

## Cotty Vivant flies French flag in Dubai

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French firm [Cotty Vivant Marchisio & Lauzerat](#) has opened an office in Dubai to be spearheaded by a former founding partner of Brandford-Griffith & Associés (BGA), the first French firm to launch in Dubai.

Nigel Hartridge, who launched BGA's Dubai office back in 2007, will head Cotty's Dubai branch. The firm is targeting French clients investing in the Middle East and Gulf investors in Europe, and will provide advice on corporate and capital markets transactions and commercial disputes.

The Asia-focused firm opened an office in [Singapore](#) last year to add to its presence in Tokyo and Paris. Partner Fabrice Marchisio said that the Dubai office is part of a broader development strategy. "The Middle East ...and Dubai, in particular, has considerable potential by virtue of its position in the region, its political and judicial stability and its strong economic growth in the medium and long term," he said.



### Cotty Vivant - overseas offices

Offices	Headcount
Paris	Partners: 13
<a href="#">Singapore</a>	Total lawyers: 45
Tokyo	
Dubai	