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**Fadi Nader** obtained his **LL.B** in **1985** from **Saint Joseph University, Faculty of Law**, Beirut, Lebanon and his **LL.M** in **1986** from the **University of London, Queen Mary College**, London, UK.

Mr. Nader is a registered **Legal Consultant** with **The Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department** and is admitted as a **Legal Practitioner** at **DIFC Courts**. Mr. Nader is a member of the **Beirut Bar Association** (1985) and of the **International Bar Association** (1996). He also attended the prestigious Program of Instructions for Lawyers in 1999 at **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge Mass., USA.

Since 2018, Fadi Nader is the **Founder & Managing Partner** of **BRIDGE LEGAL GROUP**, a regional law firm with offices in **Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Beirut** and affiliated/correspondent offices throughout the GCC & Levant region. **Bridge Legal Group** is an active member of **ADVOC**, the leading international network of independent law firms providing global legal support and direct access to 93 selected law firms in 72 countries across the world.

Mr. Nader was the **Managing Partner** of the Riyadh office of **Levant Law Practice**, a regional law firm with offices in Beirut, Riyadh & Doha (2008-2018) and the former Regional General Counsel for **ALICO-AIG (currently METLIFE)** in the Middle East, Africa & South Asia region (2000-2008). Mr. Nader was also a Partner & General Counsel at **The International Investor (“TII”)**, a Kuwaiti based investment company with offices in London and Doha (1993-2000). Earlier in his career, he worked as an Associate Counsel at **Samir Saleh & Associates Law Firm** in London and in Private Banking with **Credit Commercial de France (London)**.

Mr. Nader advises on various aspects of cross borders and domestic transactions, including mergers and acquisitions; joint ventures and partnerships; banking and financing structures, insurance matters; oil exploration and production agreements; project finance; rights issues and private placements. He regularly acts as lead counsel and arbitrator in domestic and international commercial disputes as well as in insurance and reinsurance arbitrations.

Mr. Nader’s major completed transactions include the restructuring of a \$450M Lease Finance Facility to Kuwait Airways; advising on a \$120M Islamic Lease Facility to Kuwait Equate Petrochemical Co; structuring a \$65M Islamic Property Fund in England; drafting the offering documents of a \$800M Private Placement for Commercial Real Estate Company in Kuwait; advising on the setting up and licensing of a \$70M Insurance Joint Venture between Arab National Bank, MetLife and AIG in Saudi Arabia; acting as corporate counsel to MedGulf Group in a \$472M Syndicated Leveraged Buy Out Transaction, advising KARADENIZ Group on a \$360M Energy Conversion Contract concluded with the Lebanese Government. He also recently acted for Zurich Insurance Group (Switzerland) in the divestment of its equity investment in Zurich Insurance Middle East to CIGNA (USA) and for Fidelity Insurance Group in its acquisition of strategic equity stake in United Insurance Company (UAE).

**Chambers Global** ranks Fadi Nader as a **Leading Lawyer** in Insurance / Corporate Finance, commenting that he *“is known for his insurance capabilities and often acts on a variety of corporate, commercial and real estate matters. He also has significant financial law experience.”* He is also described by **Chambers Global** as a **Leading Lawyer** in Corporate Finance with *“experience across a range of areas, including insurance, M&A and private equity funds. In one work highlight, he counselled Fidelity Insurance & Reinsurance on its purchase of a 40% equity stake in a UAE based United Insurance Company.”* In 2020, **Chambers Global** listed Fadi Nader as a **Leading Lawyer** being *“a highly experienced lawyer who has recently founded Bridge Legal Group after leaving Levant Law Practice. Peers note that he has important clients in insurance. He also has experience in M&A and private equity funds”.* In 2021, **Fadi Nader** was described by **Chambers Global** as *“a skilled practitioner who possesses considerable strength acting for clients on local and international commercial mandates, including M&A, joint ventures and financings. He is notably engaged by clients in the oil and gas sector”.*

Fadi Nader was being endorsed for seven consecutive years as a **Leading lawyer**- Highly regarded in **IFLR1000 – Guide** to the World’s Leading Financial Law Firms.

Mr. Nader is the author of several articles on Company Law, Insurance Laws and Regulations, Oil & Gas, Islamic Finance and Public Policy matters. He has been a regular speaker in regional legal conferences and insurance regulatory workshops.

#### **Languages**

*Arabic, English, French, Spanish.*