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**Mr.** Laurentiu Pachiu is a Romanian national with policy and legal expertise in the field of energy, oil and gas and natural resources.

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The energy practice initiated by Laurentiu Pachiu has been among the first legal practices of such kind established in the country, the firm founded by Laurentiu growing at the same fast pace at which the Romanian energy market evolved.

Laurentiu Pachiu provides legal advice with regard to the planning, implementation, development and operation of significant energy projects, advising clients on regulatory and licensing matters, the obtaining of oil and gas exploration permits, the development of land securitization strategies and also the negotiation and conclusion of contractual arrangements with service companies and Romanian authorities, including the signing of relevant concession licenses. Laurentiu has been leading the team that assisted one of the first energy supermajors entering Romania for the development of unconventional upstream projects and serves other important regional players and independent companies in promoting their oil and gas projects.