

## WFW BOOSTS MIDDLE EAST AVIATION AND AEROSPACE FOOTPRINT WITH DUBAI COUNSEL HIRE

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**Watson Farley & Williams (“WFW”) is pleased to announce that aviation finance expert Igor Bichenkov has joined the firm’s Dubai office as Counsel, having spent the past 15 years at Clifford Chance in London, Moscow and Dubai.**

Whilst Igor is recognised as an expert in aviation finance and leasing, he also has considerable experience working for financial institutions and sponsors in project finance, general banking, export finance, acquisition finance and Islamic finance.

WFW Global Aviation and Aerospace Sector Head **Jim Bell** commented: “I’m delighted to welcome Igor to WFW. The Middle East is very important to the aviation sector and Igor’s arrival represents an opportunity for our firm to strengthen our offering in the region for current and prospective clients”.

Igor added: “WFW is recognised as a leader in transportation, energy and infrastructure and I’m thrilled at the prospect of working alongside my new colleagues to help further entrench its reputation for excellence across the Middle East”.

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