YAZEN ALTUNSI

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Saudi national and bilingual Arabic–English corporate law graduate, holding an LL.M. in Corporate Law from the University of Edinburgh (Merit) with an LL.B. (2:1) from the University of Reading. Practical exposure at international law firms including Linklaters (Dubai) and Kennedys, supporting due diligence, corporate transaction analysis, and client-focused legal work. Strong legal research, drafting, and commercial awareness across UK and GCC contexts. Seeking a Trainee Lawyer role with a commercial law firm in Riyadh, with particular interest in cross-border transactions, corporate governance, and capital markets.

EDUCATION

LL.M. in Corporate Law, University of Edinburgh 2024 – 2026

- Classification: Merit.
- Core modules: Corporate Law and Economics, Advanced Capital Markets, Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Company Law.

LL.B. in Law (Honours), University of Reading 2021 – 2024

- Classification: Upper Second Class Honours (2:1).
- Key focus: developed a strong foundation in English common law, with particular emphasis on contract law and commercial law.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Work Experience, Linklaters LLP September 2022

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

- Conducted corporate due diligence on cross-border acquisition scenarios, systematically reviewing commercial documentation to isolate regulatory risks.
- Analysed transaction materials to evaluate deal structures, contractual provisions, and compliance hurdles affecting multi-jurisdictional workflows.
- Identified commercially significant issues within acquisition targets, assisting in highlighting risks relevant to legal and transaction teams.
- Drafted structured legal summaries to translate complex transactional findings into clear, commercially relevant insights for senior teams.
- Utilised Westlaw and LexisNexis to execute targeted legal research regarding applicable regulatory principles in the UK and GCC regions.
- Observed cross-border transactions and gained exposure to the lifecycle of international deals, including coordination across multiple jurisdictions.

Client Interviewing Workshop Participant, Kennedys October 2023

Reading, United Kingdom

- Conducted structured mock client intake interviews, successfully diagnosing primary legal issues and evaluating potential case risks.
- Formulated preliminary legal strategies and solution-focused responses under simulated high-pressure environments.
- Demonstrated clear, professional communication with clients, managing expectations and delivering structured legal responses.
- Collaborated in peer teams to evaluate diverse legal approaches and refine client risk-management techniques.

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMMES

Commercial Law Virtual Cohorts, Forage

Freshfields, Slaughter and May, Baker McKenzie, Ashurst

- Evaluated regulatory and competition risks within simulated M&A transactions, gaining exposure to complex corporate financing structures.
- Drafted mock settlement terms and verified IPO prospectus documents against strict regulatory frameworks.
- Prepared client-focused pitch materials, focusing on clarity, structure, and commercial relevance.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Treasurer, University of Reading Arab Society September 2022 – May 2023

- Managed the annual organisational budget, creating transparent tracking and reporting systems to secure financial sustainability.
- Collaborated with committee executives to allocate resources efficiently and deliver high-attendance cultural events.
- Contributed to decision-making on resource allocation and event planning within a committee-led environment.

KEY SKILLS

Legal skills: Corporate and Commercial Law | Corporate Governance | Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) | Due Diligence | Transaction Analysis | Contract Review | Legal Drafting | Client Interviewing | Regulatory Risk Assessment

Technical skills: Westlaw, LexisNexis, Microsoft Word (legal drafting and document production), Excel, PowerPoint.

Languages: Arabic (native), English (fluent)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Professional interests: applications of AI in legal technology; global macroeconomic trends affecting cross-border deals; developments in commercial law and corporate governance.

Personal interests: football and competitive strategy games.

REFERENCES

Available on request.