

Investing in Africa, Asia and Middle East

Fieldfisher has over 400 lawyers situated in Europe, Asia and North America and we assist a wide range of international financial investors and investee companies on a full range of legal issues. Clients choose us to help them with their international investments as we have the experience to navigate even the most complicated challenges. We take time to understand our clients' business needs and together we find solutions.

We are the firm of choice for many of our international clients investing in or seeking to set up business in Africa, Asia or the Middle East as we understand the landscape in these less developed countries, the risks associated with investing in these territories and how best to structure an investment. In particular, we understand that projects in developing territories require careful consideration of risks and restrictions such as: permitted foreign direct and indirect investment; sovereign rights such as golden shares; expropriation, resource nationalism or creeping regulations that could diminish the value of the investment; the impact of sanctions coupled with potential bribery and corruption issues, currency control and currency risks, registration requirements to create legally enforceable rights as well as the need to consider whether to seek recourse to the court system or to arbitration for any dispute which may arise. We have developed the experience across our corporate, regulatory, tax, litigation, employment, intellectual property, energy and life sciences practice groups to deal effectively with all these issues, working closely where necessary with our selected local counsel.

"Very professional, very thorough, and dealt with a number of complex issues very thoughtfully."

**Quotation from
Fieldfisher Client**

"They are very responsive to our requests and able to drive a transaction process forward."

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"Responsive and commercial - they turn things around incredibly quickly. Strong and technical firm with high-calibre banking lawyers."

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"What the team is known for: Maintains a robust lender-focused practice."

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Some of our recent experience in Africa, Asia and Middle East

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Proparco

Advising Proparco on a secured loan to finance the construction and operation of an electricity generation plant in India by Gulbara Power Private Limited.

UK/Israel

Advising the lending teams of the UK branch, US branch and Israeli branch of an international bank in relation to its lending transactions.

Virgin Health Bank QSTB

Advising Virgin Health Bank QSTB LLC in relation to an equity subscription by the Qatar Foundation through Qatar Science and Technology.

Financial Institutions

We act for various financial institutions such as Europe Arab Bank plc and EBRD structuring and advising on their transactions.

KEFI Minerals plc

Advising KEFI Minerals plc in connection with various equity fundraisings and on a mining agreement with the Ethiopian government.

Proparco

Advising on Proparco's equity investment into Strides Pharma (Cyprus) Limited, being part of an Indian pharmaceutical group focusing on distribution in Africa.

Nigeria

Advising a major international bank on a structured stock loan transaction with Ecobank, a major Nigerian bank, under which the bank was provided with liquidity of USD\$300m.

Avocet Mining

Advising Avocet Mining, a West African gold mining and exploration company with operations in Burkina Faso and Guinea, on an unsecured on-demand loan from a corporate lender.

Gulfsands Petroleum PLC

Advising Gulfsands Petroleum PLC in respect of a convertible loan facility made available to it by a member of the Vitol Group as part of a strategic co-operation arrangement.

North River Resources plc

Advising North River Resources plc on a joint venture agreement with Baobab Resources plc relating to the development of the Monte Muande magnetite/phosphate.

Turkey

Advising a major conglomerate on an equity investment in a ferroalloy business in Turkey.

African Diamonds plc

Advising African Diamonds plc, a company quoted on AIM with diamond assets in Botswana in relation to an equity fundraising.

Turkey

Advising on a fundraising by way of a convertible loan and the farm-in acquisition of a 50% participating interest in an oil and gas licence in Turkey.

RBC Capital Markets

Advising RBC Capital Markets as corporate finance adviser to Rialto Energy Limited, an oil and gas exploration and development company with assets in offshore Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa.

Savannah Mining Limited

Advising Savannah Mining Limited, a company with mining assets in Nigeria, in connection with an equity fundraising.