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Rob Harker is a banking and project finance lawyer with a particular focus on large-scale power (including renewables), infrastructure, petrochemical and refinery projects in the Middle East and North Africa, most notably in the UAE, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Oman.

Having acted on more than 20 independent power and water projects in the Middle East and North Africa, together with high-profile projects in the renewables, refinery, petrochemicals and infrastructure sectors, Rob has invaluable experience and market understanding to guide clients through all aspects of a project finance transaction, including development, bids, acquisitions and disposals.

Rob's extensive experience on utility-scale power projects includes advising on project and corporate financings and refinancings often comprising large-scale, multi-source lending involving international and domestic banks, export credit agencies and Islamic finance institutions.

Rob also represents both sponsors and financial institutions alike on large-scale infrastructure projects in addition to advising on all aspects of project, development, corporate and Islamic financing in the Middle East, Africa and Europe.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French

- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Renewables
- Finance

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport
- Financial Services

English French

- Advising Alfanar Energy and Alfanar Company on their bid for the 100 MW Solar PV IPP Project in Askar, Bahrain
- Advising Alfanar Company in relation to their structuring and financing of Alfanar's 720 MW Wind Project
- Advising the Valoriza Agua, Utico and IDB consortium on their bid for the 200 MIGD Taweelah RO IWP in Abu Dhabi
- Advising Marubeni Corporation on its bid for the 60 MW Battery Storage Project in Jordan

- Advising Almutlaq Real Estate on its bid for the Saudi Aramco Residential Compounds and Industrial Facilities PPP Project in Saudi Arabia
- Advising Selenkei Investment Limited and Cedate Limited in respect of the financing of the 40 MW Selenkei and Cedate Solar PV Projects in Eldoret, Kenya
- Advising the new group of lenders (comprising Mashreq Bank PSC, National Bank of Kuwait SAK, Arab Banking Corporation (BSC), Ahli United Bank (BSC) and National Bank of Bahrain BSC) on refinancing of Al Ezzel Power Company BSC's power plant in Bahrain

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Education

- University of Edinburgh, L.P.C., 2002
- University of Edinburgh, LL.B *with honors*, 2001

Memberships

- Law Society, England and Wales

INSIGHTS

Publications

Understanding Jordan's new PPP law

27 April 2020

The Jordanian Senate has recently approved and implemented a draft of the new Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Law amending the Public-Private Partnership Law No. 31 of 2014. The new PPP Law largely follows international best practice, providing a structure within which PPP Projects can be identified, developed and facilitated in Jordan.

COVID-19: Procurement Risks for Projects in the Middle East

15 April 2020

COVID-19 has induced a sudden stop (or a *coronacoma* as some commentators have labelled it) to economies across the globe providing both immediate and more enduring challenges for the project finance market (and its key stakeholders) to navigate as we enter a period of deep economic uncertainty.
