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I'd like to take the opportunity this month to congratulate our Banking and Finance team on once again winning the 'Best Law Firm of the Year' award at the Banker Middle East

Industry Awards. This award is voted by banks in the region and is a great endorsement from our clients whom I sincerely thank for recognizing AI Tamimi as leaders in this area of practice.

I'd also like to acknowledge and congratulate Mohammed Al Marri, our joint-venture partner in Qatar for his appointment to the Al Tamimi partnership. We opened our office in Qatar in association with Mohammed Al Marri in 2004 and following considerable growth, opened an office in the Qatar Financial Centre in 2008. Mohammed's appointment brings the total number of partners at Al Tamimi to 38 – a team which I am very proud to lead.

There are a number of highlights this month which I'd like to bring your attention to. We present our Construction & Engineering team to youthrough our 'In Focus' section of the magazine and on a regional level, we present our office in Kuwait. I do trust you find the information presented of great use.

As we move closer to the summer holiday period, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish those of you travelling, a happy and safe holiday. It's been a very busy time for many of us so I'm sure the break is well deserved. I'd also like to extend my best wishes to all for a happy and holy month of August – Ramadan Kareem.

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