



Message from the DCCI's Director General

It is my distinct honour and privilege to welcome you to the 1st issue of the **DIAC Journal** – "*Arbitration in the Middle East*".

Since its opening last May, the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) has been continuously updating its services to meet the needs of international commercial arbitration practitioners. This includes, amongst other things, formulating new relationships with international arbitration organisations and law firms from various countries and legal backgrounds, designing a new website and establishing different categories of membership to the Centre.

This English-Arabic journal comes as part of the DIAC's initiative towards providing a better level of service to its members and the international legal and business communities. In keeping with its new strategy, the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry proudly recognises DIAC's autonomy and supports the role it plays in providing dispute resolution services to the regional and international markets.

I welcome this initiative and I hope that you will find it both useful and informative.

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