



Lengthy Abraaj trial defending a multi-million dollar fraud claim draws to a close (1)

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Ogier's Cayman dispute resolution team was instrumental in the recent eight-week trial (held over three months) before the Cayman Grand Court, in *Abdulhameed Jafar v Abraaj Holdings and Others* FSD 203 of 2020 (NSJ). These proceedings arose from the dramatic collapse of the Abraaj group, a once-dominant Private Equity group in the Middle East at its height said to have had over US\$13 billion of reported assets under management. The claims relate to three loans of approximately US\$350m alleged to have been made to certain entities in the Abraaj group in late 2017.

Ogier has acted for the Fourth Defendant in these proceedings since their commencement in 2020 and has been crucial to bringing about the efficient hearing of the claim in these complex proceedings and the clients' many successes in the preceding years. The team was led by partner Jennifer Fox, and comprised Rebecca Findlay, Farrah Sbaiti, James Clifford, Victoria King, and Jessica-Leigh Knowles. Also contributing to the effort were articled clerks Ghita Moyle, Raedean Simpson and Wray Sulisz with paralegal Shay Miller, rounding out a team marked by dedication and legal acumen and representative of the quality of the broader team and its capabilities.

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