

Our story: A world of expertise and experience

Global Alliance



RIAA Barker Gillette is an alliance of leading international, industry focused law firms, with presence in twelve cities across the UK, USA, Middle East and Asia.

Better together

Before formalising the alliance, its member firms, Barker Gillette LLP and RIAALAW enjoyed a long and prudent referral history, and in 2015 decided to formalise this prosperous arrangement under the umbrella alliance, RIAA Barker Gillette bringing together the vast experience and expertise of both firms to provide a co-ordinated and global legal service.

With a significant presence in the USA, UAE, Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, RIAALAW brought the alliance its expertise in project finance, M&A, banking and corporate finance, intellectual property, international trade, and dispute resolution, with specific industry focus on energy, telecommunications, infrastructure, mining and healthcare.

Barker Gillette LLP having merged with Lucas McMullan Jacobs in 2014 offered a high profile London based practice with specific expertise in the fields of corporate and commercial law, dispute resolution, commercial and residential property, employment law and private client.

Together the alliance offers a highly personal, formidably resourced legal capability in a number of jurisdictions across the world.

Ethos

The ethos behind such an alliance was to:

- offer clients an international range of legal services, constituting our core disciplines of corporate and commercial, dispute resolution, real estate and private client across multiple jurisdictions
- utilise the skills and expertise of each firm and, in particular, their complex cross-border capabilities advising domestic, regional and international clients (including multinational corporations, financial institutions, family business groups and high net worth individuals).

Mission statement

In short, our mission is to provide a high quality legal service to a broad range of clients at a cost-effective price, and to provide a full range of legal services in a practical and helpful manner, to meet our clients' needs.

Goals

- To deliver a consistently thorough, accurate, efficient and deeply personal service to a wide range of private and commercial clients.
- To represent good value for money.

- To be recognised internationally as providers of premium legal services with the highest professional standards.

Constitution

The alliance comprises distinct legal entities and trading names which operate out of different jurisdictions:

- **RIAA Barker Gillette** is based in Pakistan and has offices in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Peshawar and Faisalabad that together form one of the largest firms in the country. The firm offers a full range of corporate, commercial and dispute resolution legal services to international and domestic clients. In recognition of the outstanding quality of our legal services, we frequently feature in the top tier of all international and regional legal directories. The firm is Pakistan's exclusive representative of Lex Mundi, the world's leading association of independent law firms with the ability to access lawyers in 160+ jurisdictions.
- **RIAA Barker Gillette (AFG)** is based in Kabul. The office is the largest office of an international law firm in Afghanistan and has worked extensively in the legal and corporate environment of Afghanistan. The firm advises domestic and international clients in both the private and public sectors across a broad spectrum of industries. It has developed a niche in the areas of project finance, power projects, oil and gas projects, infrastructure projects, business set up, regulatory and corporate matters.
- **RIAA Barker Gillette (China) Co. Ltd**, has an established presence in Beijing. As part of the RIAA Barker Gillette alliance, it is perfectly placed to provide services to companies and individuals with business dealings in China and to assist Chinese companies with global initiatives, particularly in the UK, UAE, USA, Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- **RIAA Barker Gillette (Middle East) LLP** is a business law firm with an established presence in the Dubai International Financial Centre. Our team of senior advisers have vast experience on the ground in the Middle East, and combine industry knowledge with world-class technical skills in a broad range of legal disciplines, including corporate, commercial, private equity, finance and dispute resolution. Our traditional strengths vest in key sectors for regional economies, being power, oil and gas, infrastructure, financial services and international trade.
- **RIAA Barker Gillette (UK) LLP** is based in the West End of London and has over 30 years' experience advising businesses and individuals on corporate and

commercial transactional work, including employment and real estate, commercial, civil and white-collar criminal dispute resolution and private client matters.

- **RIAA Barker Gillette (USA)** operates from Washington and New York and provide a broad range of corporate and commercial advice to local and foreign clients with investments in the USA. We are particularly well known for their specialist knowledge of the country's healthcare and technology sectors and offer wide-ranging experience in international business transactions and disputes.

How we work

The alliance offers clients specialist legal advice in a range of areas and prides itself on having partners and lawyers who are accessible and have experience and flair, not just in narrow specialist fields, but across wider industry backgrounds. The alliance provides premium legal services to businesses and individuals and is made up of multi-disciplinary, industry-focused specialists.

We are committed to not only providing the highest standards of legal advice, but also offer a commercial perspective designed to help our clients reach their business goals. Our advice is always clear and grounded in an understanding of our clients' operations.

Our clients' benefit from our teams' advice at all times, with guaranteed partner attention. We pride ourselves on building good client relationships and if a client wants a partner to deal with a matter from start to finish, their wish is paramount.

We are committed to offering commercially oriented solutions. We tailor our advice to meet our clients' specific circumstances and offer realistic solutions.

Simply stated, our objective is to look after our clients' best interests with the emphasis on quality. We adopt a boutique approach to our practice in order to ensure the highest quality offering for our clients. We are always seeking ways of being more efficient and providing a better service to our clients.

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