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#### Areas of Practice

- Corporate & Commercial
- Regulatory & Compliance
- Corporate Structuring & Governance
- Cross-Border Transactions
- Banking & Finance

#### Education

- **Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, USA**  
Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Corporate & Commercial Law, in progress
- **La Sagesse University, Lebanon**  
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) in Public & Private Law

#### Languages

- Arabic
- English
- French

#### Summary Profile

Khaled Mehdi is a Legal Director based in Abu Dhabi with over 17 years of experience advising on corporate, commercial, regulatory, and cross-border transactional matters across the UAE, Lebanon, and other international jurisdictions. He advises corporations, financial institutions, and private clients on mergers and acquisitions, corporate structuring and restructuring, joint ventures, equity investments, transactional lending, and a broad range of commercial contracts.

Khaled has substantial experience in drafting, reviewing, and negotiating complex legal documentation, including share purchase agreements, joint venture agreements, franchise arrangements, licensing agreements, finance documents, and other strategic commercial contracts. He also advises clients on corporate governance, regulatory licensing, and compliance matters under UAE law, including within mainland UAE, DIFC, and ADGM frameworks.

Prior to joining M&CO Legal, Khaled was a Senior Associate at a leading law firms in UAE and Lebanon, where he headed the corporate department and advised on high-value transactions involving private placements, debt restructuring, corporate governance, acquisitions, and financial instruments for major corporations and financial institutions. His combined UAE and Lebanese law experience enables him to provide commercially focused and context-sensitive advice on multi-jurisdictional matters.

Khaled is admitted as an Attorney-at-Law before the Beirut Bar Association, is registered as a Legal Consultant in the UAE, and is a Solicitor before the ADGM Courts. He is fluent in Arabic, English, and French. His practice also extends to emerging legal issues in technology, digital finance, intellectual property, and AI-assisted legal analysis, complementing his core corporate and transactional work.

## Experience

Khaled's professional background includes:

- Advising on complex corporate, commercial, and cross-border transactions in the UAE, including M&A, joint ventures, restructuring, due diligence, governance, and regulatory matters.
- Advising financial institutions on operational, regulatory, and documentation matters, including lending, security, mortgage, custody, assignment, subordination, and other banking and financial products.
- Advising clients on business establishment, restructuring, and regulatory licensing across mainland UAE and financial free zones, including DIFC and ADGM.
- Supporting dispute teams on complex commercial, financial, and regulatory matters requiring transactional and structuring input.
- Heading the corporate department of a leading Lebanese law firm and advising on high-value corporate, banking, and investment matters for major regional clients.
- Advising on financial instruments and coordinating with regulators, including the Central Bank, Capital Markets Authority, and Ministry of Finance, to support issuances and compliance processes

## Representative Matters

- Led legal counsel on a USD 100 million private placement initiative, ensuring regulatory compliance and successful execution in connection with the launch of a major media venture.
- Advised on a USD 90 million debt restructuring of a diversified conglomerate with operations across the UAE and Europe.
- Drafted standard banking documentation for a newly licensed bank in ADGM, ensuring compliance with UAE financial regulatory requirements.
- Advised on a landmark Dubai real estate transaction valued at approximately AED 440 million, representing a prominent client across all stages of the transaction, from legal due diligence through to completion and title transfer.
- Advising on the establishment of a bank in ADGM, including structuring, regulatory, licensing, and documentation aspects.
- Advising on the establishment of a crowdfunding platform in DIFC, including structuring, regulatory licensing, and compliance considerations.
- Advised on the acquisition of a major healthcare facility in Abu Dhabi, including structuring the transaction, drafting and

negotiating the transaction documents, and supporting the matter through to closing.

- Advised a Lebanese industrial group on the acquisition of a USD 20 million food and beverage factory in Dubai.
- Contributed to the intra-group restructuring of a UAE-listed financial institution involving the transfer of a finance portfolio.
- Contributed to a USD 570 million acquisition of assets and liabilities of a leading Lebanese bank.
- Assisted in a USD 220 million issuance of subordinated bonds for a Lebanese bank.

### Focus Areas

- Corporate & commercial law
- Cross-border mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures
- Corporate structuring, restructuring, and governance
- Regulatory licensing and compliance
- Banking and finance documentation
- Commercial contracts and strategic transactions
- Technology, digital finance, intellectual property, and AI-related legal advisory

### Publications

- Author, *Practical Law Global, Thomson Reuters*, practice note on **AI & Patents in the UAE**, providing a practical overview of patentability, inventorship, disclosure requirements, and key risk areas relevant to AI-driven inventions in the UAE.
- Author, **AI in UAE: The Legal Blueprint That's Reshaping Tech Compliance in 2025**, examining the UAE legal framework for AI, including compliance requirements, enforcement mechanisms, and strategic considerations for businesses operating in technology-driven sectors.

### Professional Admissions & Registrations

- Attorney-at-Law, Beirut Bar Association
- Legal Consultant, UAE
- Solicitor, ADGM Courts



### Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, **In-House Community Congress 2025, Abu Dhabi**, on ESG compliance and how it is reshaping the financial landscape in the UAE through sustainable finance and green financial instruments.