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PARTNER AND HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AT CHARLES  
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**Dubai, UAE**

## **IAMC Level of Empanelment**

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Level 3 Arbitrator

## **Current Designation**

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- Arbitrator

## **Arbitration Experience**

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- Partner and Head of International Arbitration at Charles Russell Speechlys LLP, based in Dubai. Recognised as a Thought Leader in the Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal Arbitration) and ranked for dispute resolution by Chambers. Also recognised as a Leading Partner for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration and International Litigation in the United Arab Emirates by Legal 500.
- Served as arbitrator in multiple international proceedings and is empanelled with several leading arbitral institutions worldwide. Holds a number of prominent institutional appointments, including Member of the Board of Directors of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), Member of the Court of Arbitration of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Member of the Arbitration Council of the Arbitration and Mediation Centre of Armenia (AMCA), Member of the Rules Revision Committee of the Oman Commercial Arbitration Centre (OAC), and Member of the International Bar Association (IBA) Task Force on Privilege and Attorney Secrecy in International Arbitration.
- Practiced international arbitration for 25 years and acted as counsel in more than 50 international arbitration matters and has more recently served as arbitrator in a number of proceedings. Practice encompasses international commercial arbitration, investor-state disputes, state-to-state arbitration, and issues concerning foreign sovereign immunity.
- While based in the Middle East, maintains a globally focused international arbitration practice, having acted as counsel and arbitrator in proceedings administered by

leading arbitral institutions, including the PCA, ICC, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ADCCAC, SCCA, AAA, and VIAC. Experience also extends to arbitrations conducted under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, as well as ad hoc arbitration proceedings across multiple jurisdictions.

- Arbitration and dispute resolution experience spans a broad range of sectors, including oil and gas, construction and infrastructure, hospitality and hotels, telecommunications, automotive manufacturing, distribution arrangements, shareholder and partnership disputes, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, investment disputes, and international sale of goods.

## **Areas of Expertise**

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- Construction & Infrastructure
- International Trade & Investment
- Technology, Media & Telecom
- Commercial & Corporate
- Real Estate & Property

## **Languages Known**

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English