

Gibson Dunn Expands Riyadh Presence with Addition of Saudi Capital Markets Partner Najla Al-Gadi

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Gibson Dunn has announced that Najla Al-Gadi is due to join the firm's Riyadh office as a partner in its Capital Markets Practice Group. Najla will bring a wealth of experience advising clients on complex capital markets transactions across a broad range of industries. Her practice spans initial public offerings (IPOs), secondary equity offerings, public company representation, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance matters. She has played a key role in many of the Kingdom's most significant market transactions in recent years. "Najla's arrival marks a major milestone in the continued expansion of our capital markets platform in the region," said Partner Ibrahim Soumra, a member of Gibson Dunn's Capital Markets Practice Group. "Her deep transactional experience, strong market relationships, and reputation for excellence make her an exceptional addition to our team. Najla's presence will further enhance our ability to serve clients in Saudi Arabia and across the broader EMEA region. We look forward to welcoming Najla to Gibson Dunn." Megren Al-Shaalan, partner in charge of Gibson Dunn's Riyadh office, said: "Najla's addition marks an exciting step in the continued growth of our Riyadh office. Her capital markets and transactions expertise, along with her knowledge of the Saudi market, will be a valuable asset as we continue to expand our practice in the Kingdom." Gibson Dunn has been committed to the Middle East for more than 40 years, representing many of the region's largest companies and financial institutions, including prominent government-affiliated entities. The firm's lawyers handle the most complex and innovative deals and disputes across different sectors, disciplines, and jurisdictions throughout the Middle East and Africa (MENA). In November 2023, the firm opened its Riyadh office, marking a significant expansion of its fast-growing Middle East footprint, which already includes offices in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. **About Najla Al-Gadi** Najla advises issuers, investment banks, boards of directors, and capital markets institutions on a wide range of securities transactions and regulatory matters. She has represented clients across sectors including oil and gas, telecom, IT, healthcare, real estate, and financial services. Najla also supports clients through pre-IPO restructuring and corporate governance readiness in Saudi Arabia. Najla is dual-qualified in Saudi Arabia and New York. She has been recognized as an Up-and-Coming lawyer in Capital Markets by Chambers Global Guide 2025 – Saudi Arabia, and as a Next Generation Partner and Rising Star in Capital Markets by Legal 500 EMEA in 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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