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Mohamed Toorani is a Legal Director and Head of the Bahrain office of DLA Piper. As a Bahraini national, his bilingual skills, innate understanding of the culture and invaluable international and legal experience on corporate and finance matters, bring high value to the team.

Mohamed is experienced in the Corporate and Finance practice and came to DLA Piper after working in situ at Mashreqbank psc, Dubai for a number of years. Mohamed has over 11 years of legal experience and advises on a broad range of corporate and finance matters, including general corporate, corporate governance, company formation, share and asset transfers, funds (ranging from mutual funds to hedge funds or PIUs), liquidations, drafting and reviewing of conventional banking facility documentation, securitization, joint ventures, special purpose vehicles, trademarks, licenses, intellectual property, employment, real estate, insurance, investments under Bahrain, UAE, and UK law.

Mohamed has recently been chosen by the office of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and First Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and His Excellency Sheikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Al Awqaf as one (1) of four (4) Private Notaries (English) in Bahrain. He is the youngest and only international firm representative chosen.

Mohamed is also the first and only Bahraini national to head an international firm in Bahrain.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Arabic

EXPERIENCE

RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Finance
- Restructuring
- Real Estate
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Employment
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure

RELATED SECTORS

- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Technology
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Industrials

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English Arabic

- Advising Rain Financial on geopolitical assessments for its market entry strategy and participation in the Regulatory Sandbox and establishing a regional cryptocurrency exchange platform to be based in Bahrain. Rain Financial is one of the first three Sandbox / Bitcoin exchange companies in the Middle East
- Advising MS Pharma, a leading pharmaceutical and healthcare provider in the MENA region, on a significant share investment from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), a UK-based international financial institution
- Advised GFH Financial Group and GFH Capital Limited on the sale of its equity interest of US\$50 million in Leeds United Football Club to Eleonora Sport Limited (the investment vehicle of majority owner Massimo Cellino)
- Advising and assisting Kuwait Finance House on extension and restructuring of Diyaar Muharraq Sukuk issuance worth US\$156.8 million
- Assisting a leading regional Islamic Bank with the Sukuk issuance valued at circa US\$80 million
- Advising a leading regional telecommunications company on structuring a US\$300 million ICT Fund under the recently introduced Investment Limited Partnership Law in the Kingdom of Bahrain
- Advising Kuwait Investment Authority establishing its US\$500 million PIU Fund and complex restructuring to facilitate further investment in the Kingdom of Bahrain, one of three incorporated and post the recent introduction of Fund regulations by the Central Bank of Bahrain
- Advising an Australian-based investment company on purchase and shipment of precious metal including Gold worth US\$80 million to the Kingdom of Bahrain
- Advising Nord Anglia Education on a US\$150 million incremental term loan joinder facility to fund the acquisition of schools in Vietnam

CREDENTIALS

Prior Experience

- 2013 – to date, Legal Director, DLA Piper Middle East LLP, Bahrain
- 2010 – 2013, Legal Counsel, Mashreq Bank PSC, Dubai
- 2007 – 2010, Business Advisory Services Consultant, Keypoint Consulting W.L.L., Bahrain

Recognitions

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Mohamed has been recently named the Middle East Champion for the Funds and Mining Sector.

Education

- University College London, LLM (Hons) Banking & Finance Law 2010
- University of Wolverhampton, LLB (Hons) 2007

Memberships

- Member of Private Notaries in Bahrain, Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Al Awqaf (2018 - Present)
- Member of the Bahrain Lawyer's Society, Ministry of Justice (2009 - present)
- Member of Complinet, International Professional Body for Compliance Officials (2009 - present)
- Member of Bahrain Professional Compliance Officials

INSIGHTS

Publications

Introduction of limited partnership law in the Kingdom of Bahrain, 10 Nov 2016