

# Yusuf Battiwala

## Partner



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## Overview

Yusuf is a partner in Dentons' London office. He is a member of the Banking and Finance practice group.

Yusuf focuses on derivatives and structured finance, both conventional and Islamic. He regularly advises banks, corporates, funds and industry bodies on a wide range of derivatives and structured finance transactions across the full range of asset classes including rates, FX, credit, equities and commodities.

Yusuf has extensive experience in advising on derivatives and structured finance transactions in emerging markets and has advised on a number of market-leading transactions. He is renowned for his knowledge of Islamic derivatives and structured finance.

## Experience

- **Various banks, corporates and funds:** Advising on a variety of derivatives and structured finance transactions across the full range of asset classes including rates, FX, credit, equities and commodities.
- **Various clients:** Structuring and drafting documentation for a wide range of Shari'ah-compliant derivatives transactions.
- **Various clients:** Advising on derivatives-based financing transactions including repos, total return swaps and margin loans (both conventional and Shari'ah compliant).
- **Various major investment banks:** Advising on Shari'ah-compliant structured products, including securities programs that use Islamic contracts such as the wa'd, murabaha and wakala to generate Shari'ah-compliant returns.
- **ISDA and IIFM:** Acting as counsel on the development of market standard Islamic FX forward documentation.
- **Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency Treasury Committee:** Acting as counsel on the development of industry-wide template documentation for Saudi derivatives transactions (both conventional and Shari'ah compliant).

- **ISDA and a group of dealers:** Acting as counsel on the development of template documentation for credit default swaps on sukuk.
- **Various clients:** Advising on the latest regulatory developments affecting the derivatives markets.

## Recognition

Yusuf is recommended in *The Legal 500* for Islamic Finance. He has also been named as one of the World's Leading Islamic Finance Lawyers in a number of categories (including Asset and Fund Management, Banking and Capital Markets and Structured Finance) by *Islamic Finance News*.

## Activities and Affiliations

### Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons (2019 to date)
- Counsel, Allen & Overy (2004 – 2018)

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Banking and Finance
- Capital Markets
- Islamic Finance
- Derivatives and Structured Products
- Securities and Corporate Finance

## Education

- Nottingham Law School, 2004, Legal Practice Course
- University of Warwick, 2003, LLB Law

## Admissions and qualifications

- Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2006

## Languages

- English
- Hindi
- Urdu