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Abdus Samad (Samad) is a corporate lawyer based in Afridi & Angell's Dubai office. He specialises in M&A and corporate transactions and has extensive knowledge and experience in cross-border matters, including complex acquisitions and divestitures for a broad range of public and private sector clients.

He also advises on a broad range of regulatory, fintech and cryptocurrency-related matters including anti-money laundering, sanctions and other compliance matters and enforcement issues.

Samad has been ranked as a "Next Generation Partner" for commercial, corporate and M&A in Legal 500 EMEA.

Samad has led a wide range of M&A transactions. These include:

- Advising the vendor in the sale of three related schools in the Emirate of Sharjah for USD 100 million. The deal included a leasing arrangement pursuant to which the vendor will continue to own the property on which the schools are built and will lease the property to the purchaser.
- Advising the vendors on the sale of an 80 per cent stake in a Dubai-based school to a GCC private equity firm for AED 200 million.
- Advising the purchaser on all aspects of its acquisition of the freight forwarding business of a leading logistics services provider. This deal was structured as an asset purchase and accordingly required complex completion arrangements with regard to the relevant UAE assets and employees. It also concerned the acquisition of assets in over 11 foreign jurisdictions.
- Advising Siemens AG and Alstom S.A on all UAE competition aspects of the abortive merger of Alstom S.A with Siemens AG's mobility division. This is widely considered to be among the first merger clearance requests to be submitted in the UAE.
- Advised London Stock Exchange Group plc on all UAE competition and merger control aspects of its USD 27 billion all-share acquisition of Refinitiv.

Areas of Practice

- Corporate and Commercial
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Compliance
- Fintech

Admissions and Affiliations

- Punjab Bar Council
- Law Society of England and Wales

Education

- LL.B., King's College London, 2011

Languages

- English
- Urdu