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With over 10 years of experience, Saad El Mernissi's focuses on large-scale public infrastructure projects in the energy, urban transport, port and water sectors.

He advises clients including public entities, private operators, banks and international finance institutions on the legal structuring of the development and financing of large-scale infrastructure projects.

Saad also heads the Finance and Projects and the International Arbitration practice in Casablanca.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- French
- English
- Arabic

EXPERIENCE

- Advising the lenders in the framework of the €1.9 billion financing of a 1320 MW clean coal plant in Safi and a coal terminal at the new port of Safi, Morocco
- Advising the lenders in the framework of the €450 million 300 MW wind project in Tarfaya, Morocco
- Advising the public authority in the framework of the concession award for the design, financing, development, operation and maintenance of Casablanca port's container terminal n°3 (300.000 T.E.U)
- Advising a European operator regarding the development of wind farms for a total capacity of 400 MW in Morocco on the grounds of the 13-09 law
- Advising the public authority regarding the negotiation of the operation and maintenance contract relating to the Rabat Salé tramway in Morocco

RELATED SERVICES

- Finance
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- International Arbitration
- Transport

RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Financial Services

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CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Avocat admitted to the Paris Bar

Prior Experience

- 2008 to 2017, Partner in an independent Moroccan firm (Casablanca)
- 2005 to 2007, Lawyer in an independent French firm (Paris)

Education

- Paris V University, Master's Degree in Business Law
- ESC Toulouse, Master (Postgraduate Degree) in Finance and Audit

Memberships

- Member of the Morocco CCI
- Member of the Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC)
- Certified Law Lecturer at Casablanca Law School

INSIGHTS

Publications

- "Les apports de la loi 86-12 relative aux contrats de partenariat public-privé", Droit et Stratégie des affaires au Maroc, *Lexis Nexis*, 2015

Events

- Director of the Morocco CCI training program for lawyers
- Lecturer at the School of Law of the Hassan II University in Casablanca

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Brookstone Partners on the acquisition of AM Wind

1 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised the US private equity fund Brookstone Partners on their acquisition of Morocco-based renewable energy company AM Wind from Altus and All'in Consulting.

DLA Piper Casablanca advises on acquisition of Moroccan Salts Ltd by Emerson Plc

13 JUL 2018

DLA Piper in Casablanca has assisted Moroccan Salts Limited (MSL) in its reverse takeover acquisition by Emerson Plc, paving the way to its listing in the London Stock Exchange.
