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Energy

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Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi
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Sid Ahmed Mekerba Ghellal & Mekerba
Samir Sayah CMS
Hassane Yassine Thompson & Knight LLP

Foreign firms

Christophe Asselneau Shearman & Sterling LLP
François Duquette Naciri & Associés Allen & Overy
Emmanuel Gaillard Shearman & Sterling LLP
Mehdi Haroun King & Spalding LLP
Isabelle Michou Herbert Smith Freehills LLP
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local counsel for international law firms such as Eversheds LLP.

Hamza Law Office often acts as local counsel alongside large international law firms such as Allen & Overy LLP. Mustapha Hamza is 'well respected for his understanding of the world of finance'.

Vincent Lunel in Lefèvre Pelletier & associés' Algiers office and Paris-based Alain Gauvin advise French corporates and international banks including Citibank.

Corporate and M&A

Samir Sayah at CMS, which has 'local lawyers with international experience', has experience of advising clients on large M&A deals in the pharmaceuticals, infrastructure and energy sectors. Sayah and Amine Sator recently advised a local company on a multimillion-dollar deal to bring on board a foreign investor.

Chemloul & Associés is 'very sophisticated and easy to work with'. Mohammed Chemloul has excellent understanding of the corporate and regulatory environment, making him a popular adviser to large local and international businesses.

Ghellal & Mekerba is 'still seen as the best firm in the market'. Amine Ghellal and Sid Ahmed Mekerba, who 'know the local market inside out', are well-regarded energy law experts and are also widely sought advisers to companies in sectors ranging from telecoms to construction.

Gide Loyrette Nouel advises local business as well as international companies including Renault on their business activities in Algeria. Samy Laghouati is 'very good - he really knows his stuff', and Rym Loucif is also highly recommended.

Hamza Law Office's Mustapha Hamza has over 20 years' experience in M&A deals and is considered to be one of the country's leading experts on corporate and commercial matters. He often acts as local counsel alongside international law firms.

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Lefèvre Pelletier & associés 'finds creative technical solutions to protect clients' interests'. Vincent Lunel's team counts international transport, industrial and technology companies among its clients. Fatima-Zohra Bouchemia left the firm to start her own practice.

Sole practitioner Yamina Kebir at Law Office Yamina Kebir is regarded as being one of Algeria's best practitioners and has a solid client base of German, French and UK clients including British Airways.

Aidoud Law Firm's Mamoun Aidoud, who regularly acts as local counsel to international law firms, is known for his expertise in IP, employment law, tax and customs matters.

Ben Abderrahmane & Partners is part of a network with offices in Algeria, Morocco, Oman and France. The firm regularly advises local and European companies on high-end cross-border financings, infrastructure projects, M&A and other transactions.

Mourad Seghir became managing partner of the Algiers office of Moroccan firm Bennani & Associés LLP after leaving Ghellal & Mekerba. Seghir has 'a proactive and business-oriented approach', and his clients include a German car manufacturer and international pharmaceuticals companies.

Young firm Bourabiat Associés, which is 'great, probably one of the best in the market', draws on the international experience of Foued Bourabiat, who is 'approachable, commercial and always manages clients' expectations well'. Valérie Veaux Muller

regularly advises a major French consumer goods company.

Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi is an associate office of Dentons. Partners Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou, who is 'a very serious professional', and Ahmed Djouadi have strong reputations for privatisation and commercial matters.

Haroun & Associés is one of Algeria's oldest law firms and founder Ali Haroun is one of the most experienced advisers of international businesses seeking assistance with corporate, energy, employment and investment matters.

MG Avocats' managing partner Mouloud Guerrouche leads a team that advises many international companies on establishing local subsidiaries or joint ventures.

Cabinet d'Avocats Samir Hamouda's name partner Samir Hamouda has close ties to PwC and is regarded as an expert in foreign investment and local corporate law.

Badri Cabinet for Intellectual Property Algeria is a leading practice for patent and trade mark matters. Abdelwahab Badri is respected for his experience in corporate matters and IP.

Bouchaib Law Firm's Adnane Bouchaib advises financial institutions and telecoms companies on corporate, regulatory, tax and employment matters.

Cabinet Boukrami in cooperation with Saba & Co. IP is the local office of the Middle East's largest intellectual property firm and is well regarded for trade mark, patent and copyright prosecutions.

Cabinet Mustapha Hamdane's Mustapha Hamdane is recommended for IP matters and contract law.

Dispute resolution

Samir Sayah at CMS regularly represents energy sector investors in litigation. He recently acted in a multimillion-dollar case against a state-owned energy company. Head of tax Mourad Nabil Abdessemed is also recommended for disputes.

Chemloul & Associés' vastly experienced Mohammed Chemloul, who is 'very good, very professional', acted for claimants in a \$100m international arbitration. He is a member of the Algerian ICC Committee.

Ghellal & Mekerba has one of the country's largest dispute resolution practices and one of the market's leading lights in Amine Ghellal, who is an International Arbitration Institute member. Key clients include Conoco and Anadarko.

Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi's Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou and Ahmed Djouadi, who have in-house experience at Sonatrach, are well known for both civil litigation and international arbitration.

Haroun & Associés is regarded as being one of the best for commercial and IP disputes. Ali Haroun is a skilled and experienced arbitrator

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and several of the firm's partners have experience in high-ranking judicial positions.

Yamina Kebir at Law Office Yamina Kebir, who regularly acts as local counsel to international law firms, has a diverse practice representing domestic and foreign clients in commercial and IP disputes.

Aidoud Law Firm's Mamoun Aidoud is highly regarded for commercial, maritime, tax and civil disputes.

Ben Abderrahmane & Partners is known for complex international arbitrations in the oil and gas, construction and infrastructure sectors.

Bouchaib Law Firm's Adnane Bouchaib is well regarded for criminal, civil, employment law and tax disputes.

Cabinet Boukrami in cooperation with Saba & Co. IP is a leading player for trade mark, copyright and patent disputes.

Hamza Law Office's Mustapha Hamza has a successful practice of international arbitration in foreign jurisdictions under various arbitration rules.

Cabinet Sator stands out for IP matters and competition law disputes. Mohamed Sator excels in IP and commercial law advice.

Energy

Samir Sayah and tax expert Mourad Nabil Abdessemed at CMS provide 'sound advice on local law' to international investors. Sayah represented an exploration company in a multimillion-dollar arbitration against a state-owned energy company.

Ghellal & Mekerba's Sid Ahmed Mekerba has close ties to state energy company Sonatrach, having spent 24 years in its legal department. He specialises in complex negotiations for international energy companies. Amine Ghellal's clients include Conoco and Anadarko.

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Samy Laghouati at Gide Loyrette Nouel is 'technically excellent and always reliable'. He advises international investors and state-owned enterprises on acquisitions and large energy projects.

At Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi, the in-house experience of Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou at Sonatrach puts the firm in prime position for key roles in both disputes and transactions in the energy sector.

Hamza Law Office's Mustapha Hamza has a long track record of advising international energy companies. The firm is recognised as a leading player in downstream oil and gas projects.

Thompson & Knight LLP's Hassane Yassine was previously head of legal at Sonatrach and is one of the country's most experienced energy lawyers. He regularly advises international and domestic businesses on oil and gas projects.

Ben Abderrahmane & Partners is highly respected for its experience in the hydrocarbons industries and international clients regularly engage its services to draft and negotiate production-sharing contracts.

Chemloul & Associés' Mohammed Chemloul spent almost three decades at state energy company Sonatrach, where he developed a deep knowledge of disputes and transactional matters in the energy sector.

Mouloud Guerrouche's client base at MG Avocats includes several European energy companies.

Foreign firms

Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosie LLP has 'perfect knowledge of international law and is known for thorough preparation of all cases'. It has 'a dynamic team of international lawyers who listen to clients', including Algiers-based David Hesse and Milan-based Galileo Pozzoli, who are relationship partners for Sonatrach. Pozzoli's team advised shareholders of joint venture company Galsi on a €3bn gas pipeline development.