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 Ali Mokrane CMS

Energy

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 Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi
 Samy Laghouati Gide Loyrette Nouel
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Foreign firms

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 Yas Banifatemi Shearman & Sterling LLP
 Emmanuel Gaillard Shearman & Sterling LLP
 Mehdi Haroun King & Spalding LLP
 Isabelle Michou Herbert Smith Freehills LLP
 Galileo Pozzoli Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
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finance sector. His client list includes many large international and domestic businesses.

Mohammed Chemloul at **Chemloul & Associés** is an expert in banking law and regularly works as local counsel for international law firms.

Vincent Lunel at **Lefèvre Pelletier & associés** advises French corporates and international banks on local banking regulations and the financing of major projects.

Commercial, corporate and M&A

Samir Sayah and head of business law Amine Sator at **CMS** provide 'high quality, reliability and very effective advice' to international enterprises and local companies on joint ventures, governance matters and investments. Sator advised a large European specialty products business on governance and shareholding arrangements in Algeria. Sayah acted for a leading medical devices manufacturer in a multimillion-dollar public tender.

Chemloul & Associés is 'among the most experienced domestic firms' and Mohammed Chemloul is a recognised expert in corporate law and regulatory matters. He regularly advises local and international businesses.

Ghellal & Mekerba is 'among the very best firms in the market'. Amine Ghellal and Sid Ahmed Mekerba are expert advisers to energy companies, but have a diverse client base in sectors such as telecoms and construction.

Gide Loyrette Nouel provides 'good, valuable service from a diligent team'. 'Valuable business partner' Samy Laghouati 'has excellent knowledge of the market' and Rym Loucif has 'good technical and legal skills'. Together, they advised VimpelCom on the \$4.4bn sale of a stake in telecoms company Djezzy to the Algerian National Investment Fund.

With over 20 years' experience in M&A, Mustapha Hamza at **Hamza Law Office** is 'the person to go to for transactions; very visible in the market'. He assisted VimpelCom with a large

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telecoms transaction and advised Tawazun Group on a vehicle-manufacturing project in partnership with the Ministry of Defence.

Lefèvre Pelletier & associés 'has a track record of quality work over the years'. Vincent Lunel advised ArcelorMittal on framework agreements for the financing of industrial equipment and the transfer of mining company shares to a state-owned enterprise. He also acted for Cevital Group on Orascom's capital reorganisation.

'Experienced local partner' Mourad Seghir at **Bennani & Associés LLP**, advised a major European sugar refiner on its joint venture with an Algerian food-processing company and acted for a consortium of local, Turkish and Portuguese companies on the development of a new commercial centre.

Bouchemla Lanouar et Associés is part of **DLA Piper's** Africa network and is known for 'the consistent high quality of its work'. Mohamed Lanouar and Fatima-Zohra Bouchemla are recommended. Their clients include GlaxoSmithKline and Renault. Of counsel Mounir Ait Belkacem, formerly of **Paul Hastings LLP** in Paris, has international experience in M&A and finance.

Bourabiat Associés is 'very reliable, understands perfectly the needs of international companies and delivers high-quality work'. The 'pragmatic' Foued Bourabiat, who has 'a strong legal background in Paris and London and a lot of

experience in corporate work, and Valérie Veaux Muller advised Emerging Capital Partners on its \$80m investment in Atlas Bottling Corporation.

Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi is an associate office of **Dentons**. Partners Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou and Ahmed Djouadi have solid reputations for privatisation and commercial matters, particularly in the energy sector.

Cabinet d'Avocats Samir Hamouda's name partner Samir Hamouda is 'among the best advisers in the country'. He works with PwC as part of its African network and is a recognised expert in foreign investment law.

Sole practitioner Yamina Kebir at **Law Office Yamina Kebir** is regarded as an expert in employment law and advises many German, French and UK clients on corporate matters.

Aidoud Law Firm's Mamoun Aidoud often acts as local counsel to international law firms and has a diverse skillset covering IP, employment, tax and customs law.

Badri Cabinet for Intellectual Property Algeria is a capable IP and investment law practice that excels in patent and trade mark matters. Abdelwahab Badri is recommended.

Ben Abderrahmane & Partners is part of a network spanning Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Oman and France. It regularly advises local and European companies on cross-border M&A and infrastructure projects.

Benslimane Avocats & Consells is part of the **Eversheds LLP** Africa network. Local partner Samir Benslimane advised a privately owned pharmaceuticals group on supplier relationships and international joint ventures.

Bouchaib Law Firm's Adnane Bouchaib has many clients in the telecoms and financial services sectors. He recently assisted telecoms companies with a study of intergovernmental agreements affecting the industry.

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

Haroun & Associés is one of Algeria's oldest firms and founder Ali Haroun is a highly experienced adviser of international businesses investing in the country.

MG Avocats' managing partner Mouloud Guerrouche has a track record of advising international energy companies on local operations.

Dispute resolution

Ali Mokrane leads **CMS'** 'very experienced team' locally; it has 'a diverse range of skills, among which litigation is one of the most important'. He defended a leading market research company against criminal proceedings and acted for a

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medical devices manufacturer in a large tax dispute. Head of tax Mourad Nabil Abdessemmed is also recommended.

Chemloul & Associés' vastly experienced Mohammed Chemloul is 'very strong in arbitration'. He is a member of the Algerian ICC Committee and has a strong track record in multimillion-dollar matters.

Ghellal & Mekerba has one of the country's largest dispute resolution practices and respected international arbitrator Amine Ghellal has a strong reputation among multinational energy companies.

Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi, an associate firm of **Dentons**, has two experienced civil litigation and international arbitration practitioners in Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou and Ahmed Djouadi, who have both worked at Sonatrach.

Aidoud Law Firm has 'very strong litigation skills'. Mamoun Aidoud's practice encompasses commercial, maritime, tax and civil matters.

Mourad Seghir, managing partner of **Bennani & Associés LLP**, represented a Canadian oil company and large UK-based oil business in ICC arbitration proceedings and a criminal litigation, respectively.

Bouchemla Lanouar et Associés is part of **DLA Piper's** Africa network and is 'a reliable partner for international investors'. Fatima-Zohra Bouchemla is highly recommended.

'A lawyer with a very strong reputation', Mustapha Hamza at **Hamza Law Office** recently acted for a group of Korean companies and a Russian company in separate arbitrations in the Dubai International Financial Centre, and has been handling disputes for large Algerian companies.

Haroun & Associés is highly regarded for commercial and IP disputes. Founder Ali Haroun is an experienced arbitrator and many partners

have experience in high-ranking judicial positions.

Yamina Kebir at **Law Office Yamina Kebir** often acts as local counsel to international law firms and is skilled in commercial and IP 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.

Cabinet Sator stands out for IP matters and competition law disputes. Mohamed Sator is recommended.

Energy

CMS has 'a local team of very high quality' that is 'very responsive and proactive'. Amine Sator and Mourad Nabil Abdessemmed recently advised a multinational energy company on local tax issues, while Samir Sayah assisted a European specialist in energy and communication services with the restructuring of a local subsidiary.

Ghellal & Mekerba has 'highly regarded specialists in energy law'. Sid Ahmed Mekerba and Amine Ghellal both have substantial prior experience in the legal team of state energy company Sonatrach. Clients include multinational oil majors.

Gide Loyrette Nouel is 'one of the best firms in Algeria, being quick to react and comprehensive in its approach'. Samy Laghouati, who has 'very good knowledge of Algerian administration and solid experience', advised Turkish company Gama on the implementation of a €510m EPC contract for a 704MW gas turbine plant. Sonia Daoui is a rising star.

Hamza Law Office's Mustapha Hamza's extensive experience includes advising international energy companies on various matters. He acted for an overseas investor in relation to the Reggane Nord oilfield project and advised Rolls-Royce on the Medgaz pipeline project.

'Niche US energy practice' **Thompson & Knight LLP's** Hassane Yassine was formerly head of legal at Sonatrach and is among the country's most experienced energy lawyers. He regularly advises international and domestic businesses on projects.

Mourad Seghir, managing partner of **Bennani & Associés LLP**, worked with a US law firm to advise an Italian oil company on the execution of an EPC contract for a new gas treatment facility. He also acted for a US energy company on wind and solar projects in the Adrar region.

Benslimane Avocats & Consells is now part of the **Eversheds LLP** network. Paris-based Boris

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