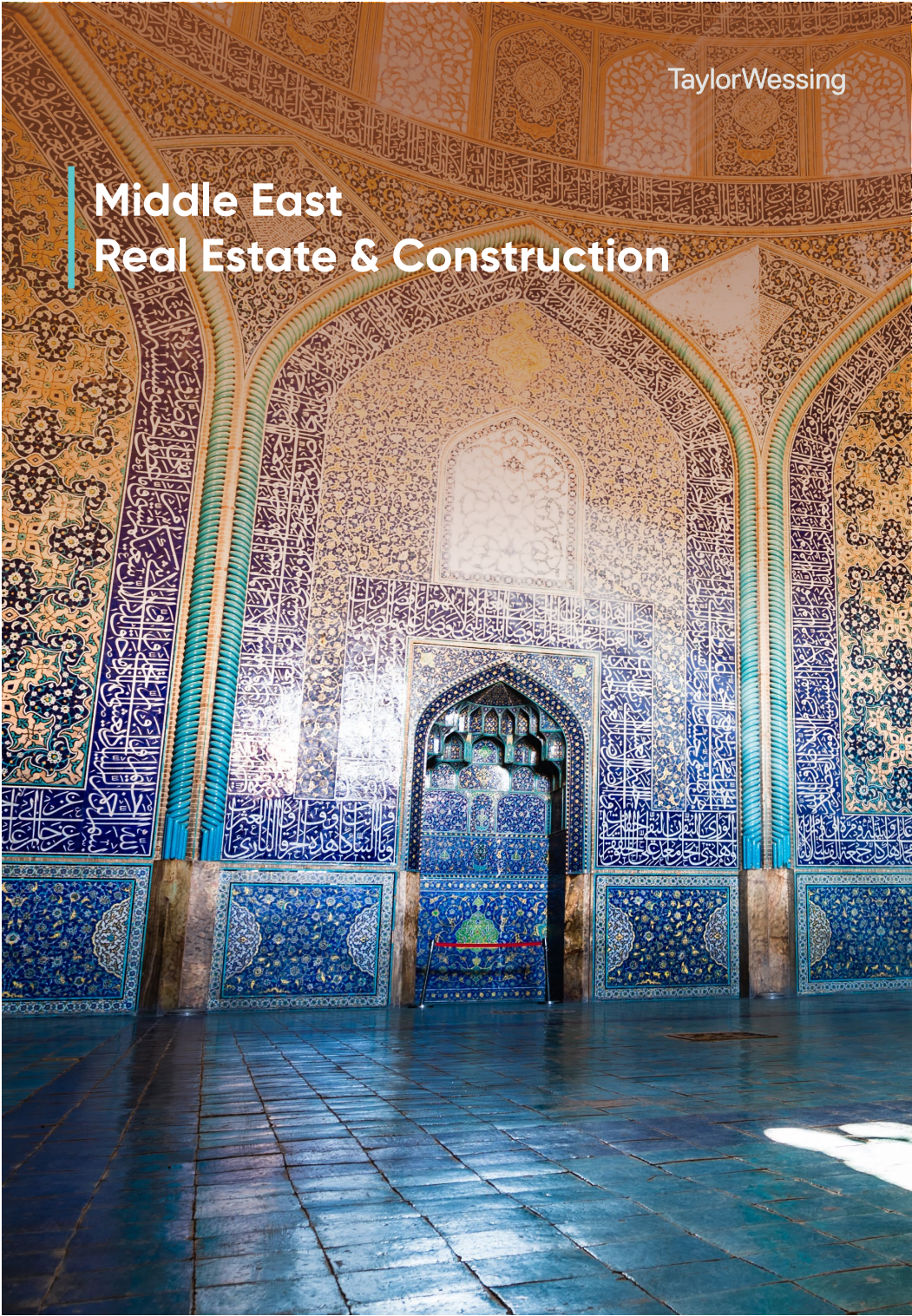


Middle East Real Estate & Construction



**With more than
70 years of experience,
our Dubai Real Estate &
Construction team has
acted on some
of the most iconic
projects across the
gulf, Sub-Saharan
Africa and Asia.**

Working with influential players in the industry, our in-depth project knowledge, deep local experience, and specialist expertise mean we're a go-to firm for all aspects of real estate and construction projects.

Our key strength is the depth of our relationships with clients, supporting them throughout a project's lifecycle, including all aspects of site-based issues, dispute escalation, and representation in proceedings that can't be avoided.

Our team has unparalleled expertise in major projects and infrastructure including:

- public procurement
- healthcare
- construction finance
- construction insolvency (including renewables)
- hotels
- regeneration and development.

Our team works at the forefront of the innovative and evolving real estate and construction sectors, advising global clients on world-renowned projects.

We have specialist expertise in a number of areas:

- Drafting and negotiating construction and real estate contracts.
- Litigation and arbitration.
- Advising on alternative dispute resolution.
- Management of site-based issues, day-to-day contractual correspondence, termination, and dispute escalation.
- Comprehensive project co-ordination with all parties, including insurers, financing banks, and relevant authorities.
- Advice on co-operation (associations and JV) and consortium agreements.

Our Dubai-based Real Estate & Construction team has a reputation for innovation, commerciality, and proactivity in our approach to the resolution, mediation, and arbitration of disputes.

Examples of our work include:

- advising on the delay and disruption of an airport project in Oman for a specialist roofing contractor
- advising a leading Spanish-based consultant on claims relating to the suspension of an airport in Saudi Arabia
- advising a JV on claims relating to the construction of a steel plant in Saudi Arabia
- acting on multiple arbitrations relating to the construction of road projects in Ethiopia
- advising a contractor on delays in the construction of a flagship banking HQ in Bahrain
- Acting in arbitration regarding the upgrade and refurbishment of a power and desalination facility in Saudi Arabia.
- Advising on dispute escalation and claim review for a Chinese-based entity regarding an offshore drilling platform in Iran.
- Successfully defending a claim by an Australian restaurant franchisee to perform obligations under an unregistered lease contract and pay consequential losses.
- Advising on dispute escalation and avoidance strategies on behalf of a specialist interior fit-out subcontractor for delayed main contract works for two landmark mixed use residential/hotel projects on Palm Jumeirah, Dubai.



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