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On the Brink: Rescue or Ruin?
A Case Study on Business Recovery and Rebuilding Trust

3pm-6.30pm, Wednesday 11 November 2026
The Grill, 4th floor, Capital Club, Gate Village Building #3, DIFC, Dubai

This session will consider the high-level issues of principle facing emerging insolvency regimes in the region and offer practical insight, through a worked example, of the challenges and opportunities for businesses in distress from the very early stages of financial decline to creating long term solutions, including the disputes perspective.

We will provide a practical look into an alternative insolvency mechanism which is available onshore in mainland UAE and in the offshore DIFC and ADGM jurisdictions. You will leave this session with a deeper understanding of how this insolvency mechanism can positively assist and support our community, save jobs and foster trust between businesses and people alike. Let's not wait until the proverbial writing is on the wall, let's deal with the problems, together.

3pm-4pm	Registration and afternoon tea
4pm-5pm	Case study
5pm-6.30pm	Networking reception

Please register your attendance via the link below.

If you have any questions, please email events@gatehouselaw.co.uk.

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Jonathan Titmuss
Barrister, Gatehouse Chambers



Jonathan Titmuss is a highly regarded senior barrister who specialises in insolvency and restructuring.

Ranked for his insolvency expertise in both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500, he is noted as having *"wide knowledge of technical insolvency and exceptional attention to detail"* and having *"sound commercialism"*. He also accepts instructions in insolvency-related commercial and property disputes.

Jonathan is known as a tenacious advocate and skilled strategist and tactician. He is popular and well respected by both his lay and professional clients for whom he is often seen as "go to" counsel.

Ashton Cooke
Partner, ADG Legal



Ashton is a Partner in ADG's International Disputes team and leads the fraud, asset recovery and insolvency work before the DIFC, ADGM and onshore UAE courts. She has sixteen years of experience in commercial dispute resolution, having practised as both an admitted solicitor and a barrister in South Africa before relocating to the United Arab Emirates. She acts for clients in commercial and contractual disputes, restructuring, insolvency, bankruptcy, rehabilitation matters and insurance matters. Her years at the Bar established her as a persuasive orator, able to reduce complex facts to clear argument in court proceedings and private arbitrations.

She is equally active in non-contentious work, negotiating, drafting and reviewing contracts of every description. Clients value the time she takes to understand a business and the pressures upon it, which allows her to resolve the matter in hand and to put safeguards in place protecting the client's longer-term position.

Amna Mustafa Abdullah
Associate, ADG Legal



Amna is known for a meticulous work ethic and close attention to detail, and brings a solid grasp of legal procedure together with strong organisational skills. She offers extensive support to legal teams across various litigation matters, all directed towards ensuring that contentious proceedings run smoothly for the firm's clients. Her caseload covers commercial, real estate and labour disputes. Before joining ADG Legal she gained experience in private notary services, which gave her a practical grounding in the documentary requirements that underpin much contentious and transactional work in the United Arab Emirates.

She holds a Bachelor of Law with first-class honours from United Arab Emirates University in Al Ain and a Master's degree in Legal and Judicial Studies from the College of Law at Zayed University in Abu Dhabi, where her thesis addressed the legal treatment of the UAE civil procedure law. During her undergraduate years she took part in regional moot courts and was recognised as best oralist.

Antony Smith
Director, Fox Smith Associates Ltd



Antony Smith is the Managing Director of Fox Smith Associates, a boutique tax advisory and accountancy firm specialising in providing advice to high-net-worth individuals, entrepreneurs, families and corporates across the UK and UAE.

With extensive experience in UK taxation, international structuring, corporate advisory and financial management, Antony advises clients on complex cross-border matters, business restructuring and strategic tax planning.

Antony works closely with business owners and their professional advisers, providing practical commercial insight into financial challenges, risk management and international expansion.