AHMED CHOUDHRY NEW COUNSEL AT CLIFFORD CHANCE AND AS&H

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<u>Clifford Chance</u> and AS&H strengthen the banking and finance practice in Saudi Arabia with addition of counsel **Ahmed Choudhry** (pictured).

Choudry joins the Riyadh team from Clifford Chance in Dubai where he has been based since 2017. He brings significant 'on-the-ground' expertise to the Riyadh team which has been gained through a 14-year career advising on banking and finance transactions across the globe, including Islamic finance, capital markets and project finance transactions across a number of jurisdictions such as the UK, Oman and the UAE. He has a particular specialisation in complex Islamic finance transactions.

"I am delighted to welcome Ahmed to our team." comments **Fahad Abuhimed**, managing partner of AS&H Clifford Chance. "His arrival demonstrates our continued growth and commitment to our Saudi Arabian clients as the Kingdom looks to become a regional and global ecosystem for both Islamic and conventional finance."

Choudry's addition to the Riyadh team follows the recent announcement by Clifford Chance and AS&H that the existing cooperation arrangement between the two firms will be restructured into a joint venture to be named AS&H Clifford Chance, effective 1 May 2023. This new combined structure will enhance our leading position in Saudi Arabia and the Middle East and our ability to support regional and international clients.

"Ahmed's addition to the team is an important step in the expansion of our more integrated offering in the Kingdom through our new joint venture arrangement with AS&H." adds **Guy Norman**, former Global Head of Clifford Chance's corporate practice and new Senior Clifford Chance Partner of AS&H Clifford Chance. "Saudi Arabia is an important growth market for us and we look forward to

continuing to invest in our presence and senior lawyer bench in Riyadh in the coming years."	