

SYRIA INITIATIVE

Connecting Global Vision with Local Expertise

With international sanctions on Syria being lifted, many of our clients see a new horizon of opportunity for global investors, businesses, and project developers. To ensure businesses can move swiftly and confidently, Mayer Brown is collaborating with a leading Syrian law firm, Raja & Omar Haroun, offering the optimal combination of global perspective and local insight and providing seamless legal support for every stage of your venture.

As one of the world's most respected international law firms, Mayer Brown delivers unmatched cross-border capability, complemented with a Dubai-based partner who is admitted to the Syrian Bar and three Syrian associates who have spent time in Syria. Our new collaboration ensures access to deep local knowledge, essential for navigating Syria's evolving legal and regulatory landscape.

Raja & Omar Haroun, incorporated in 1952 as one of the first legal institutions on the Syrian coast, prides itself in providing the depth, reach, and on-the-ground understanding essential for confidently navigating Syria's evolving legal and regulatory landscape. It brings a distinguished legacy forged during the formative years of Syria's post-independence legal development and continues to serve as a trusted advisor to leading domestic and international businesses.

One-Stop Shop. From landmark infrastructure builds to joint ventures, asset acquisitions, and sophisticated financings, our cross-border team delivers end-to-end counsel precisely aligned with your commercial objectives.

Trusted Advisors. Mayer Brown has earned a worldwide reputation for guiding clients through frontier markets. Together, Raja & Omar Haroun and Mayer Brown's Dubai-based team stand ready to unlock opportunity and propel your projects forward with confidence.

Future Focused. Syria's fast-evolving market offers exceptional promise and unique complexity. Leveraging our collaboration with Raja & Omar Haroun, we anticipate challenges, mitigate exposure, and help you advance with clarity.

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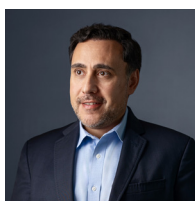
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YOUR DEDICATED TEAM

Global clients need more than legal representation—they need a partner who understands both the international stage and the local terrain. With Mayer Brown and Raja & Omar Haroun, you gain exactly that: a one-stop legal solution for building the future of business in Syria.



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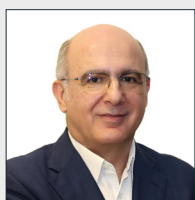
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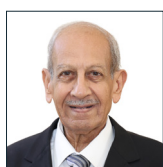
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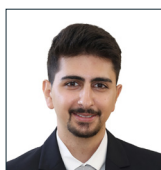
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Farid (Fred) Haroun is a partner in the Corporate & Securities practice of Mayer Brown in the Middle East, with a focus on Syria, UAE and Saudi Arabia. He advises private and institutional clients on a broad range of complex cross-border transactions, with particular expertise in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic alliances, corporate reorganisations, and general corporate advisory. He regularly acts for international and regional sponsors, financial investors, and corporates, guiding them through all stages of the investment lifecycle.

Farid has significant experience in the energy, real estate and hospitality sectors, advising on M&A, joint ventures, development arrangements, and operating agreements. He has been closely involved in landmark acquisitions and large-scale development projects across Syria, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and other key jurisdictions. His Syria-related experience includes advising regional investors and developers on structuring and executing investments in the Syrian market, as well as navigating the legal, regulatory, and practical complexities associated with operating in and re-entering the jurisdiction.

In addition to his transactional practice, Farid advises on contentious matters, including commercial disputes. His combined transactional and disputes experience enables him to provide strategic, risk-aware advice, particularly in emerging and complex markets. Farid is also a member of the Syrian Bar Association.



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Tom offers clients over a decade of experience and an international geographic focus on the Middle East (with particular emphasis on the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Syria, and Iraq). Tom is a fluent Arabic speaker and reader.

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