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Baker McKenzie announces 81 partner promotions including in MENA

- **With 34 laterals the Firm adds 115 to partner ranks**
- **MENA practice boasts of over 50 partners**

UAE, 2 July 2019 – Leading global law firm Baker McKenzie is pleased to announce the election of 81 new partners globally including in the Middle East & North Africa (MENA). This latest investment in the Firm's expertise grows the total number of partners worldwide to 1550. Over 400 of these are women - the most of any law firm.

This year women make up almost 40% of the newly promoted cohort of 81 partners; a market-leading number for any law firm. The promotions take effect from 1 July. In addition, 48 partners were promoted to Principal (Equity Partner).

In the MENA region, the Firm boasts of over 50 partners with the appointments of Banking & Finance partner Fatima Alhasan (Bahrain) and Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) partners Hani Naja (United Arab Emirates) and Ghada El Ehwany (Egypt). In addition, M&A partner Mohammad Al Rasheed (Saudi Arabia) and Banking & Finance partner Basel Barakat (Saudi Arabia) were promoted to Principal.

Across the Firm's practice groups globally, Tax and M&A saw the largest intake of new partners, with Dispute Resolution also significantly adding to their numbers.

During the Financial Year 2019 Baker McKenzie also added 34 lateral hires, strengthening the Firm's already strong client service capabilities in key practice areas. Combining this year's promotions and new lateral talent, the Firm added 115 partners to its ranks.

Jaime Trujillo, Acting Global Chair of Baker McKenzie, said: "Congratulations to each of our newly elected partners and lateral partners. We proudly maintain our industry-leading commitment to Diversity & Inclusion, as once again 40% of our new partners globally are women. We also continue to attract leading lateral partners who value the innovative and purposeful culture we foster every day at Baker McKenzie. But we need to do better and that is why I am delighted that we recently made a public commitment to a [Global Aspirational Target](#) of 40:40:20 by 2025."

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Notes to editors

The newly elected partners in the MENA region are:

Bahrain

Fatima Alhasan is experienced in a broad range of conventional and Islamic banking and finance matters, with a focus on corporate finance, financial restructuring and project finance. Admitted in Bahrain in 2008, she has over 12 years' experience in the Middle East, particularly in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. Fatima also has experience in corporate matters including private equity, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and investment funds.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Hani Naja has been practicing since 2007 with a focus on M&A, reorganizations and post-acquisition integration as well as corporate structuring in the Middle East, particularly in the UAE and Qatar. He also advises on general commercial, corporate governance and compliance matters. Admitted in Lebanon, Hani has gained substantive experience in the technology, retail, defense and government sectors.

Egypt

Ghada El Ehwany has nearly 20 years' experience in the Middle East, particularly in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, focusing on corporate and commercial transactions. She also advises on healthcare regulatory, structuring, insolvency, employment and compliance matters. Admitted in Egypt, Ghada is returning to Baker McKenzie's Cairo office where she has previously worked for 14 years.

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