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SUMMIT 2019

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The Legal 500 is delighted to welcome you to the very first Middle East Disputes Summit. Having seen the amount of care and thought that has gone into the preparation of today’s conference, both by the team at The Legal 500 and the steering committee comprised of highly experienced regional general counsel who have made time in busy schedules to ensure that today’s summit will be valuable for all attending, Winston & Strawn is privileged to play a part in supporting this prestigious event.

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Today’s conference will cover the most topical issues in dispute resolution, from third-party funding to selecting the appropriate seat of arbitration. Above all, we hope you will find this gathering a useful opportunity to discuss how dispute resolution can more effectively serve the needs of business. The Legal 500 will continue to work on new and innovative ways of bringing GCs and their advisers together. If you have any suggestions for how we might make next year’s conference even better then please do let us know.

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James Howells QC is an English barrister who practises across a broad range of disputes in litigation, arbitration, adjudication and all methods of alternative dispute resolution. He has particular experience in energy and power-related disputes, and information technology disputes. Much of his work is international in nature and throughout his career he has advised on disputes in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Australia and across Asia.

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