

# Gibson Dunn Continues Middle East Expansion with the Hire of Laleh Shahabi in Abu Dhabi

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Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP has announced the hire of banking and finance partner Laleh Shahabi, who will join the firm's newly opened Abu Dhabi office. The news comes as part of significant investment and expansion for Gibson Dunn in the Middle East. Last month the firm announced the opening of its Abu Dhabi office and the hire of partners Renad Younes and Samuel Ogunlaja (Abu Dhabi) and Jade Chu (Dubai). The firm also hired capital markets partner Marwan Elaraby in Dubai last October, and promoted two additional Dubai lawyers - private equity lawyer Hanna Chalhoub and international arbitration lawyer Nooree Moola - to its partnership this year. Commenting on the hire, Renad Younes, Partner-In-Charge of Gibson Dunn's Abu Dhabi office, said: "We are seeing tremendous client demand and opportunities in the region and the hiring of Laleh, who is an accomplished banking and finance partner with experience working with corporate sponsors, financial institutions, and government entities, is a continuation of the investment the firm is making in the region to further strengthen our offering on the ground." **About Laleh Shahabi** Laleh Shahabi advises on a wide range of banking and financing transactions, including project financing and refinancing, leveraged and acquisition financing, direct lending, and investment grade corporate financing. She is experienced in representing corporate sponsors, governments, government related entities, and financial institutions in a wide range of financing transactions in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. She has a particular focus on the transitional energy, renewables and oil and gas sectors.

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