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GRATA International in Chambers Global 2022

Following the release of **Chambers Global 2022**, one of the most reputable international legal directories identifying best legal experts across the globe, GRATA International solidifies its position as one of the leading law firms in Eastern Europe and Central Asia by entering rankings in six countries.

In Azerbaijan, the team of Baku office and its director, [Umami Jalilova](#), have both been noted by Chambers Global and ranked in Band 3. The researchers have praised the full-service offering of GRATA in Azerbaijan and have given individual credit to the team's dedication, commitment and care to its clients. One client remarks that "a true passion for her job and positivity at all times make Umami stand out," while another appreciates that she is "always willing to provide help and support."

[Dmitry Viltovsky](#), managing partner and head of GRATA's M&A and corporate team in Minsk, enters the cohort of leading lawyers in Belarus with rankings in Band 4. The editorial team notes Dmitry's expertise in M&A and corporate mandates and his projects advising foreign companies on market entry to Belarus.

GRATA International achieves positions in all practice areas of rankings in Kazakhstan:

- ▶ Corporate and Finance (Band 2)
- ▶ Dispute Resolution (Band 2)
- ▶ Energy & Natural Resources (Band 3)

In the Corporate and Finance practice, teams lead by [Shaimerden Chikanayev](#), [Marina Kahiani](#), and [Igor Lukin](#) firmly stand in Band 2. The research team have given special praise to the team's impressive regional expertise in providing legal advice to international financial institutions in major project financing transactions.

GRATA's Dispute Resolution team, noted for its expertise in commercial disputes, including debt recovery, contractual and shareholder disputes as well as regulatory cases, ranks in Band 2. [Askar Konysbayev](#), partner at GRATA's Dispute Resolution practice, was identified among Kazakhstan's leading litigators, and was ranked in "Up and Coming" category.

In Energy & Natural Resources practice, GRATA's team lead by [Almat Daumov](#) holds rankings in Band 3. Construction projects, M&A mandates and regulatory support are all areas of experience, including subsoil licensing issues.

In the *Kyrgyz Republic*, GRATA's Bishkek team advances to Band 1. Chambers described the team as a well-established, market-leading law firm in the Kyrgyz Republic, catering to a distinguished clientele of international corporates and financial institutions. A client praises GRATA International's ability to "solve difficult legal issues," and notes the firm's "high level of client service." Another source appreciates the firm's regional presence, reporting that "it is a renowned international legal firm, especially having a presence in Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic." Key partners of Bishkek office, [Nurlan Kyshtobaev](#) and [Elvira Maratova](#) were selected as some of the best lawyers in the country and ranked in Band 1 and "Up and Coming" respectively.

GRATA's *Dushanbe* office continued the success of their colleagues and retained its Band 1 ratings in Tajikistan. Particular praise was given for teams work in handling companies from the e-commerce, mining and healthcare industries. Impressed by GRATA International, a source appreciates that "all of our requests are fulfilled in a fairly short time and with high quality." A source says that the team "demonstrates subject area knowledge and has experience in the region."

Key partners of Dushanbe office, [Kamoliddin Mukhamedov](#) was identified as one of the leading experts in the country and

“Spotlight Table” respectively, and [Nurlan Kyshtobaev](#) were selected as some of the best lawyers in the country and “Expertise based abroad in Kyrgyz Republic”. A source indicates that “he is very familiar with the banking legislation of Tajikistan.”

In Uzbekistan, GRATA received Band 2 rating. The research team of Chambers & Partners noted the full-service scope of the Tashkent office of GRATA International: corporate structuring, tax, employment and commercial matters. The team also handles project financing, with expertise in matters related to the exploration, extraction and transportation of natural resources, as well as work in the pharmaceutical and finance sectors. Clients remark that the lawyers at GRATA International “have long experience of handling and solving complex business-related matters.”

Three partners of GRATA International in Uzbekistan are named among the best practitioners in the country - [Bakhodir Jabborov](#), [Nodir Yuldashev](#) and [Atabek Sharipov](#).

[Bakhodir Jabborov](#), managing partner and director of GRATA's office in Tashkent, was ranked in Band 2 for his experience and credibility in the market. He acts on a broad range of cross-border corporate and projects matters. Interviewees remark: “He is known for his knowledge in the mining sector.”

[Nodir Yuldashev](#), Partner of GRATA’s office in Tashkent, was ranked in Band 2. He provides non-contentious and contentious expertise, regularly assisting clients with high-value, cross-border corporate and finance transactions. He also provides a skilful handling of joint ventures and various aspects of energy projects.

[Atabek Sharipov](#) received recognition for his substantial experience in the banking and finance sector, and expertise in cross-border project finance and secured lending mandates.

Building on its success in Chambers Global, GRATA International expands its position as the leading law firm in the region.

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