



Undisputed LEADERS *in dispute resolution with a 30-year record to prove it!*

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Introduction

Established nearly 30 years ago, ALAIDAROUS Advocates & Legal Consultants has emerged as the undisputed leaders in dispute resolution.

As an independent boutique law firm operating out of the UAE, we offer comprehensive legal solutions to multi-dimensional and multi-jurisdictional legal challenges, providing our clients with all the expertise they need under one roof. With qualifications in UAE civil law and common law, as well as the ability to communicate in both English and Arabic, we possess the unique ability to seamlessly bridge any gaps that may arise between parties.

This becomes especially relevant in jurisdictions where Sharia forms the foundation of the legislation, as we are well-equipped to navigate the complexities of such systems.

Our commitment to excellence is evident in our highly experienced and internationally recognised expert teams, who bring a collective wealth of knowledge to our clients' legal matters. Throughout our journey, our core values have remained steadfast, and we take pride in being our clients' bastions and protecting their rights to fairness, justice and equity.

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Experience the Al Aidarous difference

*For every conflict, there is a resolution,
provided you are equipped to find it.*

At **AL AidAROUS**, we understand that everyone needs a strong and dependable partner to navigate the complexities of dispute resolution. Our passion for what we do drives us to be deeply invested in every client, offering astute advice and becoming their trusted partner throughout their legal journey.

Our culture is the backbone of our firm: shaped by strong leadership, ethical conduct, respect for all, and a commitment to continuous improvement. We hold ourselves to the highest standards of professionalism, ensuring reliability and building a reputation that our clients can trust.

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Our EXPERTISE

Litigation

Our full-service practice

With nearly 30 years of experience, **ALAIDAROUS** has earned a reputation for handling complex and high-value litigation matters across the UAE. We operate within both the UAE's civil law system and the DIFC and ADGM Courts, which are based on English common law.

Our locally and internationally experienced legal counsel offer invaluable insights into the intricacies of each system, ensuring

commercially viable solutions that align with our clients' business objectives. Whether you face civil matters, commercial disputes or appeals, **ALAIDAROUS** has the expertise to effectively represent all your interests.

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Our EXPERTISE

Arbitration

Our full-service practice

AL AidAROUS Advocates & Legal Consultants boasts extensive experience in representing clients as counsel in complex commercial arbitrations worldwide. Our team has appeared in institutional arbitrations administered by renowned arbitral institutions, such as the ICC, LCIA and UNCITRAL.

With our integrated approach to arbitration, we guide clients from the commencement of arbitration proceedings to ratification and enforcement, or setting aside of arbitral awards, before UAE domestic courts. Our expert lawyers and counsels are qualified in UAE law, English law, US law, Australian law, and French law, ensuring comprehensive advice and representation.

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Our EXPERTISE

Arbitration

Counselling

Our expert team is well versed in advising clients on various areas of UAE law. We offer personalised attention to each client and are committed to achieving the best outcomes for their unique situations.

In addition to our arbitration practice, our lawyers and counsels frequently represent clients in setting aside proceedings of arbitral awards and in legal proceedings for the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards before UAE courts.



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Our EXPERTISE

Arbitration

Sitting as arbitrator

Due to our extensive experience and reputation in the region, our senior members are regularly appointed as arbitrators, both as sole arbitrators and as part of a tribunal. Fluent in both

Arabic and English, our arbitrators can administer arbitrations for major and regional arbitral institutions, such as the ICC, LCIA, DIAC, and arbitrateAD.

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Our EXPERTISE

Expert Opinion

Foreign courts & international arbitrations

Our niche expertise in UAE/GCC laws enables us to provide expert opinions before foreign courts and international arbitrations. Through our Managing Partner, Ali Al Aidarous, the firm provides expert witness statements on issues relating to UAE laws before international arbitration forums and foreign courts in the UK, US, Australia and Norway.

Our reputation for effectively communicating legal concepts to foreign courts or international arbitrations is based on our expertise in bridging the gaps between UAE Civil Law and common law as well as our ability to present matters in a manner that resonates with foreign judges and arbitral tribunals.

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What **SETS US APART**

- **BOUTIQUE LAW FIRM:** With nearly 30 years of experience, we specialise in dispute resolution through litigation, arbitration and expert opinion.
- **CLIENT-CENTRED APPROACH:** Your needs and objectives are our top priority. We provide personalised attention and tailored solutions for long-standing working relationships.
- **EXTENSIVE LEGAL EXPERIENCE:** Our highly skilled lawyers bring deep expertise in dispute resolution, navigating complex legal matters with a thorough understanding of the legal landscape.
- **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY:** The firm harnesses its capabilities to protect our clients' legitimate interests. Our expertise allows us to present compelling arguments and negotiate favourable settlements.



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What **SETS US APART**

- **INNOVATIVE APPROACH:** We streamline the dispute resolution process, enhancing efficiency and achieving faster, more satisfactory resolutions.
- **COMMITMENT TO INTEGRITY AND ETHICS:** Trust and transparency are our core values. We uphold the highest standards of integrity and ethics in all our interactions, ensuring your trust is maintained throughout the process.
- **RESULTS-ORIENTED APPROACH:** We are dedicated to achieving favourable outcomes for our clients. Our results-oriented approach resolves disputes efficiently while safeguarding your best interests.
- **LOCAL INSIGHT WITH GLOBAL RELEVANCE:** Our solid understanding of local and international legal systems allows us to handle disputes within and beyond our jurisdiction, providing comprehensive solutions for multi-dimensional challenges.

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- **ADCCAC ARBITRATION** Represented a major national corporate in a dispute involving a mega construction project, worth over AED 1.7 billion.
- **DUBAI COURTS** a prominent UAE national in a complex banking dispute involving financial facilities and personal guarantees, circa AED 400 million.
- **DIFC COURTS:** Represented a world-renowned New York based architect before the DIFC Courts and secured a landmark injunction against a leading onshore UAE developer.
- **DIFC COURTS:** Represented a High-Net-Worth individual in a substantial claim before the DIFC Courts concerning the misselling of sophisticated financial products.
- **DIFC COURTS:** Represented claimants before the DIFC Courts seeking an anti-suit injunction to restrain parallel proceedings by a third party in a competing jurisdiction.
- **ADGM COURTS:** Successfully defended prominent businessman in AED 320 million fraud claim.
- **DUBAI COURTS:** Represented one of the consultants involved in the renovation of an iconic hotel in an insurance claim resulting from a fire damaging the hotel, circa AED 1.5 billion.

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- **ADCCAC ARBITRATION:** Related to the breach of a service agreement in the aviation industry, worth over AED 490 million.
- **SHARE AGREEMENT DISPUTE:** Represented a UAE company in invalidating a share agreement due to a large-scale dispute, circa AED 450 million.
- **DIAC ARBITRATION:** Represented an employer from a prominent UAE business family in a claim involving the construction of a hotel and hotel apartments, worth over AED 400 million.
- **HOTEL DEVELOPMENT CLAIM:** Counsel on behalf of a leading business family in the UAE in a claim involving the construction of a hotel and hotel apartments, circa AED 300 million.
- **DIFC-LCIA ARBITRATION:** Case involving a Futures Trading & Clearing Agreement, worth over AED 35 million.
- **ICC ARBITRATION:** Represented a major Saudi construction company in a dispute against its MEP subcontractor involving the construction of two power stations, worth over AED 30 million.
- **ABU DHABI COURTS:** represented a multinational aircraft components manufacturer before the Abu Dhabi Court of Cassation, securing a rare retraction of a final judgment and dismissal of a USD 12.5 million claim.



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- **DUBAI COURTS:** Acted as counsel in a development claim worth AED 30 million involving a major real estate company in the UAE.
- **JURISDICTIONAL CONFLICT:** Represented a major international bank in a conflict of jurisdiction between the DIFC and Dubai Courts.
- **ADGM COURTS:** Appeared as UAE law expert in a high-profile case involving contract construction, fraud remedies, agency, and unjust enrichment. Judgment issued in client's favour based on expert evidence.
- **LCIA ARBITRATION:** Validity of assignment receivables, unjust enrichment, actual and ostensible authority.
- **ADGM COURTS:** Case involving fraud, privity of contract, unjust enrichment, and contract by conduct.
- **UK HIGH COURT (CHANCERY DIVISION):** Appeared as experts on a UAE Law matter concerning a professional negligence claim under UAE law.
- **CAYMAN ISLANDS GRAND COURT:** Appeared as experts on a UAE Law matter concerning the enforcement of a foreign cost order by UAE courts.

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Awards and recognitions



- **THE LAW'S FINEST AWARDS 2025** – Winner – Boutique Law Firm of the Year, UAE
- **LEXISNEXIS MIDDLE EAST LEGAL AWARDS 2025** – Honourable Mention for Arbitration Team of the Year.
- **CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS GLOBAL GUIDE** – Ranked in Dispute Resolution: Domestic across multiple editions: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2024, and 2025.
- **CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS** – Managing Attorney, Ali Al Aidarous, ranked for fourteen years in Dispute Resolution and Most in Demand Arbitrators.
- **CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS 2025** Ali Al Aidarous ranked as Senior Statesperson in Dispute Resolution.
- **CHAMBERS MIDDLE EAST AWARDS 2024** – Shortlisted for UAE Dispute Resolution Domestic Law Firm of the Year.
- **WHO'S WHO LEGAL ARBITRATION 2022** – ALAIDAROUS recognized in the Arbitration category; Ali Al Aidarous, Managing Attorney, recommended as an arbitration expert.

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