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Gisele Zouein is a corporate Of Counsel in the London office of Gibson Dunn. She is a member of the Private Equity, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Infrastructure Practice Groups. She is currently on secondment.

Gisele regularly advises clients on complex cross?border M&A and private equity transactions, with a particular focus on infrastructure and real assets, technology, and growth investments. Her practice also includes joint ventures, co?investments, corporate reorganizations, and general corporate matters, and she acts for financial sponsors and strategic investors across the full investment cycle, including minority and growth investments, buyouts and exits. Gisele previously served as General Counsel to a major Middle Eastern conglomerate. She also completed a secondment at Goldman Sachs Asset Management.

Gisele earned her Ph.D. in Corporate Law from Panthéon?Assas University (Paris II), where her doctoral thesis received the prestigious Revue des Contrats Prize and was published by LGDJ?Lextenso in France. Gisele holds an LL.M. from Harvard University, where she was awarded the Victor Brudney Prize for Corporate Governance. She also earned an Executive MBA from the American University of Beirut and a Master of Laws and Bachelor of Laws from Saint?Joseph University.

Gisele is a member of the New York State Bar and the Beirut Bar. She is fluent in English, French, and Arabic.

Recent Experience Includes advising:

- Goldman Sachs on its investment in Urban Campus Group (UCG), a French-headquartered co?living and co?working real estate provider and management company.
- Goldman Sachs on its investments in tech companies Navina, Armis (and its subsequent sale to ServiceNow), and Neural Concept.
- KKR on its investment in Gulf Data Hub, one of the largest independent data center companies in the Middle East, creating a landmark strategic partnership to invest $5 billion in the region.
- Blue Owl Digital Infrastructure on its disposal of seven European colocation data centre assets to Apollo.
- KKR on the launch of a new power-to-X platform with IGNIS, a leading integrated global renewable group based in Spain, to develop green hydrogen and ammonia projects.

Capabilities

Mergers and Acquisitions
Business Restructuring and Reorganization
Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure
Emerging Companies / Venture Capital
Energy and Infrastructure
Finance
Infrastructure
Private Equity
Projects
Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance

Credentials

Education

Harvard University - 2022 Master of Laws (LL.M.)
Université Panthéon-Assas - 2021 Ph.D.
Saint Joseph University - Beirut - 2007 Masters

Admissions

Lebanon - Beirut Bar Association
New York Bar

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- KKR on its investment in Dukes Education, a UK-based premium school operator.
- KKR on its investment in Northumbrian Water, a UK water and waste-water services company controlled by CK Group.
- KKR and Inovia Capital on their investment in Guesty, a leading property management platform.
- A client on their bid to acquire Spanish leading data centre platform, Nabiax from Asterion and Telefonica.
- A client on their bid to acquire a co-control stake from Iliad in OpCore, a leading operator of data centres in France and Poland.
- John Laing and KKR on John Laing's agreement to acquire HICL Infrastructure PLC's interest in four UK public-private partnership projects (the Oxford John Radcliffe Hospital PFI Project, the Queen's Hospital PFI Project, the South Ayrshire Schools PFI Project and the Priority Schools Building Programme North East Batch) and a 37.5 per cent stake in the Hornsea II offshore transmission assets.
- H.I.G. Capital on its carve-out acquisition of Valeo's thermal commercial vehicles division.
- Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and ADNOC Gas on the IPO of ADNOC Gas on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX).
- KKR Health Care Growth Fund II on its investment in German biopharmaceutical research and development company Coriolis Pharma.
- A client on their bid to acquire a stake in green hydrogen-to-steel pioneer, H2 Green Steel.
- KKR-backed Biosynth on its acquisition of VIO Chemicals.
- A.P. Moller on its investment in inventory tracking solution provider, Verity AG.
- Dawn Biopharma, a KKR healthcare investment platform, on various investments.
- Kuwait Investment Authority on various investments.

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