EDWARD BROWN IS NEW COUNSEL FOR GOWLING WLG

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<u>Gowling WLG</u>'s Corporate Group in the United Arab Emirates has added **Edward Brown** (pictured) to its team as a counsel.

Brown will be leading the funds and financial services practice in the Dubai and Abu Dhabi offices, drawing on the support of the wider corporate team and working in close collaboration with the technology team's fintech practice.

Having spent over a decade working in the Middle East, Brown has been advising on multiple fund establishments a year across the UAE, advising on Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) and Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) domiciled funds and cross-jurisdictional fund structures.

Brown commented: "I am delighted to be joining Gowling WLG's platform in the Middle East and look forward to working with Tim and the wider team to develop a leading funds practice in the region."

Tim Casben, managing partner of Gowling WLG's Dubai and Abu Dhabi offices, commented: "I am delighted to welcome Ed to the Dubai office, he came highly recommended by clients. As ADGM and DIFC both become leading global financial centres in their own right, we have seen increasing enquiries from our international clients and contacts looking to establish fund operations in the UAE.

"The funds market has been serviced by a very small number of firms in the region and we look forward to offering more choice for clients and contacts. We have also been increasingly advising venture capital funds on downstream investment opportunities, and see this as a growth market as the UAE attracts an increasing number of entrepreneurs and it targets growth businesses."