The Acting Law of the AIFC

During the recent years, the acting law of the AIFC and the AIFC jurisdiction itself have become a well-known and widely used jurisdiction. Nur-Sultan’s office of GRATA International has a wide experience and deep knowledge in the application of the acting law of the AIFC and its legal acts.

Our team in Nur-Sultan actively participates as volunteer lawyers of the AIFC Law Pro Bono Office on a regular basis where the applicants express their impression with the qualified advice.

Services:

- Incorporation of the companies within the AIFC;
- Acquisition of the companies under the acting law of the AIFC;
- Advising on any legal queries of the clients under the acting law of the AIFC;
- Advising on licensing issues within the AIFC;
- Advising on the regulatory matters of the AIFC;
- Advising on corporate governance within the AIFC;
- Issuance of the Legal Opinions on Good Standing of the companies registered within the AIFC;
- Advising on work permits and work visa under the acting law of the AIFC;
- Advising on the issuance of shares of companies registered in the AIFC and change of share capital;
- Advising on a possibility of redomiciliation of a foreign legal entity to the territory of AIFC;
- Advising on a possibility of redomiciliation of a company registered in the AIFC to the foreign jurisdictions;
- Preparation of the drafts of corporate / foundation documents for companies registered in the AIFC;
- Preparation of the draft partnership agreements under the AIFC Law.
Experience

Kazakhstan

- Registration of one of the largest Russian oil and gas companies as a member of the AIFC;
Registration of the Chinese company as a member of the AIFC;
Registration of the Arabian investment company, obtaining a license, opening a bank account, as well as preparing a corporate governance policy consolidating activities;
Preparation of legal opinions on the Acting law of the AIFC on various issues within the framework of financing a project for the construction of a hotel complex in South Kazakhstan;
Preparation of legal opinions on the current AIFC law for a resident AIFC-Turkish company;
Advising on obtaining a Collective Investment Program license, AML policy requirements, corporate governance requirements, job descriptions, etc.
Advising an AIFC participant on the merger of resident companies of Kazakhstan, established in the form of LLP, to a private company form in the AIFC, for the purpose of carrying out a single activity on the territory of the AIFC;
Advising German, British banks and brokers as joint global coordinators in the public offering by JSC Holding Group Almex of its shares in JSC Halyk Bank, the largest bank in Kazakhstan, by way of issuance and placement of global depositary receipts representing the shares, on LSE and Astana International Exchange (“AIX”) (in the territory of Astana International Financial Center);
Advising one of the operators of the intellectual video monitoring system that records offense on the streets and roads of the city on the preparation of a partnership agreement in accordance with the Acting law of the AIFC;
Advising CICC on regulatory aspects of its activity as a broker on AIX;
Advising various financial institutions on marketing and regulatory requirements applicable in AIFC, including in relation to the transactions made through AIX;
Advising Mastercard on capacity of its potential customers and partners registered in AIFC.
Advising Shanghai Stock Exchange on its establishment of AIX as a joint venture with AIFC;

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