

Helmy Hamza & Partners.

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Local Roots

Egyptian training and know-how

Helmy, Hamza & Partners was established as the Cairo office of Baker McKenzie in 1986, making it one of the longest established international law firms in the Egyptian legal market. We have throughout the years been committed to the development of the market and representation of the different Egyptian and international clients on novel and strategic transactions leveraging on the knowledge and network of our Firm. Such is demonstrated by our involvement in many of “first of its kind” transaction in the market. Combining in-depth knowledge of local laws with the experience of a global firm, we help you navigate the legal and business landscape in Egypt and worldwide. We have sophisticated legal capabilities in key areas – including corporate, mergers & acquisitions, banking & finance, capital markets and projects— and extensive experience in structuring, financing and managing multijurisdictional deals. Total number of lawyers and other fee earners is 45, including 5 partners, and 9 counsels who can effectively handle all kinds of transactions and documentation, whether in English or Arabic.



AWARDS

National Firm of the Year – **IFLR Middle East Awards 2022**

Project Finance Deal of the Year (Canal Sugar) – **IFLR Middle East Awards 2022**

Project Finance Team of the Year (Canal Sugar) – **IFLR Middle East Awards 2022**

Banking & Finance Team of the Year (Egypt MoF sustainable financing)
– **the Middle East Legal Awards 2022**

Islamic Syndication Deal of the Year (Egypt MoF sustainable financing)
– **the Bonds, Loans & Sukuk Middle East Awards 2022**

Solar Deal of the Year (Kom Ombo Solar) 2021 – **Uxolo the Hague: Global Development Finance Conference in partnership with the GIIN Investor Forum**

Best Structured Finance Deal in North Africa (Canal Sugar)
– **EMEA Finance Achievement Awards 2021**

Banking and Finance Firm of the Year 2021 – **Chambers Middle East Awards, 2021**

Best Capital Markets Law Firm in Egypt - **Islamic Finance News (IFN), 2020**

Commodity Murabahah/Tawarruq Deal of the Year 2020
(Ministry of Finance Sovereign Financing) - **Islamic Finance News (IFN), 2020**

Egypt Deal of the Year 2020 (TMG Sukuk Issuance) - **Islamic Finance News (IFN), 2020**

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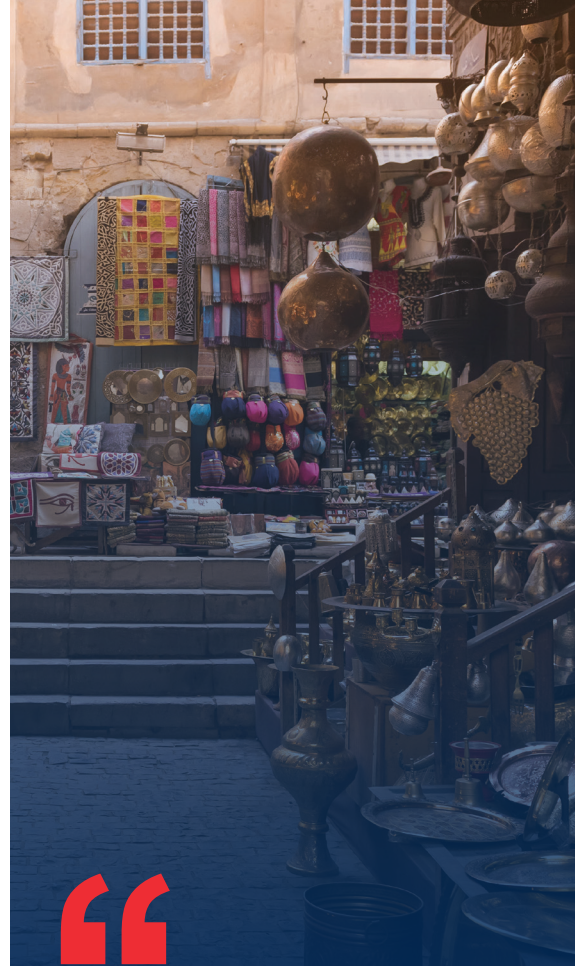
- ✓ in Banking 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in Capital Market: Equity 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in M&A 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in Project Finance 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in Project Development 2008 - 2022

Chambers Global TIER 1

- ✓ in Banking and Finance 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in Projects and Energy 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in Corporate/M&A 2008 - 2022

Legal 500 – Europe, Middle East and Africa TIER 1

- ✓ in Banking and Finance 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in Commercial, Corporate and M&A 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in Dispute Resolution: Litigation 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in Employment 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in Energy 2008 - 2022
- ✓ in Projects and Infrastructure 2008 - 2022



Sources praise the firm as an “outstanding team. They look out for the client’s best interest, while always understanding the commercial background and addressing such concerns.”

Chambers Global 2022, Egypt

Sources appreciate that “they are very proactive, take the initiative and always respond quickly,” further adding that “they tick all the boxes.”

Chambers Global 2021, Egypt

“They were always available to answer any queries and attend meetings and conference calls. They worked under tight timeframes and gave insights, support and solutions.”

Chambers Global 2021, Egypt

Another client praised the firm’s service as “above and beyond what I would expect.” They added that the team’s “perspective on the market is spot-on, fantastic.”

Chambers Global 2020, Egypt

“They were thorough, diligent, efficient, responsive and well versed with the local laws.”

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Meeting your needs



Antitrust & Competition

We help secure approvals for mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, and can coordinate timely and successful applications for clearance transactions across multiple jurisdictions. We can assist in responding to simultaneous dawn raids and cartel investigations, and help develop business policies compliant with antitrust rules worldwide.



Banking & Finance

We advise sponsors and companies, private equity funds, banks and other financial institutions on project finance, trade finance, real estate finance, acquisition finance, general corporate finance, aircraft and other asset-based finance, as well as Islamic financing transactions.



Capital Markets

Considered among the most experienced capital markets teams in Egypt, we have assisted issuers and underwriters in numerous capital market transactions, including IPOs and secondary and takeover bids. We have assisted the Egyptian Ministry of Finance in issuing almost all of its sovereign bonds. We also have extensive experience in acting for the issuers and underwriters in commercial bonds.



Commercial Law Investments

We help draft various cooperation agreements, including those for consortium and joint manufacturing, R&D and industrial engineering, service contracts and sub-contracts. Our lawyers also advise on leasehold rights and assist in negotiating commercial leases.



Corporate/ Mergers & Acquisitions

We provide a whole range of corporate law advice, including the formation and structure of corporate entities, public and private mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures and strategic alliances, corporate counseling and governance, pre-transaction restructuring, including multinational spin-offs or separation of a division, line of business or other assets into a separate corporate structure, post-acquisition integration and post-divestiture reorganization.



Dispute Resolution

Our litigators are seasoned in domestic and cross-border litigation and arbitration involving a broad range of industries, services and jurisdictions. Working closely with other practice groups, we develop compliance initiatives and other techniques that help minimize litigation risk.



Employment

We advise and assist with employment contracts, non-competition agreements, stock options, profit-sharing and stock issues, restructuring and collective redundancies, outsourcing, dismissals and reduced working time agreements, employee transfers, site closure and relocations, including applying for resident and work permits for expatriates.



Information, Technology & Communications

We advise on data protection, electronic signatures, e-commerce issues, and relevant intellectual property matters.



Intellectual Property

Our lawyers have significant experience handling both contentious and non-contentious IP matters. We represent clients in IP-related litigation proceedings, and advise on contract documentation, registration and enforcement of IP rights.



Healthcare Industry

Active in the drafting of local industry laws, our lawyers routinely advise clients on prospective developments in the pharmaceutical and healthcare market. We also act in litigation proceedings involving defective products, IP issues and commercial disputes, among others.

Energy, Mining, and Infrastructure We advise on all aspects of all project phases, from due diligence and contract review to high level project finance work.



Real Estate

We have significant experience advising master developers, sub-developers, investment funds and Islamic banks on large-scale mixed-use tourism projects, as well as commercial, retail and residential developments.



Tax

We have direct access to more than 950 tax lawyers, economist and advisers in 40 countries are in touch with changing laws, practices and dispute resolution techniques and can help design, implement and defend tax strategies for international operations and transactions.

Global Reach



Seamless capability and resources worldwide complement local market knowledge

Africa is a market rich with potential for outside investors. Such opportunities require the support of seasoned legal help. We offer to clients seeking to invest in this challenging and diverse region, the combination of sophisticated local and international legal insight, market and industry know-how, cultural understanding and linguistic capabilities.

Helmy, Hamza and Partners member of Baker & McKenzie International is ideally placed to help. Conceived and built as a global firm, we have the most developed international platform in the legal profession — geographically and in the scope of our practice. Our Africa Practice brings together a dedicated transaction team of partners, associates and professional staff from London, Johannesburg, Casablanca, Paris, Cairo, Beijing, Hong Kong, Chicago, Washington DC, Frankfurt and Sydney who are able to help clients navigate complex, cross-border transactions in jurisdictions across the continent and worldwide.

The MENA Region

The Baker McKenzie network has been active in the Gulf & Middle East since 1975 and has been involved in some of the most high profile transactions in the region. We have affiliated offices in **Cairo, Riyadh, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Doha, Jeddah** and **Casablanca**.

We can help

CLIENT CENTERED

Our clients are at the center of everything we do. We strive to build client and industry knowledge through seminars and commentaries on new legislation as part of our service approach.

QUALITY FOCUSED

We have an uncompromising commitment to quality, choosing only the best legal talent to represent clients at home or abroad. We have established practice standards and are one of the few global firms to regularly conduct quality audits of its offices worldwide.

GLOBALLY INTEGRATED

Working seamlessly across 46 countries, we can provide the right talent and resources without the usual interface issues between international and local counsel. This means less duplication, higher efficiency and a more effective service overall.

TRULY MULTICULTURAL

We have no predominant nationality. Our lawyers are citizens of nearly 60 countries, admitted to practice in over 250 jurisdictions and have been educated in more than 1,200 institutions, including the world's leading law schools.

PARTNER LED SERVICE

We always maintain a high level of partner involvement ensuring that you benefit from our partners' experience. The Cairo office partners have over 20 years of experience and are consistently ranked among the leading lawyers in Egypt. They have an in-depth understanding of local laws, cultural nuances and regulatory regimes and have successfully represented clients in some of the most high profile transactions in the Middle East.

Baker McKenzie helps clients overcome the challenges of competing in the global economy.

We solve complex legal problems across borders and practice areas. Our unique culture, developed over 70 years, enables our 13,000 people to understand local markets and navigate multiple jurisdictions, working together as trusted colleagues and friends to instill confidence in our clients.

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