputes Landscape

As part of Riyadh International Disputes Week (RIDW), Horizons & Co. and BCLP hosted a discussion on the evolving real estate and construction dispute resolution landscape in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and wider region. This interactive discussion involved questions from the audience throughout the session and resulted in many meaningful points being raised. Below is a high-level takeaway of the key issues discussed and points raised.

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