

# Finance Monthly Global Awards 2012

**There can be little doubt that the last twelve months in the financial and legal sectors have been filled with peaks and troughs, of growth and recession. However, opportunities for investment and growth remain, albeit in less conventional sectors and regions, but the firms that recover and begin to thrive are undoubtedly the ones that are the most adaptive to the current state of flux. The Finance Monthly (FM) Global Awards 2012 recognise the achievements of firms that have evolved, adapted and innovated their services to meet the demands of a changing economic outlook.**

Over the past six months the FM research team have counted and collated hundreds of votes and nominations for the firms put forward by their clients and peers. In addition to the nominations, the research team considered external information such as previous accolades, client feedback and competitor analysis. This 360 degree approach to research means that each winning firm is thoroughly deserving of the Finance Monthly Global Awards accolade. The winners are experts in their field with each one playing their part in growth and investment, both on a national and international stage.

The FM team would like to thank all those that took part and voted making this awards edition possible. It only remains for me to offer my warmest congratulations to all the winners and wish them every success for the next twelve months.

*Rebecca Harris*  
*Editor*

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## Israel

### Firm Profile

"Afik Turgeman", since its inception in 2007 grants legal and business advice in a wide array of fields to business clients in Israeli and internationally.

Afik Turgeman was chosen as the only Israel member of the esteemed organization, the Euro-American Lawyers Group ([www.EALG.com](http://www.EALG.com)).

#### The Firm's Departments:

M&A and Commercial Department- Focuses on full and personal escort to businesses. Corporate law, businesses negotiations, international investments, complex business transactions, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, commercial agreements, governmental corporations, banking and finance, structured finance and "over-the-counter" financial derivatives, high-tech, license and distribution agreements and public tenders.

Additionally, the firm specializes in Antitrust and Securities, internal compliance programs, criminal law ("white collar" and economic crimes), commercial and general litigation, with specialty in shareholders disputes, tenders and public law

(constitutional law & administrative law), real estate and intellectual property.

#### The senior partners in Afik Turgeman:



**Doron Afik** – LL.B degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Admitted to practice in both Israel and New York. Licensed as a Notary Public in Israel.

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Law school professor in the areas of: Mergers and Acquisitions, Government and Municipal Corporations and New York Law. Serves as a director at several corporations. (English and Hebrew)



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## Banking & Insurance Law Firm of the Year



## Syria

### Fadis Sarkis



Fadis Sarkis, Managing Partner, joined the Firm in 1996 after completing an LLM in International Economic Law from University of Warwick in the United Kingdom. Fadi is the Firm's key player on both domestic and cross-border issues with a wealth of international experience complemented by local expertise and recognised a leader in the legal field by Chambers Global Guide. In addition to pioneering the incorporation of conventional and Islamic banks in Syria and the experience in the insurance and real estate development sectors, Fadi acquired vast experience as a legal expert and consultant for EU, World Bank and UN agencies in Syria and abroad. In addition, Fadi dealt in various international transactions, including project finance and M&A transactions, with focus on particular market sectors including energy and oil, telecoms, construction, real estate, and others. In 2010/11, Mr. Sarkis acted as the local counsel for the first IPP project in Syria.

### Firm Profile

The firm, established in 1960, is one of the largest integrated law firms in Syria providing a comprehensive range of specialised services meeting the needs of both domestic and international clients. Sarkis & Associates is reckoned as a leading Syrian law firm specialising in innovative, commercial solutions to most complex issues. Today, the firm is composed of 4 partners and 20 professional high-calibre lawyers specialised in different areas of practice, in addition to a pool of lawyers, paralegals, administrators, etc. The Firm operates through two strategically located offices in Damascus and has established a wide network of local lawyers in the Syrian governorates for handling local matters under direct supervision of the Damascus offices. In 2011, the Firm launched services in the UAE through a subsidiary registered in Ras Al Khaima, UAE. This is "still a leading firm if not the leading law firm in Syria," according to Chambers Global.

### Areas of Expertise

- Banking & Finance
- Corporate/ M&A
- Insurance
- Energy, Oil and Natural Resources
- Litigation and Arbitration
- Public Private Partnerships
- Procurement and Administrative Law
- Real Estate

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