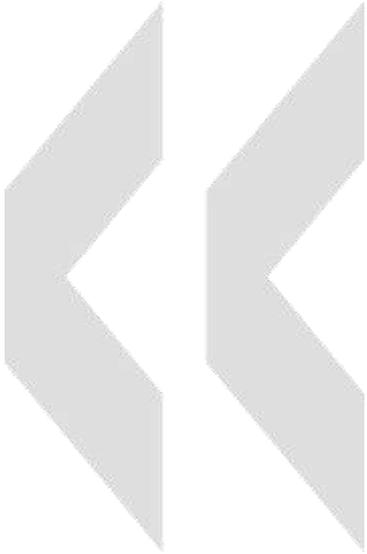


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- Representation of a construction company as Respondent in an ICC arbitration in Paris initiated by a European bank in relation to the construction and management of a high standard hospital.
- Representation of the subsidiary of a Middle Eastern conglomerate as Claimant in an ICC arbitration in London against the main subsidiary and the holding company of an Asian conglomerate in a dispute arising from the breach of a sales contract.
- Representation of an individual as Claimant in an ICC arbitration against a European bank in a dispute arising in connection with a \$125 million financial security.
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