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OVERVIEW

Amjad Hussain is the senior partner and the Middle East regional lead for our Corporate, Banking, Islamic Finance, and Asset Management and Investment Funds groups. Amjad is widely acclaimed by clients for his strengths in advising on complex domestic, regional, and international transactions across multiple sectors. He is also known for his extensive advice to regional government entities on complex regulatory and legislative drafting.

Amjad is regularly rated as a leading lawyer in Qatar by independent legal sector directories.

Amjad has worked for clients in the Middle East since 2002 and has advised on some of the leading transactions in the Arabian Gulf region. He has represented leading financial institutions on groundbreaking transactions and is the trusted advisor to a number of private sector entities and family offices. He advises on matters of English, Irish, Qatar and Qatar Financial Centre laws.

Amjad is a member of the firm's global IDEA group, which is the firm's innovation committee.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Amjad practiced in the United Kingdom for a number of years before joining the Dubai office of an international law firm in 2002, where he worked for three years before returning to the United Kingdom for two years.

From 2007 until 2012, Amjad practiced as a partner with an international law firm in its Doha office, which he managed. He assisted that firm with entering the Saudi market and supervised that firm's Saudi cooperation arrangement.

Amjad joined the firm's Doha office in 2012. He is rated by a number of independent legal sector directories as a leading lawyer in Qatar and has worked on a number of strategic and award-winning transactions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *Chambers Global* as Band 1 in Qatar, 2023-2026

  - Banking & Finance
  - Corporate/Commercial
- Recognised by *The Legal 500 EMEA* in Qatar
  - Leading Partner for Commercial, Corporate and M&A, 2023-2026
  - Recommended Lawyer for Banking, Finance and Capital Markets, 2024-2026
- Member of the team recognised with the Education Deal of the Year award at the *Infra Global Awards* for the Qatar Schools Wave 2 project, 2025
- Selected for Law Middle East's inaugural M&A List, recognising 15 private practice dealmakers whose work has significantly influenced the region's corporate and transactional landscape over the past year
- Named a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer, 2023-2024
- Highly Recommended in Banking & Fintech - Qatar by *Lexology Index* 2025
- The sole Recommended Lawyer in Banking – Finance in Qatar by the *Lexology Index* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*), 2024
- Winner of Lexology's Client Choice Award (voted for by clients) for Banking & Fintech - Finance in Qatar, 2027
- Lead the team recognized by the global *IFN Law Awards* in the Fintech Law Firm of the Year category, 2023
- The Sir Basil Blackwell Prize,1995
- The David Howarth Memorial Prize,1996
- The Sweet and Maxwell Prize,1997

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, K&L Gates and QFC Asset Management Workshop, 17 February 2025
- Speaker, “CEOs and Islamic Finance Leaders Roundtable,” hosted by Qatar Financial Centre and HBKU, 4 March 2024
- Speaker, K&L Gates and QFC Asset Management Workshop, 12 February 2024

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of Sheffield, 1997 *(Hons) - First Class*
- Legal Practice Course, University of Sheffield, 1997 - *Distinction*

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Solicitor, Ireland

LANGUAGES

- Arabic
- English
- Punjabi
- Urdu (Pakistan)

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- November 2026, July, August, September, and October 2026 Accolades
- 29 September 2026, Legal Reforms Underpin US$60 Billion Investment Pipeline Announced at QEF 2026
- 29 September 2026, Qatar balances fiscal adjustment with maturing Sukuk market, *Islamic Finance News*
- 1 September 2026, Qatar Introduces Significant Amendments to the Labour Law
- 28 July 2026, Qatar's Islamic market adapts to a ‘new normal', *Islamic Finance News*
- 20 March 2026, Geopolitical Uncertainty in the Gulf: Contractual Risk, Force Majeure, and MAC Clauses
- 2026, Global Employer Guide
- 21 May 2025, Historic US Presidential Visit to the Middle East
- 25 February 2025, Middle East: New Saudi Netting Regulation Creating a Buzz
- February 2025, Asset Management Regulatory Year in Review 2024
- 20 September 2024, Doing Business in Qatar—A Guide for Foreign Investors
- 9 September 2024, Law No. (5) of 2024 Regulating Real Estate Registration: Overview and Key Changes
- 29 April 2024, April 2024 Accolades - Part 2
- 6 April 2023, March 2023 Accolades
- 19 January 2023, United Arab Emirates: SCA Overhauls Regulations Governing Foreign Fund Offerings
- 20 September 2021, Amendments to the Qatar Commercial Companies Law
- 30 June 2021, Transitioning from LIBOR to Risk-Free Rates

- 16 June 2021, Ultimate Beneficial Ownership Rules in Qatar (2020)
- 1 June 2021, Construction and Projects in Qatar: Overview
- 26 April 2021, Qatar Data Protection Guidelines – Update
- 26 April 2021, Qatar Free Zones and Progress So Far
- 29 July 2020, COVID-19: Navigating the New Norm: A Legal Perspective
- 2 April 2020, COVID-19: Force Majeure in the State of Qatar
- 1 April 2019, Overview and Q&A: Construction and Projects in Qatar
- 30 November 2016, A First of its Kind—QFC Judgement Successfully Enforced by the Qatar Central Bank
- 11 July 2016, Brexit and Islamic Finance

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Amjad is a Qatar correspondent for *Islamic Finance News* since 2010. He wrote for *Global Finance Magazine* in 2011. He has also had media commentaries in the Financial Times, Daily Telegraph, Law Society Gazette, Arabian Business, Arab News, MEED, Reuters, BBC World, Gulf Times, and Lexis Nexis.

- "Qatar's Islamic Banks demonstrate resilience," *Islamic Finance news*, 18 June 2026
- "Qatar: Liquidity backstops and continued Sukuk activity," *Islamic Finance news*, 4 May 2026
- "Regional conflict tests Islamic markets, but Qatar remains stable," *Islamic Finance news*, 13 March 2026
- "Qatar: Green Sukuk, regional expansion and open banking," *Islamic Finance news*, 26 February 2026
- "An uptick in Sukuk," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 November 2025
- "Qatar ends the year with Sukuk confirmation," *Islamic Finance news*, 7 January 2026
- Co-Author, "Country Report - Qatar: Qatar remains stable amid unprecedented geopolitical events," IFN Annual Guide 2026, Islamic finance news, 23 December 2025
- "Growth in sustainable energy initiatives and regional fintech," *Islamic Finance news*, 16 October 2025
- "Legal Management," *The Legal Industry Reviews: Qatar*, Edition 1, October 2025
- "Qatar's Islamic banks deepen global reach and innovation," *Islamic Finance news*, 17 September 2025
- "Strong profits and strategies advances mark H1 2025 for Qatar's Islamic banks," *Islamic Finance news*, 26 August 2025
- "Qatari banks: Strong growth amid rising digitalization," *Islamic Finance news*, 28 July 2025
- "Islamic finance stepping into global spotlight as a strategic finance model," *Islamic Finance news*, 25 June 2025

- "Qatar sharpens Islamic finance sector with innovation, growth and global recognition," *Islamic Finance news*, 28 May 2025
- "Shaping the future of Islamic finance with blockchain and AI," *Islamic Finance news,* 28 April 2025
- "A quieter month in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 25 March 2025
- "Strong 2024 year-end financial performance for Qatar's Islamic banks," *Islamic Finance news*, 17 February 2025
- "2024: A record-breaking year in Sukuk for the GCC," *Islamic Finance news*, 17 January 2025
- "Islamic finance, fintech and ESG," *Islamic Finance news*, 08 January 2025
- "Strategic partnerships for growth and innovation," *Islamic Finance news*, 27 November 2024
- "Qatari Sukuk market on the rise," *Islamic Finance news*, 23 October 2024
- "Another first for Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 25 September 2024
- "Promising financial results," *Islamic Finance news*, 23 August 2024
- "Positive developments in the banking and financial sectors," *Islamic Finance news*, 19 July 2024
- "Qatar Economic Forum," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 May 2024
- "Promising results," *Islamic Finance news*, 23 April 2024
- "Government and private sector collaboration," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 February 2024
- "A hopeful start to 2024," *Islamic Finance news*, 24 January 2024
- "Regulatory updates," *Islamic Finance news*, 3 January 2024
- Co-Author, "Islamic finance disputes: Arbitration and litigation," IFN Annual Guide 2024, *Islamic finance news*, 19 December 2023
- "Qatar's digital ecosystem," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 November 2023
- "All things fintech," *Islamic Finance news*, 17 October 2023
- "Green initiatives and new collaborations," *Islamic Finance news*, 22 September 2023
- "Promising results," *Islamic Finance news*, 16 August 2023
- "Quiet summer days in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news,* 24 July 2023
- "Sustainable banking," *Islamic Finance news*, 22 June 2023
- "Qatari banks resilient during turbulent times," *Islamic Finance news*, 20 April 2023
- "Qatar's fintech journey," *Islamic Finance news*, 29 March 2023
- "New year, new opportunities," *Islamic Finance news*, 18 January 2023

- “The beautiful game,” *Islamic Finance news*, 04 January 2023
- "Rallying for the World Cup," *Islamic Finance news*, 19 October 2022
- “Qatar: Regulatory developments,” *Islamic Finance news*, 28 September 2022
- “Islamic financing in the hospitality sector,” *Islamic Finance news*, 27 July 2022
- “Qatar delivers on its World Cup promise,” *Islamic Finance news*, 16 December 2022
- "Qatar: Islamic green finance on the rise," *IFN Country Correspondent 19*(24), 15 June 2022
- "Qatar: Islamic green finance on the rise," *Islamic Finance news*, 13 June 2022
- "Green Financing," *Islamic Finance news,* 25 May 2022
- "Islamic fintech the way forward," *Islamic Finance news*, 4 May 2022
- “Qatar's adoption of fintech,” *Islamic Finance news*, 30 March 2022
- “Focus on governance,” *Islamic Finance news*, 23 February 2022
- “More of the same,” *Islamic Finance news*, 24 January 2021
- "Mega merger successfully completed," *Islamic Finance news*, 11 January 2022
- "Driving out of the pandemic," *Islamic Finance news*, 15 November 2021
- "The dawn of a mega Islamic financial institution draws closer," *Islamic Finance news*, 27 October 2021
- "Qatar: A busy September," *Islamic Finance news*, 13 October 2021
- "Amendments to the Qatar Commercial Companies Law," *LexisNexis*, 20 September 2021
- "New initiatives and Qatar National Vision 2030," *Islamic Finance news*, 25 August 2021
- "Qatar: A Focus on fintech," *Islamic Finance news*, 11 August 2021
- "Partnerships and growth in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 23 June 2021
- "Legal and regulatory developments - beneficial ownership," *Islamic Finance news*, 1 June 2021
- "Qatar: A resilient banking sector," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 April 2021
- "Steady progress in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 24 March 2021
- "Qatar: Back in the fold, for better or worse?," *Islamic Finance news*, 27 January 2021
- "Unity returns to the GCC," *Islamic Finance news*, 20 January 2021
- "Qatar: An optimistic end to the year," *Islamic Finance news*, 6 January 2021
- "A focus on aviation in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 25 November 2020
- "Qatar innovation and reform," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 October 2020

- "A focus on partnerships," *Islamic Finance news*, 26 August 2020
- "Focusing on fintech," *Islamic Finance news*, 1 July 2020
- "2019 results signal optimistic outlook for 2020," *Islamic Finance news*, 19 February 2020
- "Qatar: A new decade, a new drive," *Islamic Finance news*, 22 January 2020
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- "Qatar's emerging economy," *Islamic Finance news*, December 2019
- "Innovation is the future," *Islamic Finance news*, 20 November 2019
- "Fintech leads the way," *Islamic Finance news*, 23 October 2019
- "Qatar Central Bank centralizes Islamic banking supervision," *Islamic Finance news*, 13 August 2019
- "Summer heat in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 17 July 2019
- "Blessed Ramadan," *Islamic Finance news*, 19 June 2019
- "Qatar: A slow start to Ramadan," *Islamic Finance news*, 22 May 2019
- "Qatar's energetic drive toward Islamic finance," *Islamic Finance news*, 24 April 2019
- "Qatar: The positive outlook continues," *Islamic Finance news*, 27 February 2019
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- "Qatar smoothly navigating turbulent waters," *Islamic Finance news*, December 2018
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- "Steady summer in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 26 September 2018
- "Quiet summer in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 22 August 2018
- "To merge or not to merge?" *Islamic Finance news*, 25 July 2018
- "A blessed and busy month," *Islamic Finance news*, 27 June 2018
- "Pre-Ramadan flurry," *Islamic Finance news*, 23 May 2018
- "Another world's first for Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 25 April 2018
- "Profitable start in Doha," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 March 2018
- "Qatar gets busy," *Islamic Finance news*, 14 February 2018
- "An optimistic start," *Islamic Finance news*, 27 January 2018

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- "Qatar – an unexpectedly tough year," *Islamic Finance news*, December 2017
- "Steady steps forward for Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 20 September 2017
- "Qatar's quiet summer months," *Islamic Finance news*, 26 July 2017
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- "Qatar: A promising start," *Islamic Finance news*, 22 February 2017
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- "Government support, financial results and the Cuban market," *Islamic Finance news*, 26 October 2016
- "Qatar: Quiet Qatari summer," *Islamic Finance news*, 28 September 2016
- "Turbulent Times in the Gulf," *IFN Country Correspondent*, July 2016
- "Qatar's strong start to a testing year," *Islamic Finance news*, 16 March 2016
- "A year of mixed fortunes," *Islamic Finance news*, December 2015
- "A Qatari summer," *Islamic Finance news*, 19 August 2015
- Chapter in Sukuk – Islamic Capital Markets Series, *Sweet & Maxwell*, 2009

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 June 2026, K&L Gates Advises HMK Capital LLC on Launch of Qatar's First REIT
- 25 March 2026, K&L Gates Recognised in 2026 Edition of *The Legal 500 EMEA*
- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global* 2026 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 17 December 2025, K&L Gates Advises on US$4 Billion Damascus International Airport Redevelopment
- 12 December 2025, K&L Gates Recognized as International Law Firm of the Decade at Qatar Business Law Forum Awards 2025
- 26 March 2025, K&L Gates Recognised in 2025 Edition of *The Legal 500 EMEA*
- 13 February 2025, *Chambers Global* 2025 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 19 December 2024, K&L Gates Advises United Development Company on QAR793.4 Million Divestment in Qatar District Cooling Company
- 27 March 2024, K&L Gates Recognised in 2024 Edition of *The Legal 500 EMEA*
- 15 February 2024, *Chambers Global* 2024 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 12 February 2024, K&L Gates and QFC Asset Management Workshop

- 29 January 2024, K&L Gates Earns *Islamic Finance News'* Qatar Deal of the Year Award For Third Consecutive Year
- 16 November 2023, K&L Gates Earns "International Law Firm of the Year," Four "Team of the Year" Honors at Qatar Business Law Forum Awards
- 12 April 2023, K&L Gates Recognised in *The Legal 500 EMEA* 2023 Edition
- 21 February 2023, K&L Gates Advises Dukhan Bank on Landmark QAR 22.8bn Qatar Stock Exchange Debut
- 16 February 2023, K&L Gates Recognized in 2023 *Chambers Global* Guide
- 14 October 2022, K&L Gates Recognized as Banking & Finance, Corporate Teams of the Year at Qatar Business Law Forum Awards
- 7 October 2022, K&L Gates Recognized as Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year by *Islamic Finance News*
- 17 February 2022, K&L Gates Recognized in 2022 Chambers Global Guide
- 24 January 2022, K&L Gates Honored By *Islamic Finance News* With Two Deal of the Year Awards
- 26 November 2021, K&L Gates Honored With Qatar Business Law Forum Award
- 24 February 2021, K&L Gates Recognized in 2021 Chambers Global Guide
- 13 January 2021, K&L Gates Advises Masraf Al Rayan on US$2.2 Billion Merger With Al Khaliji Commercial Bank
- 6 October 2020, K&L Gates Advises Barwa Real Estate Group on Qatari School Development Public-Private Partnership
- 4 December 2019, K&L Gates Captures “Best Law Firm of the Year” at Qatar Business Awards
- 19 November 2019, K&L Gates Honored with Multiple Qatar Business Law Forum Awards
- 25 January 2019, K&L Gates Honored by Islamic Finance News with Qatari Deal of the Year Award
- 20 March 2018, K&L Gates Advises Al Rayan Investment on Largest Single-Country Islamic Exchange Traded Fund
- 5 March 2018, K&L Gates Advises Amwal on Landmark Fund Launch
- 12 July 2016, K&L Gates Advises IL&FS on Dubai's First Project Under New PPP Law
- 26 May 2016, K&L Gates, Lawyers Earn Honors in Chambers Global, Regional Guides
- 6 May 2015, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized as Leaders in Chambers Global Guides
- 28 April 2015, K&L Gates Represents Bahraini Banks in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on Question of ‘Personal Jurisdiction’

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 26 August 2026, *The Oath* | Amjad Hussain takes on office managing partner role for K&L Gates in Doha and Dubai
- 25 August 2026, *Law Middle East* | K&L Gates appoints new Middle East managing partner, plus other key appointments
- 21 August 2026, *Law360* | K&L Gates Appoints New Middle East Managing Partner
- 20 August 2026, *Law.com International* | K&L Gates Names Middle East MP, Splits Gulf and European Management
- 2 March 2026, *Salaam Gateway* | Venture capital and Islamic fintech: underfunded or unscalable?

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

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- Quoted, "Financial hubs like Qatar must remain agile and proactive: Al-Jaida," *Gulf Times*, 18 February 2025
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AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Debt Capital Markets
- Global Employer Solutions
- Islamic Finance
- Major Infrastructure: Projects and Public-Private Partnerships
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Policy and Law
- Real Estate Finance
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Securitization and Structured Finance

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Goods and Services
- Media and Entertainment
- Quantum
- Technology

EMERGING ISSUES

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising Masraf Al Rayan, a listed commercial Islamic bank in Qatar with a subsidiary in the United Kingdom on its merger with Al Khalij Commercial Bank (al khaliji), a Qatar listed bank with subsidiaries in France and the United Arab Emirates to create the largest Islamic bank in Qatar and with combined assets of more than US$47billion.
- Award winning: advising Barwa Bank on the acquisition of International Bank of Qatar's Islamic window, Alyusr Islamic.
- Advising a prominent family office in the region in connection with the acquisition of a manufacturing plant.
- Advising a Qatar-based investor in connection with a joint venture arrangement to establish a manufacturing plant.
- Advising a significant family office on the merger of a manufacturing plant in the region.
- Advising a significant Qatar-based family office in connection with the establishment of a hotel and service residential development.
- Advising a number of prominent family offices in Qatar on pre-IPO corporate reorganisation exercises.
- Advising a regional entity in connection with the reorganisation of its education business.
- Advising a significant Qatar-based corporate in respect of the sale of hospitality assets in Qatar.
- Advising a prominent family office in connection with the development of a hotel facility in the MENA region.
- Advising a Qatar-based family office in connection with its acquisition of an industrial plant in the region.
- Advising a regional investor in connection with the establishment of a web-based education business.
- Advising the project company in respect of a US$450 million MENA-wide subsea fibre optic cable network.
- Advising on a joint venture arrangement concerning the establishment of two hospitality assets in the region.

- Advising a leading property developer in respect of a number of development financing facilities valued in excess of US$1.5 billion for the construction of a luxurious mixed-use scheme in Qatar.
- Advising on conventional and Islamic facilities in excess of QAR5 billion for the construction of a residential facility in Qatar.
- Advising a real estate development company in connection with a QAR800 million facility for the construction of a luxurious hospitality asset in Asia.
- Advising a borrower in Qatar on a QAR250 million facility for the construction of a hotel and service apartment residential facility.
- Advising a regional lender in connection with an Islamic facility of over U$1 billion in respect of a development of a luxurious mixed-use scheme in Turkey.
- Advising a regional Islamic bank regarding the restructuring of a QAR700 million facility made available for the construction of a retail asset in Qatar.
- Advising a leading family office in connection with a QAR1.2 billion Shari'ah and conventional syndicated facility.
- Advising on the restructuring of facilities over QAR1.2 billion for a significant family office in Qatar.
- Advising an Islamic lender in connection with a QAR1.25 billion facility made available to a government linked agency.
- Advising a prominent corporate entity in Qatar in respect of a EUR52 million vessel financing facility to fund the construction of a dredger.
- Advising an Islamic bank on a US$200 million facility made available for the acquisition of vessels in the region.
- Advising a Qatar-based bank on a US$200 million facility made available to a project in the renewables sector.
- Advising Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Development Company on the signing of a dual-currency US$106.7 million syndicated murabaha facility for the construction of the Sidra Village housing project.
- Advising a listed entity in Qatar in connection with a US$500 million club facility made available by a syndicate of banks.
- Advising an Islamic bank on the insolvency of a European debtor with operations in the Middle East.
- Drafting a suite of standard documents for SME financings on behalf of a development bank in the region.
- Advising Qatar Free Zones Authority on the drafting of the regulatory framework for the Qatar Free Zone, including drafting the Licensing Regulations, Companies Regulations, Mandate and Powers Regulations, Employment Regulations, Immigration Regulations, Building Permits and Planning Regulations, Land Lease and Use Regulations, Fees, Fines and Disciplinary Regulations, Insolvency Regulations, Collateral and Security Regulations, Health, Safety and Environmental Regulations, Intellectual Property Regulations, Data

Protection Regulations, Anti-Money Laundering Regulations, Anti-Bribery Regulations, Customs Regulations, Staff Accommodation Regulations, Dispute Resolution Regulations, Financial Services Regulations, and Legal Services Regulations.

- Advising Media City in relation to benchmark analyses and drafting legal and regulatory framework to establish a free trade zone in Qatar that is aimed at attracting global media companies to Doha free zone on its regulatory framework.
- Advising in connection with laws and regulations to be promulgated or amended by a number of economic zone authorities in the Middle East.
- Advising two regional financial institutions in connection with US Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings of Arcapita.