



Press release

UGGC Africa

A new pan-African vision of business law arises in Casablanca.

UGGC Law Firm, a business law firm established in Casablanca, renames UGGC Africa to become a new integrated African platform for legal and tax advice.

It strengthens its continental influence through partnerships with two leading African law firms in Ivory Coast and Cameroon. This alliance embodies shared visions and values and the ambition to offer the best of international expertise and local roots.

The UGGC Africa network will soon expand with new partners firms from other countries in the Africa region.

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Born from innovation

With 11 locations on 4 continents, UGGC Avocats - a leading French international law firm - opens in 2002 a pioneering office in Casablanca.

Pursuing the innovative vision of the firm, Ali Bougrine, Managing Partner of the Casablanca office, with the support of the Paris office, launches UGGC Africa.

Born from an alliance with two leading law firms in Ivory Coast and Cameroon (Dirabou & Associés in Abidjan and D.Moukouri & Partners in Douala), UGGC Africa offers its clients both expertise and a pan-African dimension.

UGGC Africa is already considering partnering with other African firms to strengthen its presence on the continent.

Built on a vision

The UGGC Africa network results from a pan-African think tank movement to best serve client interests on the continent.

It is a concrete and perfect merger of leading legal and tax African practices combined with international professional standards.

UGGC Africa's teams share the same values (benevolence, trust, transparency and ethics) and a client-centred approach focused on creativity, responsiveness and added value.

Also, UGGC Africa pays particular attention to the individual development of its employees through training, both initial and ongoing.

As a commitment, the Casablanca office set up internship agreements with Mohammed V University and the International University of Rabat Law School (IUR), two of the most prestigious Moroccan Law, Economic and Social Sciences Universities.

This innovative and inspiring approach will extend to all countries where the UGGC Africa network is present.

Realising an ambition

UGGC Africa is part of the best law firms on the African continent consistently awarded by the leading legal guides and highly ranked in corporate law (by The Legal 500, Chambers and Partners, IFLR 1000, Jeune Afrique, Leaders League, etc...).

With a team of 8 partners and 30 practitioners, UGGC Africa covers more than 20 business law practices, including M&A, Private Equity, International Investments, Anti-Trust, Litigation and Arbitration.

Through a multidisciplinary approach: a client-focused relationship, as well as a territorial network and a perfect understanding of local specificities, UGGC Africa provide all its local and international clients with support tailored to their expectations and their strategic challenges.

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ABOUT

UGGC AVOCATS

Founded in 1993, UGGC Avocats is one of the leading independent French law firms. Thanks to its steady growth and the durability of its teams, the firm has been able to establish a presence on four continents: Europe, Africa, Asia and South America. With a total staff of nearly 200, UGGC Avocats brings together lawyers from different backgrounds: associate professors of law, former legal directors, tax advisors, lecturers or teachers, all of whom are among the best specialists in their fields, with the ambition of satisfying all the needs of clients, whatever their issues and sectors of activity.

Our lawyers, a third of whom now practice outside France, are recognised for the quality of the services they provide and consistently recognised by the best guides and directories in the market (The Legal 500, Chambers and Partners, etc...). The firm favours a collaborative approach and pays particular attention to individual development through ongoing training; many trainees become associates before being partners.

Personal initiatives that give rise to joint projects are also encouraged. The launching of UGGC Africa in Casablanca and the privileged partnerships signed with two first-class law firms (in Cameroon and Ivory Coast), in line with the development of the firm's activities on the African continent, are part of this dynamic.

UGGC AFRICA

Since 2002, UGGC Avocats has had pioneering visions. It was the first independent French law firm to open an office in Casablanca and an Africa Desk in Paris. These two platforms enabled it to operate in the Maghreb and sub-Saharan, Central and West Africa.

Almost 20 years later, the logical continuation stated in launching UGGC Africa to materialise its pan-African development. With the addition of two leading law firms in Ivory Coast and Cameroon into its network, UGGC Africa can offer corporate law expertise of the highest international standards, combined with a strong regional focus. With a team of 8 partners and 30 lawyers, UGGC Africa covers more than 20 business law practices (M&A, Private Equity, International Investments, Anti-Trust, Litigation and Arbitration, etc...).

DIRABOU & ASSOCIÉS

Founded in 1985 by Mathurin Dirabou, later joined by his two partners Flavia Dirabou and Ericson Dirabou, Dirabou & Associés specialises in business law.

Based in Abidjan, it relies on the complementary expertise of its partners to offer a complete service in corporate law, structural law, environmental law and private equity, with a solid experience in financing. The team advises Ivorian and foreign companies, independent or subsidiaries of international groups, operating in industry, services, financial management or real estate development. Dirabou & Associés has joined UGGC Africa in 2021.

D. MOUKOURI & PARTNERS

The law firm D. MOUKOURI & Partners, based in Cameroon, specialises in business law and digital law.

The team works on large-scale projects, both local and international, with the ambition of offering a complete legal service of the highest standards. Lawyers of the Douala office assist their clients in English, French and Spanish and have a perfect command of OHADA regulations. The firm is also a consultant for the World Bank's international Doing Business and Public Procurement programmes. MOUKOURI & Partners has joined UGGC Africa in 2021.