

Gibson Dunn Expands in the Middle East with Addition of Corporate Partner Marwan Elaraby

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Marwan Elaraby has joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP as a partner based in the Dubai office. Elaraby joins from a US firm where he previously held several regional and global roles. He has a corporate practice focusing on M&A, private equity and capital markets transactions. He advises issuers and underwriters on initial public offerings and bond offerings, as well as government-owned entities on strategic and regulatory matters. Elaraby was previously Managing Director at Citadel Capital (now Qalaa Holdings), and served as an Executive Director at EFG Hermes Investment Banking. Ranked as a leading lawyer in *Chambers Global 2022* for Middle East-wide Corporate/M&A and Capital Markets: Equity, clients describe Elaraby as “super-commercial, very sharp” and “experienced and well connected.” Elaraby received his Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School in 1995, and is a native Arabic speaker. Commenting on his arrival, Barbara L. Becker, Chair and Managing Partner of Gibson Dunn, said, “We have seen a substantial increase in demand for our legal services in the Gulf in recent years, and we are responding by expanding the team with top talent. With his extensive experience, strong relationships and entrepreneurial skillset, Marwan is the right person to help us grow and optimize our footprint in the region.” “After nearly 20 years in the region, I am excited to join Gibson Dunn at an important time in its growth in the Middle East. Its global platform is a perfect fit for my practice, and I look forward to working alongside the firm’s market-leading lawyers to support clients in the Gulf region and beyond,” added Elaraby. **About Gibson Dunn’s Dubai Office** Gibson Dunn has represented many of the largest companies and financial institutions doing business in the Gulf region for more than 40 years. The Dubai office opened in 2007 to serve our existing client base and solidify our presence in the region. It is dedicated to servicing the needs of clients across the Gulf Cooperation Council region, as well as clients based in the United States, Europe, Asia and Africa doing business in the region. Clients include sovereigns, sovereign wealth funds, financial sponsors and family offices.

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