

Gibson Dunn Advised on 14 MENA M&A Deals in 2025, Totaling \$64.7 Billion

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Gibson Dunn advised on 14 M&A deals in the Middle East and North Africa region in 2025, worth a total of \$64.7 billion, reports [Law.com International](#) (subscription required) based on London Stock Exchange Group data.

The MENA M&A work propelled the firm from ninth place in 2024 to second place last year in terms of the value of M&A deals in the region.

Marwan Elaraby, Partner in Charge of the Gibson Dunn Dubai office, told Law.com International that inbound investment has evolved from simple, de-risked infrastructure into far more varied sectors such as data centers and retail, while outbound capital has shifted beyond U.S. Treasuries and funds into AI, sports, media, and energy. Combined inbound, outbound, and regional activity explains the sharp acceleration in deal flow now being seen.

“On the inbound,” Marwan said, “more and more global private equity firms are opening offices in the region and have teams on the ground looking for opportunities. That’s a trend that we didn’t used to see.”

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