

Al Tamimi & Company Appoints Sherif El Atfy as Head of Energy in Egypt to Lead Sector Growth and Innovation

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Al Tamimi & Company, the leading full-service law firm in the Middle East, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Sherif El Atfy as Head of Energy in the firm's Egypt office. Sherif joins the firm with a wealth of experience advising local and international clients across the full spectrum of the energy sector, including oil and gas, renewables, power, and infrastructure projects.

With over three decades of experience, Sherif is widely recognized for his deep understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks governing Egypt's energy market. His expertise spans complex project development, cross-border transactions, public-private partnerships, and regulatory compliance. Sherif has advised on some of the most high-profile energy deals in the region and is known for his strategic insight and commercial acumen.

Sherif's legal journey also includes extensive in-house experience, having served as a legal counsel at British Petroleum for four years and as General Counsel for ExxonMobil Egypt for 23 years. These roles have given him a unique perspective on the practical legal and commercial challenges facing energy companies, further enriching his ability to deliver tailored, business-focused legal solutions.

"We are thrilled to welcome Sherif to the firm," said Ayman Nour, Partner and Head of the Egypt Office. "His arrival comes at a pivotal time as Egypt continues to prioritize energy diversification, sustainability, and infrastructure growth. Sherif's leadership will be instrumental in strengthening our capabilities and expanding our offering to clients operating in this critical sector."

Jody Waugh, Managing Partner of Al Tamimi & Company, added: "Sherif's appointment is an exciting milestone for our firm as we continue to invest in high-growth sectors across the region. The energy sector is central to economic development in MENA, and Sherif's proven track record and leadership will bring tremendous value to our clients. We are confident he will play a key role in driving our energy strategy forward both in Egypt and across our wider network."

Commenting on his new role, Sherif said: “I’m excited to join Al Tamimi & Company and lead its energy practice in Egypt. The firm’s regional footprint and strong sector focus present a unique opportunity to deliver high-value legal services to clients navigating the evolving energy landscape in Egypt and beyond.”

Sherif’s appointment reinforces Al Tamimi & Company’s commitment to providing market-leading legal support across the energy value chain and further solidifies the firm’s position as a regional powerhouse in this space.

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