

Farah Al-Nabulsi

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OVERVIEW

Farah is a partner in the Corporate practice area and Mergers and Acquisition (M&A) practice group at K&L Gates, and heads the United Arab Emirates corporate practice.

Farah has over 14 years' experience in the MENA region, and she regularly advises regional, international, and multinationals corporations on domestic and cross-border M&A, joint ventures, market entry, corporate restructurings, and general corporate matters. She also provides clients with commercial, advisory, and regulatory advice.

Farah is qualified in England and Wales, and in Jordan. She is bilingual in English and Arabic and has extensive experience in drafting and negotiating transaction documents in both languages.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Farah trained and, upon qualification, practised as a corporate commercial and transactional lawyer at a global multinational law firm in its Amman, London and Dubai offices. Farah then joined an international law firm based in Dubai as a senior associate in the corporate practice.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Recognized by the Islamic Finance News (IFN) Law Awards as the Fintech Law Firm of the Year 2023

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

 Co-Presenter, "A Brief Walk Through a VC Term Sheet," DIFC FinTech Hive Accelerator Program, Dubai, 14 June 2021

EDUCATION

LL.M., New York University, 2010 (Hauser Global Scholar)

LL.B., University of Jordan, 2008 (magna cum laude)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Jordan
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

LANGUAGES

- Arabic
- English

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 23 January 2024, Update UAE Consumer Protection and E-Commerce Laws
- 4 February 2022, Update UAE Introduces Corporate Tax
- 26 January 2021, Amendments to UAE Companies Law Update on Foreign Direct Ownership and Investment in the UAE
- 26 January 2021, Time to Rethink Strategy: The New Foreign Investment Rules in the UAE
- 5 January 2021, The New UAE Economic Substance Regulations

NEWS & EVENTS

- 1 February 2024, K&L Gates Advises on Launch of Invest AD Global Asset Manager and Invest AD Blackstone Private Debt Fund
- 19 December 2022, K&L Gates Adds 40 Lawyers to Firm's Partnership
- 13 June 2022, A Brief Walk Through a VC Term Sheet, Hosted by DIFC FinTech Hive

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate Governance
- Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRIES

Financial Services

Private Equity

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Led 3D Systems in drafting and negotiating a joint venture agreement, and other related transaction agreements, with the Saudi Arabian Industrial Investments Company (Dussur) to expand the use of additive manufacturing (AM) within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and surrounding geographies, including the Middle East and North Africa.
- Advising a UAE-based mining business on the restructuring of its operations, including the sale of assets and business, and the risk exposure concerning its interests from potential claims by creditors.
- Advising a global port operator on the acquisition and operations of a strategic warehousing facility, including negotiating and drafting a full suite of transaction documents, comprising the joint venture agreement, SPA, operating agreement, service agreement, investment agreement, and loan facility and other supporting documents.
- Advising a global industrial conglomerate on the re-organisation of its operation in Saudi Arabia and negotiating the new joint venture arrangement with a prominent Saudi business for the supply of heavy industrial equipment in Saudi Arabia.
- Advising one of the largest business groups in Saudi Arabia on the joint venture arrangement concerning its interests in a business specializing in precast panels for housing projects.
- Advising the majority shareholder of a UAE-based logistics and transportation business on a rescue investment financing arrangement.
- Advising a Middle Eastern state-owned company on its proposed investment in the logistics sector, including on its joint venture arrangement and regulatory restrictions arising from investing in a courier business.
- Advising a leading Indian healthcare group on its acquisition of a majority stake in a pharmaceutical chain in Jordan, including negotiating and drafting the SPA, SHA and other transaction documents.
- Advising a Middle Eastern venture capital firm on its acquisition of a minority shareholding stake in a hospitality group operating a hotel and multiple iconic restaurants in Jordan.
- Advising a PE house on its acquisition of a blocking minority stake in a health and fitness chain in Jordan, including negotiating and drafting the SPA and SHA.
- Advising the founders of a multimedia organisation in Jordan on the sale of their entire shareholding interests, including drafting and negotiating the SPA and the employee retention scheme that was implemented post acquisition.
- Advising the sponsors of the shortlisted bidders involved in Phase 2 Solar Projects (50 MW) in Jordan, including drafting the SPA and other transaction documents for the disposal of their majority stake in their respective project companies, as well as representing the clients before the authorities in relation to regulatory approvals.

- Advising a KSA-based developer on its investment in a consortium relating to a waste water project in Kuwait, including drafting and negotiating the joint venture agreement.
- Advising a multinational ports group on its investment in two UAE ports, including preparing a due diligence report, and advising on the concession agreement and other corporate matters.