



Low came to rely on powerful friends such as Yousef Al Otaiba, a young adviser to the crown prince of the United Arab Emirates. Otaiba introduced Low to executives from Mubadala, a sovereign wealth fund, which invested in Malaysia and did deals with Low. In return, Low made sure that Otaiba received millions of dollars. *Getty Images*

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Khadem Al Qubaisi, the managing director of the International Petroleum Investment Company, or IPIC, became a close ally of Low. Known for his love of luxury cars, Al Qubaisi agreed for IPIC to guarantee \$3.5 billion in bonds that the 1MDB fund was issuing via Goldman Sachs to fund the purchase of power plants. But the guarantee was just a ruse for Low and Al Qubaisi to funnel billions more out of 1MDB. *Getty Images*

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Al Qubaisi's patron in the gulf was Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who hailed from the UAE's ruling family and was one of the world's richest people. Better known for his ownership of Manchester City Football Club, Sheikh Mansour gave Al Qubaisi cover to run IPIC and to feather his own nest. In return, Al Qubaisi ensured the sheikh had ample funds to pay for staff, houses, cars, and boats around the world. *Getty Images*

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