



Middle East and Africa

WE KNOW ENERGY®



About Bracewell

We are a leading law firm headquartered in Houston, United States of America, primarily serving the energy, finance and technology industries throughout the world. Our Dubai office is our regional hub for our Middle East and Africa-focused clients, who we advise on matters in the energy, infrastructure, corporate and commercial, employment and dispute resolution sectors.

The energy sector is the cornerstone of our practice and our power and infrastructure practices are second to none.

We Know Energy® is not just our tagline, it is our central tenet. Bracewell is a recognized global leader in the power sector and we are particularly proud of our Dubai based energy team which frequently works on "first-of-a-kind" transactions for high-profile clients and is setting the standard in the market for legal excellence and transaction execution.

We have experience of acting for the full spectrum of participants in the power and infrastructure sectors, including sponsors and developers, lenders (including DFIs, multilaterals, ECAs, commercial banks and Islamic finance institutions), governments, private equity and infrastructure funds, service companies and contractors.

Our industry focus results in a comprehensive state-of-the-art knowledge of the commercial, legal and governmental challenges faced by our clients which enables us to provide innovative solutions to facilitate transactions and resolve disputes.

Accolades

- We are proud that the Bracewell team was awarded the **"Infrastructure and Energy Projects Team of the Year"** at the 2021 Middle East Legal Awards. This was the third year Bracewell has achieved this recognition for our work on renewable energy projects in the Middle East and Africa region.
- Moreover, in its 2022 rankings of the leading firms in the UAE, *The Legal 500 EMEA* identifies Bracewell among the top firms in Infrastructure and Projects, and in Construction, Commercial, Corporate and Merger & Acquisitions (2014–2018; 2022) and Energy and Infrastructure (2017–2018; 2022), stating that since 2014 that Bracewell has "embraced the region" and noting that we are **"one of the leading firms in the region to use on power and M&A deals in the sector."**
- *Chambers Global* similarly recognises our strengths in the United Arab Emirates Corporate/Commercial and Commercial Contracts (2013–2022) and the Middle East-Wide Projects & Energy (2017–2022) categories, specifically recognising our Corporate and Commercial Practitioners as "terrific practitioners" (2017).
- The firm was also recognised in Project Finance in the UAE in the *IFLR1000* Financial and Corporate and M&A Guide (2019–2022).

"The infrastructure and projects team in Bracewell has a deep knowledge of the complexities relating to project finance within the renewable energy space."

– *The Legal 500 EMEA 2022*

"Their attention to detail when reviewing and opining on documents, as well as their ability to think outside the box to solve complex issues in a timely manner is invaluable."

– *The Legal 500 EMEA 2022*

"They are sufficiently capable to advise us and our EPC Partner how we should agree the EPC Contract with the EPC Partner. They have extensive knowledge and experience on how we deal with and convince financiers in terms of technical and commercial aspects in relation to the EPC Contract."

– *The Legal 500 EMEA 2022*

"Responsive, helpful, client-focused and commercial."

– *Chambers Global 2022*

"The partners are extremely helpful and approachable. Their advice is practical and user-friendly."

– *Chambers Global 2022*

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The Middle East Legal Awards
Winner – Infrastructure and
Energy Projects Team of the Year

Beyond Energy

Our market-leading and award-winning energy team is perfectly complemented by our corporate and commercial practice. Our corporate and commercial lawyers have built a distinguished reputation advising on legal and commercial matters such as complex commercial contracts, joint ventures, M&A and corporate structuring in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Iraq (including the Kurdistan region), Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Afghanistan, Libya and across the African continent.

As well as taking the lead on corporate transactions, our corporate and commercial lawyers also advise our clients on the day-to-day business of running their operations, from providing pragmatic commercial advice on labour and employment matters to negotiating and drafting complex commercial contracts, joint ventures, M&A transactional matters and advising on all manner of regulatory matters and dispute resolution. With their experience not limited to the energy sector, the breadth of their practice also extends to the defence, manufacturing, retail, automotive and professional services sectors.

Key Local Relationships

Our lawyers have a clear understanding of the local laws, cultural sensitivities and complex geopolitical realities of the MEA region. This knowledge has been developed through our experience as legal and business advisors to our clients and the valuable existing relationships that we have cultivated from over a decade of practice. These relationships include relationships with key government and regulatory bodies throughout the MEA region.

Your Business Is Our Priority

Our experience results in a pragmatic, constructive and commercially orientated approach that helps clients identify issues, find practical solutions, prepare precise documents that promote and protect their interests and thereafter successfully execute transactions.

Our partners and senior lawyers have hands-on involvement on all our mandates, which means that our clients and their matters tangibly benefit from their collective experience. Where necessary we can draw on the experience of over 375 lawyers worldwide.

We pride ourselves on the accessibility of our partners and senior lawyers at all times and believe that our partner-led approach is a distinguishing factor, and why our clients repeatedly choose Bracewell to act for them.

Representative clients in the MEA region include:

Abdul Lateef Jameel International

Acciona Agua

Alcazar Energy

Al Jomaih Automotive Company

Allied Telesis

Blu Stone Management

Champion X

China Harbour Engineering

Dover Corporation

Dubal Holdings

ENGIE

Fotowatio Renewable Ventures

General Motors Corporation

Jinko Solar

KMGC

Kyushu Electric

Marubeni Corporation

Silverwell Technologies

Swicorp

TotalEnergies

TVG PWC LLC

United Service Organizations

VF Corporation

Vertex Aerospace

Power and Infrastructure



We Know Energy®. Every one of our lawyers has deep experience in energy and is passionate about the sector. We speak the language, providing our clients with the right advice efficiently and diligently, wasting no time getting up the curve.

We advise on all aspects of the power industry, including renewables and infrastructure, water treatment, water purification, district cooling and public private partnership projects from early stage project development, through to project financing, acquisitions and disposals.

We have experience advising on projects that combine different financing techniques, co-financings involving development finance institutions, export credit agencies, commercial (international and domestic) and Islamic banks.

Our power experience includes advising:

- Developers
- Lenders (including export credit agencies, development finance institutions and multilateral agencies, international and regional commercial banks and Islamic finance institutions)
- Governments and state-owned entities
- Private equity and infrastructure funds
- EPC, LTSA and O&M contractors.

- **Facility E IWPP** — Marubeni Corporation and Kyushu Electric consortium with respect to its ongoing negotiations with KAHRAMAA regarding the development and financing of the \$3 billion 2.6GW and 100MIGD IWPP in Qatar
- **Alcazar Energy Partners** — successful disposal of Alcazar Energy's regional portfolio of renewable energy projects
- **Al Kharsaah IPP** — Marubeni Corporation and Total regarding the development, implementation and financing of the 800.15 MW Al Kharsaah Solar PV Independent Power Project in Qatar. Al Kharsaah reached financial close on 22 July 2020 notwithstanding COVID-19 related impediments and complications.
- **REPDO Round 3 - Saad 300 MW IPP and Wadi & Ad Dawasir IPP** — Lenders to the Jinko Power-led consortium as the preferred bidder (targeting financial closing in Q2 2022) and advising TotalEnergies and Tamasuk consortium as sponsors' counsel regarding their successful bid for, negotiations, financing and (ultimate) closing of this deal.
- **Shuqaiq IWPP M&A** — Aljomaih Energy and Water Company as the successful purchaser of ACWA Power's entire stake in the \$1.8 billion Shuqaiq 2 IWPP
- **NEOM Construction Villages PPP, KSA** — Consortium of KSA lenders in respect of their support for a bid for the development and operation of the NEOM Construction Villages in the NEOM international zone in the North Western part of the Kingdom

Principal Contacts



Andrej Kormuth
Partner, Dubai



Oliver Irwin
Partner, London

Corporate and Commercial



Lawyers in our Dubai office represent inbound and outbound clients throughout the MEA region on a wide range of corporate and commercial matters including M&A and private equity transactions (buy-side and sell-side), joint ventures and complex commercial contracts with particular experience advising and structuring distribution, agency and franchise arrangements.

Our lawyers also provide assistance in the areas of business formation and domestic and cross-border structuring, business licensing and regulatory compliance (including areas such as sanctions, FCPA and UK Bribery Act compliance) and managing client litigation (commercial, employment and criminal) in the UAE and elsewhere in the Middle East "hand-in-hand" with local litigation counsel. We have particular experience advising in the aerospace and defence sector (including offset obligations), oilfield services, professional services, recruitment and manpower services, publishing, retailing, manufacturing and technology sectors.

The 2022 edition of The Legal 500 noted "Finally having a group of professionals working together that can easily understand a client's business, needs and provide a suitable practical solution". Our corporate and commercial lawyers have been noted by *Chambers and Partners* (2013-2022) as being "responsive and business-savvy" and "terrific practitioners" who "look after their clients."

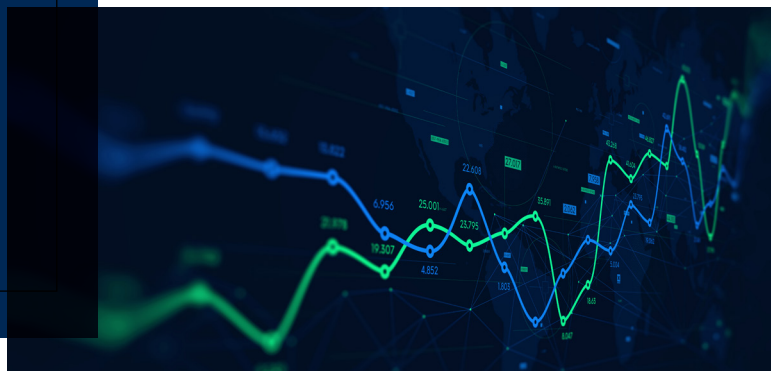
- **Tamm Investments LLC** — acquisition of Saudi fast-food chain Kudu Food and Catering Co. and advising on the successful Saudi competition filing in connection with the transaction
- **Alcazar Energy Partners** — projects and due diligence counsel on the successful disposal of Alcazar Energy's regional portfolio of renewable energy projects
- **Arabian Chemical Terminals** — negotiation and finalisation of the EPC contract relating to the development of a chemical tank farm in Khalifa Port, Abu Dhabi
- **General Motors** — various corporate, commercial and regulatory issues throughout the MEA region
- **KMGC** — various contractual arrangements in the defence and energy sector
- **TVG DWC LLC** — various contractual arrangements in respect of Dubai Expo 2020
- **Champion X** — various corporate and commercial matters across the Middle East
- **Dover Corporation** — trading and regulatory issues throughout the MEA region
- **Vertex Aerospace** — various contractual, regulatory and corporate structuring mandates across the MEA region

Principal Contacts



Christopher R. Williams
Managing Partner, Dubai

Private Equity, Venture Capital and M&A



We act for a broad range of investors, from prominent early-stage funds to the biggest international venture capital firms to corporate investors and sovereign wealth funds, as well as many successful early and growth stage investee companies across the Middle East. Our specialist depth of experience, having acted for both scaling companies and their investors, enable us to identify and advise on what is important for each business and its stakeholders when raising growth capital or on exit. Our team of lawyers are specialists in working with our clients to drive value, produce consistent and risk averse results while conserving and encouraging the innovation, imagination and dexterity of these transactions.

Our bilingual team of lawyers also serves as counsel on virtually every type of purchase and sale transaction involving public and privately held businesses. These transactions include mergers, stock sales and exchanges, management and leveraged buyouts, acquisitions and dispositions of partnership interests and joint venture interests, acquisitions and dispositions of assets, tender offers, recapitalizations, roll-ups and other business mergers.

What differentiates us from our key competitors is how we combine lawyers with extensive international experience with those who have spent most of their careers in the Middle East, including a team of bilingual lawyers who can and often do make the difference in terms of their technical knowledge of local law, custom and fundamentally – market practice.

- **Saudi Arabian industrial conglomerate** — acquisition of an interest in a power generation and water desalination plant in Saudi Arabia with an asset valuation of approximately \$1.8 billion
- **Investcorp Gulf Opportunity Fund** — acquisition of a minority stake in Gulf Cryo, a leading industrial gases company based in Kuwait*
- **Tabreed** — AED 963 million (US\$262.2 million) purchase of Aldar Properties' district cooling assets on Abu Dhabi's Saadiyat Island*
- **Saudi Aramco Entrepreneurship Center (Wa'ed)** — early growth stage equity investments into Saudi SMEs, including in Grintafy, UnitX, Sadeem, Hazen, and Averos*
- **Gulf Capital** — \$40 million Series D round investment in Vezeeta, a leading digital healthcare platform in Middle East and Africa*
- **Eni S.p.A.** — sale of interests in Egypt's super-giant Zohr field to Rosneft for \$1.125 billion and BP for \$375 million
- **Sanabil Investments, Olayan and Gulf Investment Corporation** — \$35 million Series C funding round in MoneyForAnyCar.com Ltd., a company offering used car valuation and sales services in Saudi Arabia and the UAE*
- **Anglo Tunisian Oil & Gas Limited** — acquisition of Medco Tunisia, a seven asset upstream oil and gas business in Tunisia, including the associated acquisition financing from Trafigura

* Work completed prior to Bracewell

Principal Contacts



Shane Jaftha
Senior Counsel, Dubai

Finance

Our award winning finance team has an outstanding reputation for delivering on complex projects throughout the Middle East, Africa and globally. We pride ourselves on our ability to deliver innovative financing solutions to meet the commercial needs of our clients.

Our team has extensive experience of advising on large scale ECA financings in the region, and we have advised on financings involving all the major ECAs that are active in the energy and infrastructure sector (including most recently advising on JBIC's first mini-perm financing for a renewables project financing). In addition our team has significant, and widespread experience of advising on Islamic finance deals throughout the Middle East region. We have worked with Islamic banks, Shari'a committees and financial advisers on some of the most prominent Islamic finance transactions in the region. Our deep rooted knowledge and understanding of: (i) Islamic finance structures, (ii) Shari'a committee requirements and (iii) how to ensure that conventional and Islamic finance parties work together in a collaborative way, means that we can immediately add value to the financing process (including in relation to structuring issues).

We advise clients in all major industry sectors, including:

- Power (conventional and renewable energy)
- Oil and gas
- Government and public sector (PFI/PPP)
- Mining and metals
- Real estate and construction
- Petrochemicals
- Refinery
- Transport infrastructure
- Water and waste

- **Facility E IWPP** — Marubeni Corporation and Kyushu Electric consortium with respect to its bid for the Facility E 2.3 GW and 100 MIGD IWPP in Qatar
- **Saad 300 MW IPP** — Lenders to the Jinko Power-led consortium as the preferred bidder for the Saad 300 MW IPP in Saudi Arabia, being one of four deals being tendered under the latest round of REPDO renewables
- **Wadi Ad Dawasir PV IPP** — TotalEnergies and Tamasuk consortium as the preferred bidder for the Wadi Ad Dawasir IPP in Saudi Arabia, being one of four deals being tendered under the latest round of REPDO renewables
- **Zuluf WTP** — Lenders to a bidding consortium for the Zuluf WTP in Saudi Arabia
- **Ras Tanura IWWTP** — Lenders to a bidding consortium for the Ras Tanura WTP in Saudi Arabia
- **Mirfa 2 IWP** — Acciona Agua regarding its bid for the Mirfa 2 IWP in Abu Dhabi (UAE)
- **Al Kharsaah IPP** — Marubeni Corporation and Total regarding the development, implementation and financing of the 800.15 MW Al Kharsaah Solar PV Independent Power Project in Qatar. Al Kharsaah reached financial close on 22 July 2020 notwithstanding COVID-19 related impediments and complications.
- **REPDO 2 Category B 1.4 GW solar PV IPPs** — Marubeni Corporation and Al Jomaih Energy and Water Company, as top short-listed bidder for one of the four solar PV projects (namely the Rabigh 300 MW solar PV IPP) being tendered under this second round of the Saudi Arabian National Renewable Energy Program
- **Hassyan 120 MIGD Reverse Osmosis IWP** — consortium of international and regional lenders in support of Utico's project financing (as winning bidder) for the 120 MIGD Hassyan IWP
- **Alcazar Energy Partners** — development and financing of four 50 MW solar projects in Round 2 of Egypt's solar feed-in-tariff programme

Principal Contacts



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Shayan Najib
Senior Associate, Dubai

Construction



Our non-contentious construction team is amongst the most highly regarded in the region. Our team comprises lawyers who specialise solely in construction and O&M matters.

We advise in relation to construction matters across the power, oil and gas, infrastructure and real estate sectors. Our clients include governments, lenders, developers, contractors and consultants. We advise many of our clients solely in relation to their construction needs. However, we regularly form part of a multi-disciplinary (and often cross-office) team to deliver comprehensive legal advice in relation to complex energy and infrastructure projects.

Our construction team is recognised for its excellence by a number of global legal and business publications and organisations, including *The Legal 500 EMEA* (2022). Tom Swarbrick is cited by *The Legal 500 UK* as a 'Next Generation Lawyer' with clients saying he is a "extremely reliable and solution oriented" with a "strong customer focus and great work ethic." In 2020, he was recognised by *Law360* as a 'Rising Star' in construction law. *The Legal 500 UK* notes Tracy London offers "unparalleled knowledge and deep sector specific expertise in energy projects, particularly renewable energy."

- **Facility E IWPP** — Marubeni Corporation and Kyushu Electric consortium with respect to its ongoing negotiations with KAHRAMAA regarding the development and financing of the \$3 billion 2.6GW and 100MIGD IWPP in Qatar
- **Arabian Chemical Terminals** — drafting and negotiation of a construction contract for a chemical storage facility in Abu Dhabi
- **IVG / TVG** — advising in relation to construction contracts for retail and other space at Dubai Expo 2022
- **Hassyan 120 MIGD Reverse Osmosis IWP** — Utico-led consortium, the lead winning bidder for the Hassyan IWP, in connection with the project documentation (including concession agreement and EPC arrangements) and project financing of a water desalination project in the UAE
- **Anglo Tunisian Oil & Gas** — various construction and supply contracts for the development of the Bir Ben Tartar oil field in Tunisia
- **Developer** — drafting and negotiating an EPC contract for the upgrade and extension of an oil terminal in Somaliland

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Tracy London
Partner, London



Andrej Kormuth
Partner, Dubai

Dispute Resolution



Delivering its specialist sector focus and extensive know-how, our international disputes team provides focused advice, strategy and advocacy concerning disputes on major projects in the energy and infrastructure sectors throughout the Middle East region and around the world.

Our team is experienced in all forms of dispute resolution, including litigation and international arbitration (commercial and treaty). They are registered to conduct litigation before the DIFC courts.

In the:

- **Oil & Gas sector:** we advise on disputes concerning all aspects of the oil and gas industry. Our clients include super majors, large independents, mid-caps, start-ups, petrochemical and refinery companies, governments, trading houses, equity investors and financial institutions.
 - **Power sector:** we are trusted advisors to clients involved in conventional, renewable, alternative, nuclear and hydro power disputes across the full value-chain including generation, transmission, networks, energy storage and related infrastructure.
 - **Infrastructure sector:** we advise a diverse range of infrastructure project participants on disputes, including those arising under joint venture agreements, EPC/EPCM contracts and related subcontracts.
- **Investor state arbitration** — the first foreign direct investor in post-Saddam Hussein Iraq, in a \$1 billion ICSID arbitration against the Republic of Iraq in relation to the seizure of cement and pipe plants
 - **Independent energy company** — providing strategic advice on the implications of a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Iraq in respect of oil and gas assets in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq
 - **Renewable energy company** — dispute arising under an EPC contract concerning the construction of a wind power project in the Middle East
 - **Independent power company** — dispute concerning numerous breaches of an EPC contract for the construction of several power projects in Africa
 - **International E&P company** — successful LCIA arbitration relating to amounts payable by non-operating parties under the accounting procedure to a JOA concerning a North African asset, including advising on the default mechanism under the JOA
 - **Owner of a solar project** — dispute relating to the supply of equipment for a solar project in Jordan
 - **International oil and gas services company** — LCIA arbitration concerning the construction of an oil and gas extraction and refining plant in Iraq
 - **Oil and gas services company** — dispute over a Saudi Arabian project for a water disposal system

Principal Contacts



Alistair Calvert
Partner, London



John Gilbert
Partner, London



Martin Gusy
Partner, New York



Robert Meade
Partner, London

Labour and Employment



We have a broad based labour and employment practice advising on both contentious and non-contentious employment matters in the UAE (including the DIFC and ADGM free zones). We act for both employers and c-suite employees.

Our experience includes advising and drafting employment contracts, employee handbooks, employment policies and procedures, secondment arrangements, consultancy agreements and "life support" service contracts. We have advised on all manner of redundancy and disciplinary terminations (in both the UAE and the DIFC) and in respect of the enforcement of restrictive covenants born from an employer and employee standpoint.

We have particular experience acting for both manpower and recruitment businesses throughout the MEA region, advising on corporate structuring, contractual arrangements, and all elements of the employment relationship.

- **Senior executives of publicly traded companies** — various contentious and non-contentious employment related matters
- **Manpower and recruitment companies** — onshore UAE and free zones businesses in respect of corporate structuring and licensing, employment matters (contentious and non-contentious)
- **Employees** — onshore UAE and in free zones in respect of redundancy related matters and the enforcement of restrictive covenants of employment contracts
- **Employers** — onshore UAE disputes, advising on strategy and arrangement of local litigation counsel
- **Employers** — preparation, negotiation and settlement of termination and settlement arrangements

Principal
Contact



Christopher R. Williams
Managing Partner, Dubai

The Middle East and Africa Team



Christopher R. Williams
Managing Partner
Dubai

Chris Williams has been a resident in the UAE since 2008. He uses his keen understanding of the region to guide his leadership of Bracewell's Dubai office, as well as his own active corporate practice throughout the Middle East, Europe and Africa. Chris has particular experience in advising on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, complex commercial contracts and corporate advisory work, as well as experience advising on labour and employment matters (contentious and noncontentious), and managing litigation disputes in the UAE.

Chris is a band 1 ranked practitioner by *Chambers Global 2022*, in the UAE for corporate and commercial work. The 2022 edition of *The Legal 500 EMEA* noted that "Chris Williams is an extraordinary professional that takes seriously his oath to do the best for his clients. He gives amazing advice that is easily understood and applied."



Andrej Kormuth
Partner
Dubai

Andrej Kormuth is recognised by multiple legal and industry publications for his pragmatic and client-oriented approach. He has extensive experience guiding clients on the most innovative and significant Middle Eastern and African deals, including the latest wave of Middle Eastern power, water and waste water deals. Significant matters Andrej has recently led include the Al Kharsaah 800.15 MW solar PV IPP and the Facility E IWPP both in Qatar as well as the REPDO 2 solar PV IPP in Saudi Arabia. Having been resident in both Dubai and Doha since 2011 and prior to that working in South Africa, Andrej possesses a deep and varied pool of deal experience across the MENA region. He frequently navigates clients through complex cross-sector issues, including with respect to corporate project structuring, infrastructure M&As and IPOs, dispute mediation and resolution, regulatory structuring, and procurement tender programmes.

Andrej has been ranked by *The Legal 500* and is recognised as a "Next Generation Partner" for Projects, Energy & Natural Resources: Infrastructure (2020-2022). He has also been recognised by *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide* as a "Rising Star" (2018 – 2022) and by *Law360* as a "Project Finance Rising Star" (2020). Andrej has been ranked by *Chambers Global, Middle East-wide* as "Up and Coming" for Projects and Energy (2021-2022).



Tom Swarbrick
Partner
Dubai

Tom Swarbrick is a construction lawyer based in Dubai. He advises governments, developers, lenders, contractors and consultants on the construction and operational aspects of power, oil and gas, infrastructure and real estate projects. He advises predominantly in relation to projects in the Middle East and Africa.

Tom has been ranked by *Legal 500 United Kingdom* and *Legal 500 EMEA* since 2017 (including as a 'Next Generation Lawyer' in 2017), with clients observing that he is a "real up-and-coming star" with a "strong customer focus and great work ethic." In 2020, he was recognised by *Law360* as a 'Rising Star' in construction law.



Alistair Calvert
Partner
London

Alistair Calvert helps clients resolve disputes in the energy and infrastructure sectors, with a focus on disputes related to projects in the oil and gas, power and renewables space. He has acted on disputes relevant to all aspects of projects including procurement, engineering, operational and financing matters. Alistair's practice encompasses high value international arbitration and litigation. He has over 15 years' experience acting on international arbitrations and conducts his own advocacy. He also provides advice on the management of legal risk during pre-action negotiations and specializes in mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. He has a track record of engineering successful outcomes for clients. Alistair is described by clients in *The Legal 500 UK* as "pragmatic and hands on" and as "a standout litigator." Alistair is ranked by *Chambers and Partners*.



John Gilbert
Partner
London

John Gilbert resolves disputes in the energy sector through litigation, arbitration, expert determination and mediation. He advises on a broad range of disputes related to oil and gas exploration and production, the construction and operation of pipelines and the downstream sector. John advises on disputes relating to power generation, both conventional and renewables, including the construction of power projects.

John has also represented clients in issues related to business and human rights, compliance with anti-bribery and corruption laws and on conducting incident investigations. For six years, John previously served as in-house counsel in the dispute resolution team of an oil and gas supermajor.

John is described in *The Legal 500 2020* as "Very bright and hardworking, and with exceptional knowledge of the energy industry." He is recognized as a Leading Individual for Energy and Natural Resources Disputes in *Chambers and Partners*, where he is described as "an extremely smooth lawyer who is nice to work with."



Oliver Irwin
Partner
London

Oliver Irwin is identified by *IFLR1000* as a "Rising Star" every year since 2013 and he has been ranked in *Chambers and Partners* each year since 2012, where clients report that He is considered "truly outstanding" and highlight his "knowledge of debt financing" and "drive to get the deal done." In the 2021 edition of *Chambers UK* clients comment, "His technical ability, precision and accuracy of his work combined with his responsiveness makes him a very good lawyer." They also note "He is very pragmatic, very thorough and commercial." Oliver is also ranked as a "Next Generation Partner" for "Projects, Energy & Natural Resources: Infrastructure" in *The Legal 500 United Kingdom (2018-2022)* and was nominated by in-house counsel and peers to appear in *Euromoney*'s 2015, 2016 and 2017 "Rising Stars" Expert Guides. Oliver was recognized by *Law360* as a 2019 MVP for Project Finance and serves on *Law360*'s Project Finance Editorial Advisory Board (2020-2021).



Tracy London
Partner
London

Tracy London heads up our EMEA construction practice and Legal 500 states that she "is considered by some to be the best construction and O&M lawyer in the market." Tracy's experience in non-contentious matters in the renewables sector receives mentions in *Chambers & Partners*, where it states that "she is well versed in the drafting and negotiation of all major contract forms and is active in matters in Europe, Africa and the Middle East... Tracy is astute, technically agile and commercially sound. Her advice was quite faultless." Tracy regularly works out of our Dubai office and will continue to do so.



Kasia Lebiecki
Partner
Dubai

Kasia Lebiecki focuses her practice on global M&A and private equity transactions, providing detailed advice on strategic, legal, commercial and regulatory issues for sovereign-owned, corporate and private equity clients.

Prior to joining Bracewell, Kasia was an associate at international law firms in Dubai, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom and Thailand. She has also previously undertaken secondments with ADNOC advising on the establishment and launch of two oil trading units: ADNOC Trading and ADNOC Global Trading, and with the strategic M&A team of HSBC, Hong Kong.



Robert Meade
Partner
London

Robert Meade acts on international disputes in the oil and gas, power and renewables sectors. He represents clients on international arbitrations, including under the LCIA and ICC rules, and on disputes in the English high court. He has particular experience on issues arising out of joint ventures and asset acquisitions, as well as on international construction disputes. He also advises on international trade and sanctions issues. Robert was recognized as a "Rising Star" in *The Legal 500's* 2019 International Arbitration Powerlist: United Kingdom and described as "one of the most promising young counsel on the London scene."



Martin Gusy
Partner
New York

Martin Gusy is a dual-licensed common law-civil law disputes attorney and leads the firm's international arbitration practice. He has over 20 years of experience serving as legal counsel to commercial parties as well as sovereigns in more than 100 high-stakes, cross-border disputes and transactions, including international arbitration dispute resolution, international commercial arbitration, investor-state/investment arbitration, US litigation and corporate matters.

He has prior work experiences in Frankfurt, Singapore, Paris, Houston and São Paulo, and regularly advises clients from Europe, North America, South America, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Australia. He has counseled dozens of parties in international arbitrations under rules including ICC, ICSID, AAA/ICDR, JAMS, LCIA, UNCITRAL, DIS, VIAC and SIAC International Arbitration Rules.



Bagyasree Nambron
Senior Counsel
Dubai

Bagyasree Nambron is a senior banking and finance lawyer with over 17 years' experience and is qualified to practice in the UK, Ireland and India. Her experience includes advising on financings with a range of export credit agencies across the globe, as well as working with multilaterals. Bagyasree has advised international clients in numerous sectors, including petrochemical, oil and gas, power, infrastructure, shipping, pulp and paper, telecommunications and natural resources industries, both as in-house counsel and in private practice. She has vast experience in emerging market jurisdictions across Asia, Middle East, Africa and the Americas.



Shane Jaftha
Senior Counsel
Dubai

Shane Jaftha focuses his practice on the energy and infrastructure sectors. He has extensive experience advising a variety of clients, including sponsors, procurers and lenders on large-scale projects across the Middle East, Europe and Africa. He has been involved in some of the most significant projects in the market. His experience includes advising on project development, PPPs, M&A and joint ventures.

Before joining Bracewell, Shane worked at other international law firms in Dubai, London and Cape Town.



Amelia Bowring
Senior Associate
Dubai

Amelia Bowring is an English Law qualified solicitor with experience in a range of cross-border corporate transactions, corporate advisory and commercial contracts work. Prior to joining Bracewell, Amelia was an associate at an international law firm practicing in both the UK and UAE.



Nick Meyer
Senior Associate
Dubai

Nick Meyer focuses his practice on front-end infrastructure, projects and construction transactions. He regularly acts for procurers, lenders and sponsors/developers and advises on large scale infrastructure, transport, utility, energy and other development projects. Nick has particular experience advising on major commercial development deals, rail and road projects, water and energy (solar and wind) and social infrastructure.

Before joining Bracewell, Nick worked at an international law firm in Dubai, and a "Big 6" firm in Sydney.



Shayan Najib
Senior Associate
Dubai

Shayan Najib is an English Law qualified solicitor who advises clients on a range of commercial projects and financings. He has represented lenders and borrowers on syndicated and bilateral conventional, and Shari'a compliant co-financings, including general lending, project finance, ECA and real estate finance. In addition, he has been involved with several prominent restructurings in the region.

Having lived in Canada, Europe, the Middle East and Asia, Shayan understands the complexities associated with multi-jurisdictional transactions and engaging with global stakeholders. Shayan was honoured as Most Promising Newcomer at the 2021 Middle East Legal Awards.



Tess Luijcx
Senior Paralegal
Dubai

Tess Luijcx is a lawyer with a practice focused on project development matters in the energy and infrastructure sector. Prior to joining Bracewell, Tess served as in-house counsel at Fotowatio Renewable Ventures in Madrid and worked on several renewable energy projects including solar PV and battery storage projects. Tess also has experience working on general corporate and commercial matters including mergers and acquisitions and joint venture arrangements.



Ghaidaa Qaraqish
Senior Paralegal
Dubai

Ghaidaa Qaraqish is an experienced paralegal who works on project development matters in the energy and infrastructure sector