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BIOGRAPHY

Nazir is experienced in non-contentious construction law including procurement strategy and implementation, together with project management advice. He has experience of the drafting and negotiation of procurement contracts for construction, engineering and facilities management projects in the UK and the Middle East.

Nazir leads multi-disciplinary teams on large real estate acquisition and development projects advising on projects (in the last 5 years) totalling over 4m sq. ft. of commercial, residential and

leisure space, including the Olympic Village, Chelsea Barracks and the Shell Centre.

He is regularly ranked in legal directories (Chambers UK and Legal 500) as a leading individual.

Nazir has been with the firm for 25 years and currently serves on BCLP's Global Board.

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EXPERIENCE

- Advising **Get Living** (a JV between Oxford Properties, Aware Super, Delancey and APG) in relation to the expansion of its BTR portfolio both within and outside London including by way of corporate acquisitions. Nazir had advised on its last 4 acquisitions (Middlewood Locks, Maidenhead, Markers Yard, and Leatherhead) as well as advising on the ongoing Elephant & Castle development, one of the largest construction projects in London.
- Advising **Oxford Properties** on one of the UK's largest infrastructure projects, the West Midlands Interchange. This project is the result of a joint venture between Oxford Properties and Logistics Capital Partners and is posed to deliver both a key strategic rail interchange and 8m sq ft of Class A Logistics Warehouse in the West Midlands. The project is set to be the largest logistics development in the UK and one of the largest in Europe and was shortlisted for the West Midlands Property Deal of the Year award in 2022.
- Advising **iQ Student Accommodation** on its student accommodation development and refurbishment schemes across England including the forward funding of 1200 bed scheme The Oaks in Warwick.
- Advising **Riverstone** on all aspects of the set-up of their senior living operating platform including acquisitions, sales, construction and procurement issues and forward purchases. Nazir has advised across all of its portfolio assets including the development of 56 The Bishops Avenue.
- Advising **Edge Technologies**, in joint venture with Goldman Sachs, to develop the London Bridge site known as Becket House. The property will provide c. 26 floors of commercial office space and is intended to be London's most sustainable office tower, designed to achieve both BREEAM Outstanding and WELL Platinum certification.
- Advising **Qatari Diar** on the high-profile redevelopment of the 12.8-acre Chelsea Barracks site, London SW1. Leading a multidisciplinary team advising on all real estate, construction and

financing aspects, including developing a procurement strategy for multi-phased development of residential accommodation together with associated infrastructure and public realm. Nazir is also advising Qatari Diar on the design and redevelopment of 30 Grosvenor Square, the former American Embassy, and a Grade II listed building, into an ultra-luxury Rosewood Hotel complimented with additional uses of retail, residential and event space.

- Advising **Canary Wharf** and **Qatari Diar** on the development of the Shell Centre site on London's South Bank. This will be one of the largest developments in London and will comprise up to 798 homes, 76,000 sq m of office floor space including a new headquarters building for Shell, up to 6,000 sq m of retail floor space and up to 2,500 sq m of community leisure space as well as associated basement, plant, and infrastructure. Providing strategic construction procurement advice for residential led mixed use scheme.
- Advised **Canary Wharf** and **Landsec** on the procurement of 20 Fenchurch Street, the "Walkie Talkie" joint venture on all of the professional appointments including the appointment of the signature architect Rafael Vinoly. Also advised on the procurement strategy and terms of the material trade contracts.
- Advised **Bloomberg** in relation to its new 660,000 sq ft European headquarters at Bloomberg Place, one of the largest office developments in Europe. Nazir advised on the construction documentation and on the structuring for the development of this two-building scheme procured by way of construction management.

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Across the real estate sector, the discussion has often focused on “green” development such as building carbon neutral real estate. Many traditional lenders have also focused their sustainability initiatives on financing renewable projects. Less attention has been given to develop specific energy efficiency solutions, activities which result in the “greening” of existing brown real estate assets. However, the market is shifting and in this article we explore the landscape of the financing options available to asset owners and managers to fund these types of energy efficiency projects with examples drawn from the US, UK, Singapore and Hong Kong SAR markets.

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Greening Real Estate – Where are we now?

Against the ambitious backdrop set by the Paris Climate Agreement to reach net-0 by 2050, there is a clear drive by corporations to move forward on their environmental, social and governance (ESG) or sustainability agendas. As approximately 40 percent of all global emissions are contributed by buildings and construction, the importance of how real estate (both construction of new developments and, perhaps more critically, existing buildings) can be greened is key to meeting these goals. Coupled with the current global energy crisis, greening real estate and renewable energy options have never been more relevant. This article will look at where the market is in relation to the push for greener real estate and what opportunities or risks are likely to arise. Over the next few articles, we will share our insights about M&A in the green space; green financing and green retrofits in key jurisdictions such as the United Kingdom and A...