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Based in the UAE for over ten years, Will Seivewright advises clients on mergers and acquisitions (both public and private) in the Middle East and internationally, with a particular focus on cross-border matters. He also advises on joint ventures, corporate restructurings, private equity and venture capital transactions and more generally on all aspects of corporate transactions and investments.

Having practiced in several of the world's leading financial centres, including New York, London and Hong Kong, prior to moving to the UAE, Will brings a global perspective and a collaborative approach to provide clients with practical, innovative advice on a wide range of M&A issues.

Will is Head of DLA Piper's Corporate Group in the Middle East.

- Corporate
- Technology
- Life Sciences
- Hospitality and Leisure
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Financial Services

- Advised the Bukhwa family on the divestment of its Yum Yum tree and other franchised restaurant businesses across Bahrain, the UAE and Qatar to Global Investment House.*
- Advised Mubadala / Injazat Data Systems on its joint venture with IBM to bring IBM's Watson cognitive technology to the Middle East.*
- Advised Leemar Investments FZE, the UAE-based investment company, on the USD 100 million investment in and acquisition of a 50% stake in SUSHISAMBA, a global restaurant business.*
- Advised Dubai International Capital on the sale of its "Holiday Inn Express" hotels in Dubai to the Al Mulla Group and on the sale of its stake in Jordan Dubai Capital.*
- Advised Valeant Pharmaceutical International, a publicly traded pharmaceutical company based in Canada in relation to the acquisition of a 40% stake in Medpharma, a pharmaceutical company based in Sharjah, UAE.*
- Advised Petromin Corporation on its acquisition of UAE based Techno Lube from GGICO.*

- Advise Mubadala Infrastructure Partners on its acquisition of stakes in (i) Paris Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi and (ii) Zayed University Abu Dhabi.*
- Advised the Steering Committee formed to oversee the USD 3 billion merger between Qatar Navigation and Qatar Shipping, the first announced public company merger in Qatar.*
- Advised Volvo Construction Equipment on its USD 1.3 billion acquisition of Ingersoll-Rand's road development business.*
- Advised The Carlyle Group on its acquisition of NP Aerospace, a UK manufacturer of composite products, from Reinhold Industries Inc. and (ii) Gardener Group, a supplier of metallic aerostructure details, equipment and engine components to the global aviation industry.*

* denotes experience from a previous law firm

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

- Ranked as a Leading Individual for Corporate / M&A in the United Arab Emirates - *Chambers Global, 2019*

Education

- Nottingham Law School, L.P.C., 2000
- University of Manchester, B.A. Law & Accounting Honors, 1999

Memberships

- Law Society, England and Wales

INSIGHTS

Publications

M&A and the Middle East digital economy

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TechLaw Podcast

In Episode 36 of our TechLaw podcast series, Dubai-based partners and M&A lawyers at DLA Piper, Will Seivewright and Eamon Holley, are joined by Directors at Control Risks, Courtenay Smith and Will Brown, in an invigorating discussion on the latest M&A trends in the GCC. In this conversation, they analyse the recent impact and acceleration of technology trends derived from COVID-19, as well as the roll-out successions of M&A trends across the European Markets.

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Events

Will is a regular public speaker and is often quoted in regional media, newspapers and publications regarding current trends and deal activity. Recent media highlights and publications are as follows:

- Mergermarket M&A and private equity forum Dubai – panel speaker discussing trends in private equity, May 2018
- CNBC Arabia – Live TV panel debate on regional M&A trends, Apr 2018
- Dubai One – TV interview on Emirates News with Greg Fairlie, Jan 2018
- Dubai Eye - Business Breakfast - Live Radio Interview to discuss current trends in regional M&A, Aug 2017
- Gulf News Op Ed Article – "An open season for M&A", May 2017