MAHMOUD ABDEL-BAKY JOINS WHITE & CASE PARTNERSHIP IN RIYADH

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Global law firm White & Case has expanded its Global Debt Finance Practice with the addition of **Mahmoud Abdel-Baky** as a partner in Riyadh.

"The arrival of an experienced partner like Mahmoud expands our practice in Saudi Arabia and across the broader Middle East region, where White & Case has been active for more than 70 years," said White & Case partner **Eric Leicht**, head of the Firm's Global Debt Finance Practice. "He builds on our existing Islamic finance capabilities and strengthens our offering to clients pursuing opportunities in Saudi Arabia's growing bank finance market."

With more than 15 years of experience, Abdel-Baky's practiced in a number of international law firms including White & Case New York office, <u>Latham & Watkins</u> and most recently Managing Partner of <u>Dentons</u> Riyadh and Jeddah offices. His practice focuses primarily on advising major financial institutions and corporates on corporate finance, project development and finance, Islamic finance including both international and local sukuk issuances, financial restructuring and general local corporate matters.

"Mahmoud has been practicing in Saudi Arabia for more than 15 years, developing a strong market reputation through his impressive in-Kingdom track record of advising leading clients on key finance deals," said White & Case partner **Colin Harley**, Regional Section Head, EMEA Banking. "He is an exciting addition to our leading banking team in EMEA. Mahmoud's experience will benefit our clients and complements our existing strong practice in the Middle East."

White & Case partner **Oliver Brettle**, a member of the Firm's global Executive Committee, said: "Mahmoud's addition demonstrates our long and ongoing commitment to Saudi Arabia, where we have also grown recently through the internal promotion of **Mohammed Bashir** to partner and both **Waad Alkurini** and **Manal Al-Musharaf** to local partner. Mahmoud also continues the recent international expansion of our successful and strategically important Global Debt Finance Practice, with lateral partners joining offices in the US, London, Paris, Madrid and Sydney combined with several internal partner promotions."