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Our Story

Afridi & Angell is one of the oldest law firms in the United Arab Emirates. The firm was established in 1975 not long after the formation of the United Arab Emirates in 1971.

Our history and reputation for quality legal work has made the firm an integral part of the country's legal landscape and one of the premier law firms in the region. The quality and high standards of the firm are set and preserved by the partners who have many years of experience in the UAE. Our lawyers are trained in international jurisdictions and bring with them international experience and the world's business languages.

We advise local, regional and international clients on a wide range of transactions and legal issues. Our commitment to practical and solution-based advice is valued and recognised by clients.

Our goal is to be the law firm of choice for transactions in the Arabian Gulf States.

'Afridi & Angell's advice is always pragmatic, useful and practical; some other firms may know the theory, but do not understand how local practice may affect legal matters.'

Legal 500 EMEA, 2011



Our Approach

Our clients are the core focus of our business strategy. Together we work in partnership to obtain the desired outcome and achieve results.

We believe in taking an 'holistic' approach when advising clients. We consider client matters as a whole with a view to obtaining the best result for the client and minimising potential future risks.

Our lawyers are multi-specialists. This versatility makes our service consistent, effective and cost-efficient.

Our partners boast an unrivalled range and depth of local, regional and international experience. Their innate understanding of client needs coupled with their 'hands on' approach to client matters has undoubtedly formed the basis for the firm's sustained and growing international reputation.

'The firm acts as a true business partner that is able to take into account the commercial consequences of a deal'.

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Lex Mundi

For the past ten years Afridi & Angell has been the exclusive member firm for the United Arab Emirates of Lex Mundi, the world's leading association of independent law firms. Comprised of more than 160 top-tier member firms, Lex Mundi is the mark of excellence for legal services globally. Corporations worldwide, their owners and their advisors turn to Lex Mundi member firms for outstanding legal expertise and to provide exceptional legal services.

With more than 21,000 lawyers in 560 offices and more than 100 countries, Lex Mundi member firms provide legal representation and local market knowledge just about anywhere needs may arise. Our firm's membership in Lex Mundi provides us with global reach and access to unparalleled legal resources that enhance our ability to serve clients' needs seamlessly around the world.

Our clients are the ultimate beneficiaries of the worldwide reach and access to exceptional global legal expertise that Lex Mundi membership provides. Working with our Lex Mundi partners, we provide cost effective solutions, seamlessly coordinate and manage cross-border matters whilst providing clients with the experience and ease of working with a single member firm together with the benefits of the expertise and local market knowledge of multiple Lex Mundi member firms.

Through Lex Mundi's trusted network of top-tier member firms, we can provide global support to our clients' largest business challenges and opportunities.
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Our Expertise

Banking & Financial Services

Afridi & Angell's Banking & Financial Services practice is recognised as one of the strongest and most experienced in the region. Our clients include domestic and international banks, financial institutions, borrowers and investors. We regularly advise on project finance transactions, structured finance, capital markets, investment products, acquisition finance, Islamic financing, asset finance and structuring, trade, consumer and treasury products.

Corporate

Afridi & Angell has an impressive track record of advising clients in leading corporate transactions in the region. We pride ourselves on our innovation and ability to bring commercial acumen to a broad variety of matters in respect of our clients' inward and outward investment activities and joint ventures as well as their ongoing corporate, financial and commercial matters. We also draw together experts from across the firm in key areas impacting the corporate, commercial and retail sectors including contracting, corporate finance, technology, intellectual property, employment, financial services, consumer protection regulations, litigation and dispute resolution.



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Real Estate

Our Real Estate team's in-depth understanding of the legal and business environments in the UAE and the region, combined with its strong relationships with government authorities, enables it to provide commercially astute and trusted advice to clients. The team regularly represents master developers, sub-developers, property owners, architects, engineers, contractors and government entities in all stages of the real estate and construction processes. The team has a wealth of experience in advising on purchase and sale transactions, hotel management structuring and transactions, leasing, jointly owned property strategies and documentation, and related court cases and arbitrations. We are highly sought after for our strategic legal advice and are also active in providing constructive feedback to government organisations regarding regional laws and regulations pertaining to investment, corporate governance and real estate.

Dubai International Financial Centre

Our Dubai International Financial Centre ('DIFC') practice is acknowledged as a market leader. We have a dedicated team which advises on all aspects relating to the DIFC including the set-up and operation of funds, financial institutions and companies in the DIFC. We advise on the authorisation of activities in the DIFC, regulatory approval from the Dubai Financial Services Authority ('DFSA'), the operation of and participation on NASDAQ Dubai and all regulatory compliance issues. We have represented clients in relation to investigations by the DFSA and advised in relation to enforcement action taken by the DFSA. Our team leads the field in advising parties during DFSA investigations and where necessary, negotiating settlements on their behalf. Our practice was instructed by the first authorised firm to be fined by the DFSA and has since gone on to advise in connection with the majority of all DFSA investigations resulting in a public outcome.



Dispute Resolution

Afridi & Angell's Dispute Resolution practice is unrivalled. We regularly advise on complex construction, real estate, employment, financial services regulation as well as general contractual disputes and maritime issues. Our Dispute Resolution team is one of the most successful teams in the region. We appear directly in arbitration and in the DIFC courts and instruct UAE counsel for matters in the UAE courts. Our presence in the UAE for over 35 years has resulted in very close working relationships with UAE advocates and, in litigation matters, this aids the essential roles of instructing and supervising UAE counsel.

Employment

Our Employment team, which advises on non-contentious and contentious employment matters, is highly regarded. We are recognised for our commercial, practical and workable advice in respect of all commercial aspects of the employer/employee relationship. We have extensive experience in negotiating settlements and where necessary, coordinate closely with our Dispute Resolution team should a matter proceed to court.



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Financial Services Regulation

Our Financial Services Regulation practice has emerged as one of the most highly regarded in the UAE. In a world of increasing financial regulation we help navigate clients through those regulations and offer advice on meeting compliance obligations with practical and robust solutions. We also advise in connection with investigations and enforcement actions. We advise all stakeholders across the full spectrum of financial services sectors in the UAE and the region. We deal with regulators and financial authorities and this enables us to provide current advice on the interpretation and application of local and regional regulatory requirements.

Infrastructure and Project Finance

Our Infrastructure and Project Finance team sets the pace for the energy industry in the region. We have built a strong reputation for advising developers, investors, lenders and other participants in infrastructure transactions. We have successfully advised stakeholders on all aspects of infrastructure projects from inception to financing and implementation, often in challenging circumstances. Many of the projects on which the team has advised have been groundbreaking in terms of the particular type of infrastructure in question and the financing backing the project.



Private Equity, Acquisitions

Our Private Equity and Acquisitions team advises local, regional and international investors on a full range of private equity transactions, acquisitions and divestments. We advise in connection with acquiring interests in limited liability companies, share and asset acquisitions, venture capital financings, mezzanine, later stage and bridge financings, management buy-outs and reorganisations. We design solutions that can accommodate the UAE regulatory regime whilst minimising interruption to clients' business operations. We have advised on the sell side of the more significant, recent transactions in the logistics sector in the UAE.

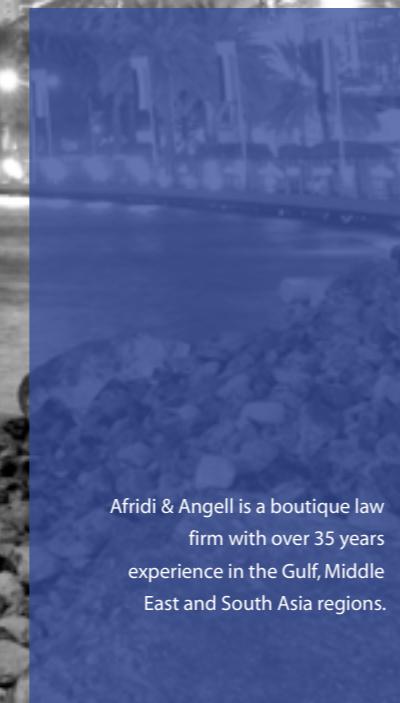
Military Procurement and Offsets

For more than two decades, we have advised foreign defence suppliers on qualification for and negotiation and performance of contracts with regional defence and security customers. Our services include support in the negotiation and performance of offset agreements and advice on the role of consultants and intermediaries in the defence procurement process. Our clients in this sector include leading defence contractors.



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Insurance

Afridi & Angell has been closely involved in the setting-up of and advising the leading life insurance providers in the UAE. We advise with respect to regulatory issues facing insurance companies, brokers and agents. We regularly advise in relation to insurance claims, in particular, maritime insurance matters.

International Trade Controls

We advise clients regarding UAE, US, UN and other sanctions, boycotts and controls affecting exports and transactions with certain designated countries and with regard to the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.



Maritime, Shipping & Transport

We pride ourselves on having one of the most established and reputable Maritime Law practices in the region. We represent and advise ship owners, protection and indemnity clubs, drydocks, freight forwarders, charterers, banks, courier companies and several international law firms in all aspects of maritime law and practice, including collision and ship financing, cargo claims, shipbuilding contracts, insurance, regulation, ports and terminals. Our practice also encompasses environmental regulations and issues relating to or affecting transportation.





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