



has also recently come under the spotlight with the introduction of a new foreign direct investment law. The new law allows investors to own up to 100 percent of the share capital of onshore companies in most sectors of the economy, subject to the satisfaction of certain criteria.

This edition also provides a helpful guide on foreign direct investment in Kuwait and sheds some light as to how to approach the Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority to obtain a foreign investment licence which enables foreign individuals or entities to own up to 100 percent of the equity in a company established and registered in Kuwait.

Finally, but yet importantly, this edition addresses foreign direct investment in the real estate sector in the GCC, Jordan and Egypt and the sensitive balance to be struck between opening up real estate to foreign investment and protecting national stability, as well as suggests steps that the policy-maker can take to mitigate this sensitivity.

We are, as a firm, hopeful that this year will bring along an increase in foreign direct investment as a result of the region's proactive response to the shift in the global economic landscape.