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Soraya Corm-Bakhos, a French qualified lawyer, is an independent arbitrator based in Dubai. After nearly 20 years' experience in private practice first in Paris and since 2008 in Dubai, she is now fully dedicated to her practice as arbitrator.

Prior to that, Soraya was a Counsel at Watson Farley & Williams (Middle East) LLP and practiced in the Dispute Resolution teams of Baker McKenzie Habib Al Mulla and DWF (Middle East) LLP. Before coming to the UAE, she practised in Paris in the law firm of J.P. Karsenty & Associés where she gained extensive experience advising on all types of civil, commercial and corporate transactions and representing clients before the French Courts in a variety of commercial disputes.

During her career in private practice, she advised and represented clients in all types of international arbitrations seated in Europe and the Middle East under major institutional arbitration rules in relation to a wide variety of industry sectors including energy, transport and infrastructure.

Mrs Corm-Bakhos acts as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and chair in numerous arbitrations under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC-LCIA), the Bahrain Chamber of Dispute Resolution (BCDR), and the Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre (arbitrateAD) in disputes mainly related to construction, real estate, sale and purchase agreements, joint venture agreements and general commercial disputes.

Mrs Corm-Bakhos has been recognized by The Legal 500 as *"exceptionally hard working, bright and will go the extra mile to ensure the best possible service for their clients"*. She has also been included in the Legal 500's Arbitration Powerlist: Middle East 2023.

Soraya has been appointed to serve as a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. She is also a member of the LCIA Arab Users' Council. She has authored numerous publications in the field of arbitration and regularly speaks at a variety of arbitration conferences.