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Firm Profile:

Maalouf Ashford & Talbot is among the world's leading international financial services law firms with offices in New York City, London, Riyadh, Hong Kong, Shanghai, São Paulo and Beirut, and affiliated offices in over 30 different countries worldwide.

Maalouf Ashford & Talbot is at the forefront of the legal profession in structuring complex international business transactions and our Firm represents clients in numerous high-profile matters involving international oil & gas deals, mergers and acquisitions, IPO's, private equity, project finance, commodities, mining and cross-border transactions across the globe.

Combining a dedication to excellence with a commitment to superior client service, Maalouf Ashford & Talbot provides clients with a breadth of expertise uniquely suited to their legal needs. Maalouf Ashford has been honored as "Law Firm of the Year" on 74 occasions and categories, both in the U.S. and Asia.

Maalouf Ashford represents some of the world's most respected companies, and countries, in connection with their most complex and sophisticated international business transactions.

Recent Recognition:

Maalouf Ashford & Talbot has been named "Law Firm of the Year" in the United States, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and China on 74 different occasions and categories including:

In the United States:

International Trade & Finance Law Firm of the Year; Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year; M&A Law Firm of the Year; Corporate Law Firm of the Year; Oil & Gas Law Firm of the Year; Energy Law Firm of the Year; Mining Law Firm of the Year; Private Equity Law Firm of the Year; Capital Markets Law Firm of the Year; Shipping & Maritime Law Firm of the Year; Aviation Law Firm of the Year; Islamic Finance Law Firm of the Year; Internet & E-Commerce Law Firm of the Year; Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year; Real Estate Law Firm of the Year; Tax Law Firm of the Year; International Law Firm of the Year; Cross Border Law Firm of the Year and Full Service Law Firm of the Year.

In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

Overseas M&A Law Firm of the Year; Overseas Corporate Law Firm of the Year and Overseas Private Equity Law Firm of the Year.

In China:

Overseas M&A Law Firm of the Year; Overseas Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year and Overseas Cross Border Law Firm of the Year.

Unique Services of the Firm:

At Maalouf Ashford & Talbot, our Senior Partner, John J. Maalouf is personally involved in every deal.

Maalouf Ashford & Talbot, LLP has a worldwide reputation for quality of advice and breadth of expertise. Our attorneys have delivered results in complex matters involving international trade and finance, mergers and acquisitions, investment funds, energy, oil & gas transactions, IPO's, private placements, and international arbitrations around the globe.

In today's heavily regulated and competitive world, corporations are facing greater scrutiny and confronting more arduous challenges than ever before. At Maalouf Ashford & Talbot, LLP we pride ourselves on creating new and innovative ways to assist our clients in meeting those challenges, rather than explaining to them why "it can't be done". With a practice that offers unparalleled representation across a comprehensive range of legal areas, we have the ability to anticipate obstacles, seize opportunities and get the deal done, and the experience and know-how to prevent it from being undone.

About John J. Maalouf:

John J. Maalouf is ranked as one of the Top 10 International Trade & Finance Lawyers in the United States by the U.S. Lawyer Rankings, 2006 - 2013 Editions

John is Senior Partner at Maalouf Ashford & Talbot, LLP, one of the world's leading international law firms with offices in New York City, London, Riyadh, Shanghai, Hong Kong Sao Paulo and Beirut.

In addition, John is co-author of the book: "Inside the Minds: Best Practices for Mergers & Acquisitions in China", published by Thomson West, the world's most respected name in legal publishing. John focuses his legal practice

in the areas of international trade & finance law, mergers & acquisitions, oil & gas law, and corporate & securities law.

John J. Maalouf, Senior Partner of the Firm, is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of international trade and finance, mergers and acquisitions, business and corporate law, oil & gas law, energy law, banking law, cross border transactions and project finance. John has been ranked as one of the Top 10 International Trade & Finance Lawyers in the United States for the past eight consecutive years by the U.S. Lawyer Rankings due to his commitment to excellence and outstanding client service in the areas of international business law. John is also "AV Peer Review Rated", Martindale-Hubbell's highest recognition for legal ability and ethical standards.

Mr. Maalouf has represented clients throughout the world, including the U.S., China, Middle-East, EU, Japan, India, Australia, Russia and South America in complex matters involving international trade & finance, mergers & acquisitions, public offerings, international banking, project finance, capital markets, private equity, international oil & gas, mining and energy transactions.

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Corporate Law Firm of the Year
Energy, Oil & Gas Law Firm of the Year
Private Equity Law Firm of the Year
Capital Markets Law Firm of the Year
Shipping & Maritime Law Firm of the Year
Islamic Finance Law Firm of the Year
Tax Law Firm of the Year
Full Service Law Firm of the Year

IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

Overseas Oil & Gas Law Firm of the Year
Overseas M&A Law Firm of the Year
Overseas Corporate Law Firm of the Year

IN CHINA

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