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- Dutch
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Membership

- INSOLAD (the Dutch Association for Insolvency Lawyers)
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About Fouad el Houzi

Fouad specialises in financing, restructuring exercises (under the Dutch WHOA scheme), D&O liability and attachments, as an adviser and as a litigator. His clients include directors, officers, creditors, investors, shareholders and financial institutions such as leasing companies. Thanks to his background in business administration, his efficient approach and solution-driven modus operandi, he is widely appreciated as a reliable and respected partner. Fouad has extensive experience dealing with complex and high-stakes cross-border cases. For example, he has represented the bankruptcy trustees of Royal Imtech NV in a variety of cases, some regarding the sale of assets, others negotiations about final settlement agreements and again others being pure litigation. Regularly appointed as a trustee in bankruptcy proceedings, Fouad has been the trustee in the bankruptcy of Royal Imtech since January 2023. With his extensive experience and his corporate background, he is a sound and efficient manager of restructuring projects.

Fouad regularly shares his expertise by publishing articles and giving lectures. He is an editor of the *FIP (Financiering, Insolventie en Zekerheden Praktijk)* journal and of *Modellen voor de Rechtspraktijk*, a set of standard texts for use in legal practice. He is an author for *SDU Commentaar Vermogensrecht* (a professional journal on property law), focusing on purchase financing and suretyship, *SDU Insolventierecht* (insolvency law), and the *INSOL Europe Case Register*.

Recent cases in which Fouad played a key role include:

- Trustee in the bankruptcy of Royal Imtech N.V.
- Trustee in the bankruptcies of Fortress/Maeyveld
- Advising on the restructuring of an international retailer
- Advising on the restructuring of a US group with Dutch entities in the dairy industry
- Advising on the restructuring of an Asian group
- Negotiating for and advising a Dutch biotech group with regard to a EUR 40 mio funding by a foreign bank
- Several WHOA proceedings
- Representing a leasing company on various matters (leasing documentation, distressed clients, insolvencies)