BAKER MCKENZIE APPOINTS FIVE NEW PARTNERS IN MENA REGION

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Global law firm Baker McKenzie has appointed five new partners in the MENA Region. Dispute resolution partners **Amir Alkhaja** (UAE) and **Sally Kotb** (UAE), IP & technology partner **Kellie Blyth** (UAE), banking & finance partner **Mohamed Elharmy** (Egypt) and M&A partner **Keltoum Boudribila** (Morocco).

The firm has welcomed 116 new partners in the year to 30 June 2022, an increase of 22% from the previous year and another 75 lawyers were promoted to partner globally and in key markets including the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), with another 41 lateral partner hires joining the Firm in the same period.

Pictured from left to right, the newly elected partners in the MENA region are:

United Arab Emirates

Amir Alkhaja joined the firm in 2015. He has over 15 years of experience in the UAE, focusing on commercial, white-collar crime and banking litigation. Alkhaja has successfully represented multinationals, financial institutions and high net worth individuals in local and cross-border disputes in the UAE and the Middle East.

Kellie Blyth Joined the firm in 2018. She has been advising multinational businesses and public institutions in the Middle East region since 2012. Blyth advises clients on technology procurement and digital transformation projects and information law advisory projects.

Sally Kotb joined the firm in 2012 and currently leads the arbitration practice in the UAE. Her practice focuses on the resolution of both local and international commercial arbitration disputes across a range of industry sectors, as well as providing clients with strategic advice and project management for dispute avoidance. Kotb also sits regularly as an arbitrator under various leading arbitration institutions, including the ICC, DIAC, ADCCAC, LCIA, CRCICA and the BCDR.

Egypt

Mohamed Elharmy joined the firm in 2017. He is a banking, finance and projects lawyer who has a particular focus on energy, mining and infrastructure projects. Elharmy has been advising primarily on cross-border and local syndicated project finance, real estate finance, leveraged finance, acquisition finance and asset finance. He also represents clients on sovereign lending, Shari'a compliant financing and green and sustainable financing.

Morocco

Keltoum Boudribila joined the firm in 2012. She has advised leading companies in the Middle East and North Africa region in the field of business law, in particular mergers and acquisitions and corporate restructurings, as well as on antitrust and employment matters.