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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Ais is a Partner and Head of the Dubai office at TA Advisory. A triple-qualified lawyer (England & Wales, Ireland (EU), and Russia), she brings a truly international perspective to her practice, with extensive experience advising clients across both common law and civil law jurisdictions.

An international disputes lawyer by background, Ais specialises in complex, multi-jurisdictional litigation, cross-border insolvency, and global asset tracing and recovery. She has acted as counsel in high-value arbitration proceedings under the rules of leading institutions, including the ICC, DIAC, ICAC, LCIA, SCC, and the Swiss Arbitration Centre, as well as in ad hoc arbitrations conducted under the UNCITRAL Rules.

In addition to her counsel work, she also sits as an arbitrator and is listed with the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC, UAE), arbitrateAD (Abu Dhabi, UAE), the Energy Disputes Arbitration Centre (EDAC, Turkey), and the Astana International Arbitration Centre (AIAC, Kazakhstan). Ais also regularly acts as a foreign law expert in international arbitration proceedings and before foreign state courts.

Prior to moving to Dubai, Ais practised in London, where she handled English law matters, including LCIA arbitrations and proceedings before the High Court of Justice.

Since relocating to the UAE, Ais has expanded her practice to include UAE law matters. As Head of the Dubai office, she has led the development and strategic growth of the firm's presence in the region. She oversees the local team and drives the office's expansion across key sectors, including banking and finance, energy, transport and aviation, fintech, construction, and infrastructure.

Ais is recognised by Best Lawyers for her work in International Arbitration, Arbitration and Mediation, Insolvency, and Litigation. She has also been named a Rising Arbitrator by the Rising Arbitrators Initiative and a NextGen Arbitrator.

Ais is a PhD candidate with an educational background in the U.S. She regularly speaks at global conferences and conducts training within her areas of expertise.

WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2023 – Present	**TA ADVISORY** *Partner, Head of Dubai Office*	Dubai, UAE
Sep 2021 – Apr 2023	**GATELEY LEGAL** *Legal Director (International Arbitration)*	London, UK
Sep 2021 – Sep 2023	**HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS LAW SCHOOL** *Senior Lecturer*	Russia
Oct 2012 – Aug 2021	**EGOROV, PUGINSKY, AFANASIEV & PARTNERS** *From Paralegal to Senior Associate, International Arbitration*	Russia

EDUCATION

Nov – Dec 2023	**RUSSIAN ARBITRATION CENTRE (RAC)** *Winter Academy for Arbitrators*	
Jul 2016 – Jan 2017	**UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW (USA)** *The Brooks Nanda Russian Law Fellows Program Scholar*	
Sep 2014 – Sep 2017	**LOMONOSOV MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL (RUSSIA)** *PhD Candidate, Business Law Department*	
Sep 2009 – Sep 2014	**LOMONOSOV MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL (RUSSIA)** *Specialist in Law (LL.B/JD + LL.M; Concentration in Business Law)*	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Solicitor, England & Wales
- Solicitor, Ireland (EU)
- Advocate, Russia
- Arbitrator, Dubai International Arbitration Centre
- Arbitrator, arbitrateAD
- Arbitrator, Energy Disputes Arbitration Centre
- Arbitrator, Astana International Arbitration Centre
- Mentor, ArbitralWomen