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## **Helmy, Hamza & Partners, Baker McKenzie Cairo wins Islamic Finance News (IFN) Law Awards 2020 for Capital Markets**

**Cairo, Egypt, October 18, 2020** - Helmy, Hamza & Partners, Baker McKenzie Cairo office, recently won the prestigious IFN Law Awards for the category of "Capital Markets". Organized by renowned Islamic finance media company, Islamic Finance *news* (IFN), this year's awards honored 11 legal firms for their outstanding achievements in Shari'ah finance.

The Capital Markets award recognized Helmy, Hamza & Partners' role in advising Arab Company for Projects and Urban Developments, a subsidiary of Talaat Moustafa Group (TMG) Holding, on its inaugural first in Egypt sukuk program which is based on a Shari'ah-compliant ijara Sukuk technique with a value of EGP 2 billion (US\$126.53 million).

Commenting on this notable win, Mohammed Ghannam, Managing Partner and Head of Capital Markets at Helmy, Hamza & Partners, Baker McKenzie Cairo said: "This year, the team was able to work on several high profile, complex and innovative transactions including advising on the first sukuk issuance transaction in Egypt. This landmark deal represented our technical sector expertise and knowledge as well as local market excellence. We are very fortunate to have an incredible Capital Markets team who consistently demonstrate their exceptional knowledge and collaboration efforts that enabled us to win such an award despite the existing challenges due to COVID-19."

The counsel team that advised on this transaction under the supervision of Partner Mohamed Ghannam included Partner and Co-Head of Banking & Projects Lamyaa Gadelhak as well as Capital Markets Counsel Mostafa El Sakaa, Senior Associate Mohamed El Harmacy, Associate Farah Abdel Rahman and Capital Markets Specialist Sameh Belal.

The IFN Law Awards are the most respected Islamic finance legal accolades that recognize the best legal firms with Islamic finance capabilities and services. The winners will be celebrated at the IFN Awards Ceremonies which are scheduled to take place in Dubai on March 27th and in Kuala Lumpur on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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### **Notes to Editor:**

#### **About Helmy, Hamza & Partners, Baker McKenzie Cairo**

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Baker McKenzie Cairo currently employs approximately 40 lawyers, including 4 partners and 8 of counsels, all of whom have an outstanding knowledge of the local legal, business, social and cultural environment. While most of us are Egyptian by training, we are all international and global in our know-how, experience and practice.

Collaborating with colleagues in other firm offices as well as with local law firms where needed, we can seamlessly guide you through the intricacies of Egypt's regulatory environment without the interface issues that can occur between international and local counsel. Working as a cohesive team means we can provide efficient, high-quality service with less duplication.

We have unrivalled international resources across 78 offices worldwide. Practicing in Egypt since 1986, our firm is deeply committed to furthering your business interests both within the Middle East and globally.