

Sohail Barkatali

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Biography

Sohail Barkatali is a projects partner based in our Dubai office, who has been involved with and has advised on a number of notable projects in the Middle East and Africa. He has experience in project finance, focussing on projects in the electricity, oil and gas, water, waste water and infrastructure sectors. He has also advised on privatizations, sector restructuring and regulatory matters.

He has built a strong track record advising on IPPs and IWPs in the region and has an in-depth knowledge of the power and water sector in the Middle East. Described as "brilliant" by Chambers Global, he is also stated as "one of the best lawyers" in the power and water sector by Legal 500. Sohail is also recognized by MEED as one of six individuals shaping the future of the electricity and water sector in Kuwait. The same publication also recognizes him as a leading individual in the power and related water sector in Oman.

Sohail has a wealth of experience advising sponsors, export credit agencies, multilateral agencies, commercial banks and government entities on IPPs and IWPs across the Middle East and Africa. He has been the lead partner on some of the recent major projects in the region.

Representative experience

Advising ACWA Power on the US\$1.2bn Taweelah IWP in Abu Dhabi, the world's largest RO desalination plant to date (Middle East and North Africa Water Deal of the



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Languages

English
Swahili
Punjabi

Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Climate Change

Africa Regional Practice

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Manufacturing and Industrials

Private Capital

Year, IJGlobal Awards 2019).

Advising the senior finance parties on the project financing aspects of the 300MW Sakaka IPP (Middle East and Africa Power Deal of the Year, IJGlobal Awards and PFI Awards 2018).

Advising a JGC Corporation led consortium on the project financing aspects of the Shariqyah IWP (Reverse osmosis seawater desalination plant with dedicated PV solar facility).

Advising a German led consortium in connection with the project financing aspects of the Umm Al Hayman wastewater project located in Kuwait.

Reviewing the LPG regulatory framework in the UAE and benchmarked it against international standards.

Advising lenders to ACWA Power bid in relation to the development of Yanbu IWP 4 in Saudi Arabia.

Advising the lenders to Valoriza Agua, the successful bidder, on the financing of the Sohar IWP in the Sultanate of Oman.

Advising Sojitz Corporation as sponsors counsel in relation to the bidding process for Jafurah Cogeneration Project in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Advising the lenders to the Consortium on solar PV projects in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, being procured under Round 2, Category A projects by REPDO.

Acting as lender's international legal counsel on solar PV projects in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, being procured under Round 2, Category B projects by REPDO.

Acting as lender's legal counsel on an independent water producer project with a total net capacity of 600,000 m³ per day of potable water, located in the town of Jubail, in Eastern Province, KSA.

Areas of focus

Water

Awards and rankings

- Infrastructure and projects (including project finance) (UAE), Recommended, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019-2020

- Banking & Finance (United Arab Emirates), Foreign expert for Kuwait, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2020
- Corporate/Commercial & Commercial Contracts (United Arab Emirates), Foreign expert for Oman, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Projects & Energy (Middle East-wide), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- General Business Law (Expertise Based Abroad) (Kuwait), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Energy and Infrastructure, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Privatisation and Projects, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Projects and Energy, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises lenders to ACWA Power on Saudi Arabia desalination project, Jubail 3A
- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells Dubai team is recognized in award-winning Project Finance deal of the Year in the IFLR 2020 Middle East Awards
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises on financial close for Kuwait's megaproject Umm Al-Hayman
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - A Comparative Guide: Impact of COVID-19 on the Infrastructure and Energy Sector
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - COVID-19 – Project financing key considerations *Finance Alert*
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises consortium led by WTE Wassertechnik on major wastewater treatment plant project Umm Al-Hayman in Kuwait