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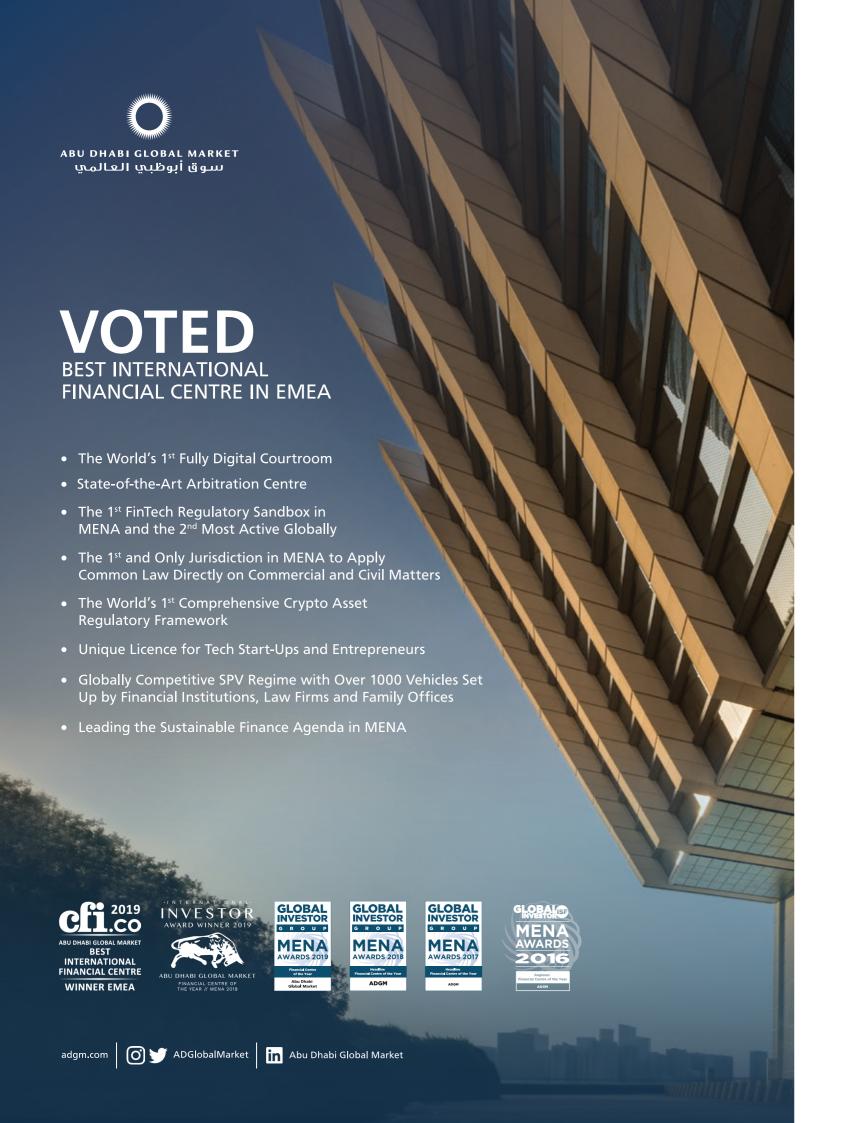
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Welcome to the inaugural SALT Abu Dhabi

Following 10 tremendous years in Las Vegas and three great events in Asia, we are excited to bring SALT to the Middle East for the first time. Last year we set out on a mission to find the ideal partner for our next international conference. We traveled to many of the world's great cities, meeting with local business leaders and public officials. But after spending two days in Abu Dhabi, we realized the Emirate would play the perfect host.

Why did we choose Abu Dhabi?

The values that define SALT – dialogue, collaboration and openness to different ideas and cultures – are the same values under which His Highness Sheikh Zayed helped establish of the United Arab Emirates and continue to govern the country in 2019, the Year of Tolerance. In less than 50 years, under the visionary leadership of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed and Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, the country leveraged those lofty ideals to become a thriving hub of business and innovation, as well as a cultural melting pot and premier international destination.

Abu Dhabi is the center of the investor universe. The institutions that call Abu Dhabi home are some of the most pioneering and sophisticated in the world, investing in engines of growth and transformative technologies that are improving billions of lives. Under the tremendous leadership of His Excellency Ahmed Al Sayegh, ADGM is quickly becoming the preeminent financial gateway between East and West – building infrastructure that is second-to-none globally in terms of creating trust and ease of doing business.

Abu Dhabi is a beautiful place! It combines rich culture and natural beauty with modern attractions like the Louvre, Yas Island, Saadiyat Beach, world class sporting events and entertainment, and, of course, the iconic Emirates Palace. We like to have fun at SALT, and Abu Dhabi is a lot of fun.



SALT – which stands for SkyBridge Alternatives – is all about bringing people together to address big opportunities and solve big problems across finance, technology and geopolitics. At SALT Abu Dhabi, we will cover a myriad of topics, ranging from the evolution of sovereign wealth and family office management to solutions for addressing climate change and the implications of artificial intelligence to U.S.-Arab relations and the political future of Europe. Through our networking solutions and social events, we hope to facilitate business dealings and promote greater cultural understanding.

We would like to thank ADGM and His Excellency Chairman Al Sayegh for being the driving force behind making SALT Abu Dhabi a reality and thank Mubadala for its partnership in making the event such a great success. We would like to thank you all of you in attendance for joining us at the inaugural SALT Abu Dhabi. We hope you enjoy the event and that you will return for many years to come.

Sincerely,







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ADGM: A GLOBAL FINANCIAL HUB TAKES SHAPE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

A global economic powerhouse, Abu Dhabi sits at the gateway between east and west and serves as an important strategic link between the growing economies of the broader Middle East, Africa and South Asia. Today, the bustling metropolis is placed alongside global financial capitals like London, New York, Hong Kong and Singapore.

How did Abu Dhabi evolve from desert peninsula to international center of finance? The process started taking root a half century ago.

In the late 1960s, following the discovery of oil and gas, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan recognized that a strong economy is one with a diverse asset base and anchored by various key industries and sectors. The government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) initiated a well-diversified portfolio across asset classes, geographies and sectors to enable and support the long term and sustainable growth of its economy.

As Abu Dhabi began building its foothold in the financial sphere, the UAE's capital city simultaneously and successfully positioned itself into a top lifestyle destination, with rich cultural attractions, world-class architecture, 5-star hotels,

luxury shopping, restaurants and healthcare facilities like the Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, an extension of the preeminent U.S. hospital.

To anchor more financial services and attract the world's leading financial giants, Abu Dhabi strategically invested in state-of-the-art infrastructure and introduced a progressive, business friendly and well-regulated international financial centre that would serve as model for both the region and the world. In 2015, Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM), an International Finance Centre (IFC) that oversees a 281-acre jurisdiction that extends across the entirety of Al Mariyah Island.

At the heart of Abu Dhabi, a centre of wealth with over a trillion dollars of assets under management, ADGM is a perfect location for Private Banking and Wealth Management entities which focus on the needs of High Net-Worth (HNW) individuals and families who demand bespoke financial services with a high degree of customised advice and personal relationship management. This includes banking services, management of assets, financial services such as insurance, estate management and tax planning with concierge services.

In just these few years, ADGM soon became a globally recognised IFC, an English common law jurisdiction with streamlined processes of doing business and a risk-based regulator with access to a large client base in the region. ADGM registered entities find a jurisdiction which maintains international best practice, facilitates access to advice and sophisticated products, a full range of structuring and holding entities, inheritance planning and management through corporate vehicles, inheritance trusts and foundations. ADGM is set up to support business formation, innovation and intermediation, conforming to international best practices while setting entirely new standards in the Middle East and globally.

Together, ADGM's three independent authorities—the Registration Authority (RA), the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) and ADGM Courts—provide businesses regulatory certainty, with a fully comprehensive of services and support to help them succeed. What's more, the region's 0% corporate and income tax has made ADGM an attractive venue for local and global businesses of all types, including startups, investors, regulators, accelerators and more.

Four years after its formation, ADGM has attracted some of the biggest names in wealth and asset management, including BNP Paribas, Citibank, Blackstone and Northern Trust, as well as Abu Dhabi's sovereign wealth funds, Mubadala and ADIA, all of which collectively manage more than \$2.6 trillion in assets.

When businesses decide to operate within ADGM—named MENA Financial Center of the Year for four consecutive years—they have access to a wealth of services and first-of-its-kind features.

THE REGISTRATION AUTHORITY

At its heart, the Registration Authority is responsible for the registration, incorporation and licensing of legal entities within ADGM and provides support for all government-related services. Beyond initial business set up, the Registration Authority plays a key role in facilitating cross-border partnerships and collaboration.

In July, ADGM and the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to foster greater collaboration with China along the Belt-and-Road Corridor, which stretches along the original Silk Road that connected Europe to Asia centuries ago and is now home to one of the world's most ambitious infrastructure and development projects.

As part of the bilateral agreement, the NRDC and ADGM is establishing a Belt-and-Road investment and financing center that will serve and support major joint projects and initiatives between China and the UAE while also supporting enterprises and investors seeking to operate within the other's respective markets. Since launching the initiative, ADGM has established close cooperation with nearly 100 Chinese financial institutions and enterprises.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

To grow and thrive, businesses need to operate in an environment this is fair, efficient and transparent. The ADGM Financial Services Regulatory Authority has developed a framework in keeping with internationally recognized standards and practices, developed in an open environment complete with public consultations, engagements on introduction and amendments of rules and policies.

With a great deal of uncertainty in the digital assets markets, ADGM is one of the first jurisdictions worldwide to implement a comprehensive and robust regulatory framework for crypto asset activities, addressing common risks such as money laundering and financial crime, consumer protection, technology governance, custody and exchange operations.

The FSRA is also the first in the world to regulate Crypto Asset Exchanges as "exchanges," with rules and regulations that closely mirror traditional markets. In addition, intermediaries like custodians, brokers, asset managers and advisors are likewise guided by these best-in-class standards to prevent financial crime, protect consumers and ensure proper custody and governance of assets.

Basil Al Askari, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of MidChains, an institutional crypto asset trading platform that provides one of the world's first fully regulated and supervised ecosystem infrastructures for digital asset trading and investing, said ADGM has been a "champion" and "pioneer" as



a regulator and jurisdiction in the digital asset space.

"ADGM has been a great partner to MidChains since the beginning with their thorough and pragmatic approach of blending regulatory best practices and carefully listening to the market," Al Askari said. "Our view is that a key pillar to institutional adoption of digital assets rests with strong regulatory oversight, which ADGM has demonstrated and is reflected in recent market announcements."

From digital assets to financial technology, ADGM launched the region's first digital sandbox, which encourages financial institutions to partner with fintech entrepreneurs to test innovative new technology. As traditional financial institutions continue to grapple with integrating fintech solutions into their legacy systems, ADGM's Digital Lab will give its member companies the ability to try out new technology that might otherwise take months or even years to come to market.

"ADGM is known amongst cutting-edge tech startups for its competitive \$700 million tech startup license, ease of doing business and flexible regulatory framework," said Mahmoud Adi, CEO of Hub71, a center of excellence for global tech startups located in ADGM Square. "Hub71 works closely with ADGM to ensure fledgling startups have a smooth onboarding process. With the likes of Catalyst Partners, Mubadala Ventures and DCVC already located at ADGM, tech startups and VCs have the very best of Abu Dhabi's investor community at its doorstep."

ADGM COURTS

When a global business sets up operations in a new jurisdiction, it looks for countries with a stable environment and trusted and independent legal system. As the first jurisdiction in the Middle East to adopt the direct application of English Common Law, ADGM Courts are designed to build investor confidence and facilitate cross-border business activity.

"We have left no stone unturned in producing a total digital transformation of judicial services," said Linda Fitz-Alan, Registrar and Chief Executive – ADGM Courts. "With a blank canvas to work with, we knew we had an extraordinary opportunity to be creative and to stretch the boundaries in the way the courts deliver their judicial services. Our mission became one of incorporating the entire life cycle of a case into a bespoke, holistic digitized system, which is something that has never been achieved before."

The two entities that comprise the ADGM Court system—the Court of First Instance and a Court of Appeal—handle all civil and commercial disputes within the 281-acre region. Here, businesses and individuals can resolve disputes fairly and expeditiously, with full access to independent judges; judgements that are enforceable in ADGM, the UAE and globally; and transparent proceedings, as well as the option to pursue arbitration.

ADGM's court system also boasts its share of groundbreaking features. Last year, it launched a fully digital courtroom—another global first—offering seamless and efficient litigation and court proceedings in real time, across multiple geographic regions and time zones.

"Technological advances in ADGM resonate with the digital transformation of Abu Dhabi's economy," Fitz-Alan said. "The establishment of ADGM Courts' end-to-end, unique, fully digital and mobile-enabled judicial resolution services is transformative. There are no boundaries of time, location or efficiency in the life cases before the ADGM Courts."

Moving forward, Fitz-Alan said ADGM Courts will continue to focus on revolutionizing alternative dispute resolution options, including in arbitration and mediation, and in challenging long-standing norms.

From infrastructure to cutting-edge regulations and adoption of a legal framework that is embraced around the world, ADGM is grown at a rapid pace. Today, ADGM is well-positioned to serve as a catalyst for growth in the UAE and the broader region. The capital city accounts for two-third of the country's \$400 billion economy—numbers that will only increase as ADGM further establishes itself as the ideal partner for businesses and investment opportunities within the \$5.2 trillion Middle East economy and beyond.







SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS LOOK AT THE FUTURE THROUGH THE LENS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVATE INVESTMENTS

he only thing certain about investing is the constant uncertainty. Markets behave consistently until they don't. The same questions and problems plague all investors, but because of their scale they can be both more ominous and less threatening for sovereign wealth funds.

Size is certainly something sovereign wealth funds have in their favor. Last year sovereign wealth fund assets under management grew for the tenth consecutive year to a record high of more than \$8 trillion according to a figure from the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI).

In the face of the current uncertainty surrounding such bedrock issues as the global economy, geopolitical tensions, climate change and others, there are certain themes and areas that have come into focus for sovereign wealth funds including diversification and scale, climate change, new and disruptive technology, diminished opportunities in public markets and more.

The challenges of the current economic environment, especially equity volatility, have caused sovereigns to both increase their fixed-income allocations and look to add more diversification in anticipation of the current economic cycle coming to an end, according to the Invesco Global Sovereign Asset Management Study 2019.

In the previous year's study Invesco noted a five-year trend of increasing allocations to equities at the expense of fixed income, which fell from 35% to

30%. In 2018, fixed income was back on top, accounting for an average of 33% of sovereign portfolios. The widespread belief among sovereigns that the current economic cycle has run its course and will be coming to a close soon has moved many sovereign wealth funds to take more defensive postures.

DIVERSIFICATION MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

For sovereign wealth funds, the desire for greater diversification has also increased demand for private-market investments, particularly in private equity, infrastructure, and real estate.

"The fact is we're in a low-rate world and it's pushing everyone further along the risk spectrum," said Michael Maduel, Founder and President of the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI). "It's altering the behavior of investors. Sovereign wealth funds are looking at more esoteric investments like aircraft leasing or life settlements and asset managers are happy to provide them."

A recent survey conducted by the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF) asked what changes sovereign wealth funds have made to their allocations in the last few years and what changes they expect to make. The biggest shift noted is in the portion of assets devoted to private equity and other non-public investments. We'll look a little more at private investments later in this article, but suffice it to say that the biggest driver into these alternative asset classes is a reaction to what has generally been a low-yield macroeconomic environment.

Diversification and alternative investments were topics high on the agenda of the Future Investment Initiative (FII) held in Riyadh in late October. Participants at the conference indicated that they were looking to better distribute their investment risks by devoting a larger portion of the portfolios to alternative investments, particularly partnerships with family businesses. For example, Khalid Al-Rumaihi, chief executive of Bahrain's Mumtalakat Holding Company, said that he expected the company's investments in alternative investments to increase to 30% by 2031, while Heenam Choi, chairman and chief executive officer of Korea Investment Corporation, said his country was currently seeking to increase the focus on alternative investments, from 16 to 20% by 2021.

PRIVATE INVESTING ATTRACTS MORE INTEREST

As they mover deeper into the realm of alternative investments, sovereign wealth funds are demonstrating a much greater interest in co-investing alongside private equity firms in disruptive startups. Data collected from public sources for the IFSWF report Dealing with Disruption shows that sovereigns made more direct equity investments in 2017 than in the previous year, going from 290 to 303 (+4.5%) while only slightly increasing the value of these deals, rising to \$52.6 billion from \$51.4 billion. The average size of each deal was also considerably smaller dropping from \$90 million to around \$50 million.

Many of the more recent deals have been smaller in scale, but as SWFI's Maduel explains that's to be expected.

"A lot of startups today don't need as much capital as they did in the 2000 wave of tech companies because there are so many new tools and applications that they don't need to hire as many people. These tech-based entrepreneurs are finding ways to operate more efficiently and it's changing the venture model."

One of the most obvious reasons why sovereign wealth funds are increasing their private investments is that there are diminishing opportunities among public companies. According to data sourced by IFSWF, the number of publicly listed companies in the U.S. fell by 50% between 1996 and 2018, from 8,090 to 5,363. This is due to factors such as tax reforms, which spurred a dramatic increase in stock buybacks. It is a tactic that allowed companies to bolster both their share prices and earnings per share and has been a major driver of stock market returns over the past two years.

While the desire for greater diversification is a primary driver of the trend toward more alternatives, according to IFSWF research, it goes hand-in-hand with the desire to leverage opportunities to invest in innovation or infrastructure and real estate deals not available in public markets.

LOOKING FOR BETTER RETURNS

The conclusion supports the findings of a 2016 study State Street conducted of ISWF members indicating that the primary reason sovereigns allocate to private markets is to enhance overall returns. Due to their longer time horizons, the lack of liquidity that such investments entail was less of a concern for sovereign wealth funds than it would be for other types of investors.

IFSWF notes that, "direct investments in innovative sectors, are unlikely to slow down, as sovereign funds seem to be a good match for most startups and growth companies, being long-term, non-intrusive investors with patient capital at their





disposal...Companies that have some track record, but are still looking to bring their products to different markets used to court venture capital firms, but are now looking with interest to SWFs, particularly if they want to scale up their businesses in Asia." Among the examples given are investments in series A rounds of startup financing by a number of SWFs, including the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, Mubadala and Temasek.

In 2018, sovereigns made 147 direct investments in unlisted companies, an increase of 17% from 2017, mostly in innovative industries, and as co-investors along with both asset owners and asset managers. According to IFSWF data, sovereign wealth funds have provided the most equity financing for unlisted technology companies since 2015, totaling \$3.4 billion in 44 deals. Sovereign wealth funds have also been active in the private healthcare space, completing 40 deals in 2018.

There are of course a number of challenges faced by sovereign wealth funds in allocating to private investments. Evaluating private placement opportunities requires a more finely-tuned skill set than publicly listed companies which may require building a stronger in-house team, using outside managers or finding an established private equity partner.

IFSWF found that the lack of transparency and lack of liquidity are of greater concern to sovereigns than the higher costs or lack of internal resources. This is not surprising in light of the importance that SWFs place on investment and operational due diligence and deep relationships with managers.

Not every sovereign wealth fund has embraced private equity and those that do usually spend a lot of time, one to three years, doing research and debating the merits of the asset class. And some, such as the Norwegian sovereign wealth fund and the Government Pension Fund Global (GPFG), are strictly prohibited from adding private equity holdings. As recently as April 2018, the country's Finance Ministry issued a white paper outlining why it continued to believe that private equity was too opaque to fit with the fund's transparent operating model, despite the recommendations of the fund manager, Norges Bank

Investment Management.

Technology Grows in Importance as Sovereigns Partner with Venture Capitalists.

It would be the epitome of understatement to say that rapid advances in technology have disrupted virtually every aspect of business and personal life in the 21st century, which is one of the reasons tech has been such a major theme for active investors including Mubadala Investment Company, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Saudi Arabian Public Investment Fund (PIF) and Singapore's GIC Private Limited.

The big names among tech stocks such as Netflix, Alphabet (Google), Amazon, Facebook and Microsoft continue to be major holdings for many equity sovereign wealth funds, according to Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute's Global Asset Owner Survey. As of the end of 2019's second quarter, Microsoft remained the Norwegian sovereign wealth fund's largest equity holding.

Progress in a wide range of areas—artificial intelligence, healthcare technology, alternative energy, more efficient agriculture and others—present extensive and varied investment opportunities for sovereign wealth funds and private investing, particularly with startups that require a different set of skills than the analysis of traditional listed markets. In addition to evaluating opportunities, funds also need to gauge the potential risks that technology-based disruptions such as advancements in electric or autonomous vehicles, or declining interest in retail real estate as online shopping and other ecommerce applications continue to gain ground, may have on holdings already in their portfolios.

When it comes to investing in new tech companies, the problem sovereigns face is not scarcity but an abundance of opportunity. There are plenty of potential deals out there, but finding the ones with the proper risk/reward balance can be tricky, which is one of the reasons why the number of sovereigns partnering with established venture capitalists has been growing.

IFSWF has found that in the tech world, sovereign wealth funds have been heavily involved in funding for service-oriented online companies. For example, Doordash, the door-to-door restaurant delivery company, raised \$535 million from a

number of sources including GIC Private Limited; and transportation booking platform GoEuro raised \$150 million from a group that included Temasek Holdings. Similarly, Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund committed \$400 million to a Series D round of funding for virtual reality startup Magic Leap.

GOING WHERE THE ACTION IS

Developments in the tech world unfold rapidly and one of the ways that sovereign investors have attempted to keep pace is by opening venture capital offices where the action is. A number of sovereign wealth fund tech investors including Singapore's GIC and Temasek, Malaysia's Khazanah Nasional, Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Ventures, and the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA), have established a presence in Silicon Valley.

Having feet on the ground makes it easier for sovereign wealth funds to identify early stage companies with the potential to cause major disruptions in existing industries or create entirely new ones. In addition to being able to acquire a significant stake in such a company early on, these sovereign wealth fund outposts often "seek to transfer skills and intellectual property back to their home markets to encourage local economic growth by offering attractive financing and tax arrangements thanks to their government links."

"Sovereign wealth funds are changing the traditional venture capital industry," observes Michael Maduel, Founder and President of the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute. "They're sidestepping the middlemen asset managers and going directly to startup founders."

This hands-on approach and partnerships with venture capital firms has led to a distinct increase in financing of early- and growth-stage companies. IFSWF data indicates that in 2018 sovereigns led a total of 35 funding rounds (13 early stage, 16 growth and 6 late stage transactions), more than double the number from 2017.

CONFRONTING CLIMATE CHANGE

While they have been leveraging opportunities in the tech space, sovereign wealth funds have also been taking a serious look at the investment risk across their portfolios posed by climate change. Other than the U.S., most major nations are committed to the Paris Agreement on climate change and trying to follow that code, which is having a major impact on banks, pension funds and sovereign wealth funds around the world as they attempt to comply.

Climate change can be especially challenging for commodity-based sovereign wealth funds, particularly those reliant on petroleum reserves as the primary source of their wealth. In fact, some sovereigns are totally abandoning the carbon-based energy space as seen by sale of oil and gas exploration company holdings by Norway's Pension Fund Global.

Reducing dependence on hydrocarbons has been a major focus for Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) sovereign wealth funds. Saudi Vision 2030 is an effort launched by Prince Mohammed Bin Salam to try and reduce the Saudi economy's dependence on the oil sector by creating more jobs in other fields including telecommunications, mineral development and financial services, fueled by investments made by PIF investments. Another current example of a forward-thinking response to the climate challenge can be seen in the Kuwait Investment Authority's commitment to green investing. It's a subject that Farouk Bastaki, head of the KIA chose to address in October at both a meeting of the IMF and a dinner sponsored by The Arab Bankers Association of North America in New York. In his remarks Bastaki spoke about the global need for Kuwait to reduce its carbon footprint and about "One Planet," the working group of sovereign wealth funds set up in 2017 to integrate climate change risks into investment

A recent Financial Times article touched on the urgency of finding climate change solutions noting that it will cost Singapore significantly more to build a new airport runway because of the need to raise its height, China's Greater Bay Initiative is threatened by rising seawaters, not to mention the similar threat to Indonesia's capital, Jakarta.



These are but a few of the infrastructure challenges that present investment opportunities for sovereign wealth funds with creative approaches to confronting the threats from climate change. This willingness to confront climate change head-on is in line with the increasing incorporation of ESG factors into investment strategy on the part of sovereign wealth funds, with a much greater emphasis on the environmental aspects.

Invesco has been following sovereigns approach to ESG investing for several years. Its Global Sovereign Asset Management Study 2019 found that while two years ago ,many sovereigns were taking a wait-and-see attitude toward including ESG considerations in their investment processes, they are now receiving a much greater share of asset owners' time and resources. The approach to ESG has also become more sophisticated moving beyond the simple screening used by early proponents of ESG, such as those involved in socially or sustainably responsible investing (SRI).

And rather than outsourcing many sovereigns have created or expanded their in-house ESG teams and are integrating ESG thinking across portfolios and asset classes.

ESG considerations have been somewhat more difficult to incorporate into fixed income portfolios, due to lack of quality data and questions around being a holder of government debt. One solution is green and social bonds, which are held

by nearly half of sovereigns. The Invesco report however raised some questions about these instruments, noting that there is a greater demand for green bonds than the market can supply, leading to concerns about valuations. It also noted that while the intentions of underlying social bonds may be noble, they don't always achieve their goals or deliver expected yield.

CONCLUSION

Sovereign wealth funds have had a growing influence on the global financial markets since the creation of the Kuwait Investment Authority in 1953. That is expected to continue in the coming years although sovereigns will also face a number of challenges.

Fluctuations in commodity prices, a de-emphasis on hydrocarbon-based wealth, shifts in the balance of trade, currency devaluations and other macro issues are bound to have an impact on the performance and actions of sovereign wealth funds. Current trends are expected to continue, meaning that technology, private investments and ESG factors focused on climate change will remain important considerations for sovereign wealth funds.







HIS EXCELLENCY AHMED ALI AL SAYEGH

Minister-of-State (UAE) and Chairman of Abu Dhabi Global Market

His Excellency Ahmed Ali Al Sayegh is Minister of State to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Cabinet and Chairman of Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM). With three decades of international experience and business leadership, His Excellency Al Sayegh supports the government actively in initiatives and efforts that drive the nation's economic diversification plans and the sustainable future of the UAE. As Chairman of ADGM, His Excellency Al Sayegh oversees the growth of ADGM as one of the world's leading International Financial Centres anchored in Abu Dhabi. He had also served in several key capacities including as the former founding Chairman of Aldar Properties, the founding Chairman of Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company (Masdar), Deputy Chairman of First Gulf Bank, and held senior positions in Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Abu Dhabi Investment Company (Invest AD). His Excellency Al Sayegh holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Lewis & Clark College, USA.





HIS EXCELLENCY KHALDOON KHALIFA AL MUBARAK

Managing Director & Group Chief Executive Officer, Mubadala Investment Company

His Excellency Khaldoon Khalifa Al Mubarak is Managing Director and Group Chief Executive Officer of Mubadala Investment Company. In this position he is responsible for ensuring the company's strategy is aligned to Abu Dhabi's objective of advancing its globally integrated, sustainable and diversified economy. Government responsibilities include: Member of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council; Presidential Special Envoy to China; Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Affairs Authority, which provides strategic policy advice to the Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, and membership of the UAE Supreme Petroleum Council. Khaldoon serves on the Boards of a number of significant businesses. including Chairmanships of Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation, Emirates Global Aluminium and City Football Group. He is also a non-Executive Board member of First Abu Dhabi Bank. Khaldoon Co-Chairs the Abu Dhabi -Singapore Joint Forum and is a member of the New York University Board of Trustees.



HER EXCELLENCY DR. HAWAA AL THAHAK AL MANSOORI

Member, Federal National Council of the United Arab Emirates

Her Excellency Dr. Hawaa Althahak Almansoori is a Member of the UAE's Federal National Council, Consultant Endocrinologist, Healthcare Leader, Inventor and Entrepreneur. She was the first Emirati to be awarded a prestigious UAE Presidential Scholarship to study Medicine. She went on to become the first non-American woman to graduate from George Washington University School of Medicine. In 2014 she received "The UAE Pioneers Award" from H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and was presented at the UAE Government Summit by H.H. Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan as an example of success in education and innovation. In addition to her role as part of the UAE's Government's Parliamentary body, Dr. Hawaa is Chairman of SonoStik LLC; a venture stage MedTech company founded to commercialize her patented and FDA approved invention. She also works for Mubadala as Deputy Medical Director of Imperial College London Diabetes Center and is a practicing Endocrinologist. In recent years she has been a regular presenter at high profile forums both in the UAE and internationally as a Speaker, Chairperson and Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to the vision of the UAE's Leadership she is involved in national initiatives to promote STEM education, empower Emirati women and encourage enterprise by Emirati youth.



HIS EXCELLENCY OMAR SULTAN **AL OLAMA**

Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, United Arab Emirates

His Excellency Omar Sultan Al Olama has been appointed as Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence following the Cabinet reshuffle in October 2017. His responsibilities include enhancing the government performance by investing in the latest technologies and tools of artificial intelligence and applying them in various sectors. His Excellency Omar Sultan Al Olama is currently the Managing Director of the World Government Summit. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Dubai Future Foundation and Deputy Managing Director of the Foundation. In November 2017, the UAE government announced selecting His Excellency Omar Al Olama as a member of the Future of Digital Economy and Society Council at the World Economic Forum. During his work in the Future Department at the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs and the Future, His Excellency participated in developing the UAE Centennial 2071 strategy that aims to position the UAE as the best country in the world. He also participated in developing the UAE 4th Industrial Revolution Strategy that aims to promote the UAE's status as a global hub for the 4th Industrial Revolution and develop a national economy based on knowledge, innovation and future technologies. Prior to his appointment, His Excellency worked on developing the UAE's Artificial Intelligence Strategy, making it the first such strategy of its kind globally. His Excellency Omar Sultan Al Olama worked in several sectors including the banking sector, telecommunications, private enterprises and government. His Excellency also worked on developing and executing strategies, risk analysis, change management and scenario planning. His Excellency Omar Sultan Al Olama holds a Diploma in Project Management and Excellence from the American University of Sharjah and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the American University of Dubai.

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HIS EXCELLENCY KHALIFA SALEM **AL MANSOURI**

Chief Executive, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange





SPEAKERS



His Excellency Khalifa Al Mansouri was appointed as Chief Executive of Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) in November 2018. Prior to this appointment, His Excellency held many senior positions in the economic and industrial fields, most recently the Undersecretary of the Department of Economic Development in Abu Dhabi. He was also the Vice Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Chairman of the National Industrial Coordination Council, and member of the Board of Directors of the Etihad Export Credit Insurance Company. His Excellency has previously served on the Board of Directors of Etihad Airways, Board of Directors of the Social Welfare and Minors Affairs Foundation, Statistics Center Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority and ZonesCorp, as well as being the former Director General of the Abu Dhabi Council for Economic Development. His Excellency holds a Master's degree in Business Administration majoring in Chief Executive Officers and Presidents from Pepperdine University in the USA. He also holds CFA certificates Level I & Level II from the CFA Institute and a BA degree majoring in International Economic Policy and a minor in Economics from the University of Puget Sound in the USA.









Faisal J. AbbasEditor-in-Chief, Arab News

Faisal J. Abbas is the Editor-in-Chief of the Riyadh-based leading Middle East English language daily, Arab News. Under his leadership, Arab News (established 1975) relaunched with a more global, more digital direction. It has expanded its international presence through a large network of correspondents and a number of regional bureaus across the world. Prior to joining the newspaper in 2016, Abbas has been the Editor-in-Chief of the Dubai-based English language service of Al Arabiya News Channel. Abbas is a renowned columnist on Arab-international affairs and has also conducted interviews with a number of world leaders. He appears regularly on international media to comment on regional affairs. Abbas has previously written for The Huffington Post and worked with both Asharq Al Awsat and Al Hayat pan-Arab dailies, Future Television of Lebanon and the International Resource Journal in $\dot{}$ London. He has been the recipient of many media awards, including the Next Century Foundation's Cutting-Edge Award (2009) for efforts in bridging the communication gap between the West and the Arab World and British Council's UK alumni "Social Impact" award in Saudi Arabia (2017). He holds a master's degree from the University of Westminster and a bachelor degree from the Lebanese American University. He is also a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School, where he studied Global Leadership and Public Policy. Abbas is a member of the editorial board of Al Arabiya News Channel, an associate fellow of the Cambridge Union Society and a member of the British Society of Authors. In 2017, he published his first Arabic book called 'Arabi/ Englizi' which describes London through Arab eyes.



Yazan Abdeen

Head of Public Equities, Invest AD

Yazan is the Chief Executive Officer & Portfolio Manager of AD Investment Management, a UAE based asset management firm that is licensed by the FSRA in ADGM and the CSSF in Luxembourg. Yazan leads an asset management practice that has a mission to provide clients, communities, capital markets and shareholders with sustainable investment solutions by committing smart people, independent financial thought and disciplined processes. Briefly before, Yazan was heading capital markets investing for Scope Investment, a sovereign private family office in the UAE. Prior to that Yazan headed MENA Capital Markets investing at Sedco Capital in Saudi Arabia where he built the "multi-award winning" MENA in-house asset management business. Yazan was previously the fund manager with ING Investment Management within MENA based in Dubai.



Maha Abouelenein

Managing Director, Organizational
Consultants

An executive and entrepreneur -- Maha is one of the most experienced and connected communications specialists in the Middle East, with more than 22 years of experience, advising global corporate giants, high growth tech startups, top governments and high net worth individuals. Maha has a reputation for delivering results and ability to manage projects from inception to execution with creative, strategic and analytical drive. Raised and educated in the USA to Egyptian parents, she is home in both West and Arab worlds. Maha is all about relationships - building them, nurturing them and serving them. She thrives on storytelling, building scalable campaigns and thought leadership. Maha is calm in a crisis and loves to lead and train teams. She specializes in helping big tech companies launchpad into the Middle East market – from Google and Netflix to Udacity and more. She is now working with Serial Entrepreneur, digital guru and 5X Best Selling Author GaryVee. She has media trained several Fortune 500 CEOs and high profile executives from Google, Microsoft; YouTube, Mastercard and Netflix among others. As a Communications Coach, she trains individuals on everything from public speaking and storytelling to reputation management and personal branding. She is the founder of Organizational Consultants, a strategic communications consulting firm and founder of Digital & Savvy - a blog about communications in the Middle East. Maha is former Head of Communications for Google in the Middle East and North Africa. She holds a Masters Degree in Communications from Minnesota State University – Mankato, USA and an undergraduate degree in International Business & Marketing with a minor in French.



Deepak AbrahamManaging Director, Bank of America
Merrill Lynch

Deepak is the CEO of a regional branch of Bank of America and responsible for a number of product lines including Prime Brokerage, Derivatives, International Equities and Financing in the MENA region. Deepak joined Bank of America Merrill Lynch from Morgan Stanley as Head of Capital Strategy for Asia Pacific and the Middle East. At Morgan Stanley, Deepak was Head of Prime Brokerage for the Middle East and North Africa with a focus on the Sovereign Wealth funds across a range of their direct and fund investment activities. Prior to Morgan Stanley, Deepak worked for Goldman Sachs in the Hedge Fund Strategies group, allocating capital to hedge funds, having started his career in the Pension & Insurance Strategy group within Equity Derivatives at Goldman Sachs in London. Deepak is a published author on the evolution of hedge fund strategies and graduated from Harvard University where he was a four time All American squash player and NCAA National Team Champion.



Raya Abu GulalFounder, Women Lawyers
Group - Middle East

Raya is currently based in the UAE and running her own legal consultancy providing legal advice specialising in the Middle East. Her practice covers a broad range of corporate and commercial work. Prior to joining to setting up her legal consultancy, Raya worked for two leading International Law Firms. Raya is also active in various women development initiatives in the MENA region and member of various business groups. Raya founded the Women Lawyers Group-Middle East and is also appointed as the board member of the International Women Business Group (Abu Dhabi). Raya was awarded in 2017 Legal award from the Arab Women Awards.



Ibrahim Ajami
Head of Ventures, Mubadala
Investment Company

Ibrahim Ajami is the Head of Ventures at Mubadala Investment Company and responsible for leading Mubadala's ventures strategy and platform. He was previously the Executive Director of Mubadala Technology, responsible for overseeing the company's interests in the advanced technology sector and led the development of Mubadala's semiconductor strategy and investments. Ibrahim also served as CEO of the Advanced Technology Investment Company, a 100% owned Mubadala subsdiary. He oversaw the creation and strategic growth of GLOBALFOUNDRIES. Prior to that, he was an Associate Director at Mubadala's Acquisitions unit executing M&A transactions around the world in various industries for Mubadala. Prior to joining Mubadala in 2006, Ibrahim worked for Occidental Petroleum and played a key role in the company's successful expansion in the Middle East and North Africa region. Ibrahim has a bachelors degree from Northeastern Univeristy and an MBA from University of Southern California.









Basil Al AskariCo-Founder & Chief Executive
Officer, MidChains

Basil Alaskari is Co-Founder and CEO of MidChains, and upcoming Crypto Asset Exchange & Custodian. Previously he was an investment professional on the Private Equity team in Mubadala Capital focused on global financial services sector investments. Prior to joining the Private Equity team in 2015, Basil worked for Mubadala's leverage finance joint venture with GE Capital (MGEC) after having completed GE Capital's Financial Management Program rotating between several commercial finance roles in GE Capital business units in the UAE, US, UK and prior to this worked in Hong Kong at Merrill Lynch's Credit and Macro FX sales/trading desk. Basil graduated cum laude from Sawyer Business School at Suffolk University, Boston with a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship.



Hussein Al GaaodChief Executive Officer, Adroit
Sports Management

Since an early age, Hussein has always been fascinated by football as a sport but also as an economy. At the age of 18, Hussein became one of the youngest FIFA football agents in the world, whilst juggling his Law Degree in London. Since then, Hussein has worked with elite professional footballers such as the likes of World Cup winner N'Golo Kanté, as well as advising numerous European and English Premier League clubs in player transfers such as the likes of Everton FC and AFC Bournemouth. Hussein continues to expand his extensive international network of club executives and players.



Faisal Al Hammadi
Founder & Chief Executive
Officer, YACOB

Faisal is the founder and chief executive officer of YACOB, a start-up that aims to combat the skyrocketing obesity rates by enabling schools to manage nutrition using the latest in technology and behavioral economics. He also serves as a board member in Slices, a company that he co-founded that grew to serve 20,000 healthy meals daily. Faisal was ranked the 13th Upcoming Entrepreneur in the UAE by Forbes Middle East (2015), was recognized as one of 100 Arab world startups which are shaping the future in the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution by the World Economic Forum (2017) and as a Young Arab Pioneer by the Arab Youth Office (2018). In his previous role, Faisal was a vice president at Mubadala Healthcare and a board member of the Abu Dhabi Telemedicine Centre. He has also served as a member of a number of committees including the Executive Committee for the Abu Dhabi Economic Plan, and the Health Education Committee at Health Authority. Faisal earned his MBA from Columbia Business School. He is also a Fellow of the sixth class of the Middle East Leadership Initiative and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.



Founder & Managing Partner, FullCycle Climate Partners LP

Ibrahim AlHusseini is the founder and Managing Partner of FullCycle; an investment firm focused on solving the climate crisis by backing companies with climate-restoring technologies, and accelerating their growth. AlHusseini - a renowned entrepreneur, investor and environmentalist - has started and sold numerous businesses and raised half a billion dollars of capital to back dozens of companies. He was also an early investor in Tesla Motors, Bloom Energy, Aspiration Inc., Cornerstone Capital, and CleanChoice Energy, among others. AlHusseini made his initial fortune from his college dorm room, after starting a nutraceutical distribution company and selling the business in 1997. Raised in Saudi Arabia by parents who are Palestinian refugees, AlHusseini moved to the U.S. for college in the early 1990s. He sits on the board of more than half a dozen organizations that focus on the positive development of our environment and humanity. AlHusseini is also the managing partner of two waste-to-value funds that accelerate the adoption of the world's leading waste-to-value technology.



Ammar A. AlkhudairyChairman, Samba Financial Group

Ammar A. Alkhudairy is the Chairman of Samba Financial Group, and has been since January 2019. Prior to Samba, he played key leadership roles in various Saudi financial institutions such as: Riyad Bank, United Saudi Bank, and Banque Saudi Fransi. In addition, Alkhudairy served as a Board. Member from 2015 to 2018, Chairman of the Audit Committee from 2015 to 2018, and was the interim Managing Director/CEO from October 2017 to March 2018 at Banque Saudi Fransi. Alkhudairy's expertise spans over 30 years in the financial sector and focuses on areas such as: Corporate Banking, Project Finance, Corporate Finance, M&A, and Asset Management. Alkhudairy has also served in various public and private board memberships, including Chairmanship of Goldman Sachs Saudi Arabia, Chairmanship of Morgan Stanley Saudi Arabia, SAVOLA, Kingdom Holdings, Herfi, Al Tayyar, Chairmanship of Allianz Saudi Arabia, Deputy Chairman of SPIMACO, and board member of Almarai. He founded and chairs Amwal AlKhaleej and Amwal Capital Partners, an alternative assets' management business based in Riyadh, and in DIFC. He also served as board member in government related entities, including the Real Estate Development Fund and the Economic Cities Authority. Alkhudairy earned an M.Sc. in Engineering Administration and B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from George Washington University.



Hashim Al Kudsi
Co-Founder & Managing Partner,
Liwa Capital Advisors

Hashim Al Kudsi is the Managing Partner, and a Co-Founder with Khalifa Al Kindi, of Liwa Capital Advisors founded in 2017. Mr. Kudsi served as the Executive Director at Abu Dhabi Investment Council (ADIC) leading the Active Investment Strategies Department and a member of the ADIC Investment Committee. He worked with Mr. Al Kindi in establishing ADIC in 2007. He began his professional career at Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) in 1989. Mr. Kudsi has an extensive background in the asset management industry. Throughout his career at ADIA and ADIC managing portfolios and evaluating asset managers, he identified the best in class assets management firms and worked with them directly. During his career, he recognized an allocation framework that preserved and grew wealth over the decades. His understanding of global financial markets, asset classes, and economic cycles has given him the expertise to capitalize on the intersection of strategy and opportunity, within given risk parameters. Mr. Kudsi also has a wide range of experience in the banking sector through his involvement as a Non-Executive Director at the National Bank of Abu Dhabi and a member of its Risk Management Committee. Mr. Kudsi holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from American University in Washington DC and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.









Nabyl Al Maskari Chief Executive Officer, Al Maskari Holding (AMH)

Mr. Nabyl Al Maskari is CEO of Al Maskari Holding (AMH). AMH is the privately-owned holding company of the Al Maskari family portfolio. AMH traces its foundation to 1968 with the establishment of the Al Maskaria Group in Abu Dhabi to engage in petroleum trading and oil field services. AMH has evolved over the past 50 years and today is comprised of diversified enterprises with international investments and operations. Mr. Al Maskari currently serves as Vice-Chairman of AMH as well as a board director on select subsidiaries and joint venture partnerships. Prior to joining his family conglomerate as the third generation of leadership, Mr. Al Maskari conducted strategic engagements in the financial, petroleum, and public sectors as a management consultant for McKinsey & Company. Mr. Al Maskari sponsors philanthropic initiatives in Africa and Asia through his family's non-profit foundation. He is a Fellow of the Aspen Institute's Middle East Leadership Initiative and actively supports high-impact entrepreneurs as a Board Member of Endeavor UAE. Mr. Al Maskari received his Master of Business Administration with Distinction from Yale University's School of Management, graduated Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Rollins College, and is an alumnus of Choate Rosemary Hall.



Waleed Al Mokarrab Al Muhairi
Deputy Group Chief Executive
Officer & Chief Executive Officer,
Alternative Investments & Infrastructure,
Mubadala Investment Company

Waleed serves as Mubadala's Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer and Chief Executive Officer of Alternative Investments & Infrastructure. As Deputy Group CEO, Waleed has strategic oversight of the company's broad investment portfolio and special projects at the group level, while ensuring that the company's four platforms are coordinating efficiently. In addition, he leads the healthcare, real estate & infrastructure, and capital investments portfolios. Prior to joining Mubadala, Waleed worked with the UAE Offsets Program Bureau as a Senior Project Manager. Past roles also include working with McKinsey & Company as a commercial and governmental consultant.Waleed holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Harvard University, USA, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, USA.



Yousuf Al Mulla
Co-Founder & Managing Partner,
E11 Capital

Yousuf started his career as an entrepreneur before joining the executive-level of Dubai Government; where, he led and took part in strategic innovation-related and Economic development projects. From 2012 till March 2018, Yousuf was the Group Chief Strategy Officer of Dubai Holding where he focused on investment strategy, innovation & digitalization, and strategy & business plan development. Currently, he is the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of E11 Capital, which is a global VC based in UAE & San Francisco that focuses on investing and globalizing cutting-edge pre-growth startups. In addition, he is involved with several strategic government initiatives to promote and enhance entrepreneurship ecosystem in UAE and he is an advisor to senior leadership in UAE government. He sets on boards of few tech & non-tech startups. He regularly mentors entrepreneurs and he launched a startup competition that focuses on enhancing entrepreneurship amongst Emirati university students. He holds an Global Executive MBA from INSEAD, MPA from Lee Kuan School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore (NUS) and a BSc in Business Administration with concentration in Corporate Finance from Marshall Business School at University of Southern California (USC).



Commercial Counselor for the United Arab Emirates to the United States of America

Mr. Saud Al Nowais, Commercial Counselor for the United Arab Emirates to the United States of America, took office in July 2009. Since then, Mr. Al Nowais has focused on strengthening the bilateral trade relationship between the US and the UAE, assisting both countries in identifying mutually beneficial trade and investment opportunities. Mr. Al Nowais operates at all levels of government and business in a continued effort to bring prosperity and growth to both economies as well as facilitate the development of commercial relationships between the two nations.





Abdulmohsin Al OmranFounder & Chief Executive Officer,
The Family Office Co. BSC

Abdulmohsin Al Omran is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Family Office Co. BSC(c) ("The Family Office"), and Chairman of the Board of Petiole Asset Management AG, the investment arm of The Family Office, based in Zurich, Switzerland. Prior to founding The Family Office in early 2004, Abdulmohsin was part of the private wealth management team at Goldman Sachs in London. He started his financial career at Gulf International Bank in 1988 after which he worked in reputable financial institutions such as Saudi International Bank, Riyad Bank and Investcorp. Abdulmohsin holds a degree in industrial management with a finance major from King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals, and an MBA from City University, London.



Thamer Al SaeedChief Investment Officer, Mad'a Investment Company

Mr. Thamer Al Saeed brings with him more than 18 years of experience in the Financial and Investment sector, where he worked for international and local players in the industry. Currently he is managing the overall investment activity of Mad'a Investment Company, a private equity based in KSA and direct investment deals with focusing on managing the capital markets portfolio locally and internationally. He has been a columnist with Al Jazeera News for the past 12 Years and is a member of the Saudi Economic Association. Previously he has managed more than SAR ~5 Bn in AUMs. He was instrumental in establishing and structuring a family holding company (Family offices) as well as licensing different types of investment funds (Equity, Real Estate, Fixed Income etc..). In his career he has closed more than 18 acquisitions in several sectors. He holds a bachelor's degree in business along with a Diploma in Computer Science.









Jassim Al Seddiqi Chief Executive Officer, Abu Dhabi Financial Group

Jassim Alseddiqi is the Chief Executive Officer of ADFG. He has been at the helm of ADFG since its establishment in 2011, transforming it into one of the leading and fastest growing investment groups in the MENA region with assets under management of c. US\$ 13 bn. Alseddiqi is known for his dynamic and innovative approach, having pioneered many investment strategies in the region. Alseddiqi is the Chairman of Gulf Finance House (GFH), Eshraq Properties, Khaleeji Commercial Bank and The Entertainer. He also serves on the boards of the following companies: First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB), Abu Dhabi Capital Group, ADNOC Distribution and Dana Gas. Alseddiqi holds a BSc in Electrical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an MSc in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University. He has also served as a noted lecturer at the Abu Dhabi-based Petroleum Institute.



Areije Al Shakar Senior Vice President, Bahrain Development Bank; Fund Manager, Al Waha Venture Capital Fund of Funds

Areije Al Shakar has 16 years of experience in banking and entrepreneurship. In her current role at Bahrain Development Bank (BDB), she is a Senior Vice President heading the Development Services Division and leads the fund management team of the Al Waha Venture Capital Fund of Funds (Al Waha Fund) (US\$ I 00 Million Venture Capital Fund of Funds) as Fund Manager. Her role and involvement at the bank includes coaching, mentorship, startup seed funding, and entrepreneur development. She has been involved in the development of several support services for entrepreneurs, namely her role in establishing BDB's Rowad Program, a holistic entrepreneur support platform and SeedFuel-Rowad, startup funding program part of the Global Accelerator Network. She has worked in reputable organizations such as Investcorp, Citibank, BNP Paribas and Lehman Brothers on the Treasury, Investment Management and Advisory side. She holds a Master's of Science in Public Policy and Management, from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance, from the John Molson School of Business, Concordia University, and is a Certified Business Coach and Mentor, from the Chartered Management Institute, UK.



Abdullah Al ShaksyCo-Founder & Chief Executive
Officer, Phaze Ventures

Abdullah Al-Shaksy is the Co-Founder and CEO of Phaze Ventures, General Partner of SparkLabs Energy accelerator, Board Member of Akeed, eMushrif, PhazeRo and Shaksy Group, and board observer at Interface Fluidics. Abdullah previously headed Group Operations and Investments at Shaksy Group. Abdullah has had over 10 years' experience managing both public and private equity portfolios. Prior to this Abdullah studied Mathematics & Computer Science at University of Toronto, trained at Investcorp's INSEAD Leadership Program, as well as Dubai Bank Investment division, and has been a guest lecturer at Harbour. Space University high-tech entrepreneurship program. Phaze Ventures is a venture capital firm and innovation platform founded to transform the region by unlocking the untapped potential of our youth, start ups and corporates. Headquartered in Oman, our goal is to enable innovation through early stage investments and strategic partnerships. Our insights are informed by our deep collaborations, network and technical team and our focus is on early stage technology investments from pre-seed to series-A.



Co-Founder & General Partner, TechInvest

Founded TechInvest in 2015 to provide an opportunity for GCC investors to obtain exposure to private investment opportunities in the technology sector. Techinvest advised and structured several deals in early, growth and late stage VC totaling over \$700m in money allocated. Over 21 years experience in global business development in the IT and VC field. Executed strategies for partnerships, startups, private and public offerings of holdings. Under Fahad, Sakhr received 3 US patents from US PTO for Sakhr's proprietary technologies. Worked on founding Saudi's 1st ISP AWalNet which was acquired by STC in 2006. Supervised the transformation of a 30 year old family IT business company and publicly listing ATG in 2006. Fahad is currently Vice Chairman of Global Investment House – KSA. On the Advisory Board of the Annual Investment Meeting. A consultant at the Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority, KDIPA. Previously a Board Member and subsequently Chairman of Al Mal Investment Company. Served on several boards including ATG, Saftec, AwalNet. Currently Director on the Board of CODED, the First Coding Academy in the GCC, which educates and trains participants in startups and coding, with engagement on Barmej.com (CODED's online school) exceeding 200,000 coders.



Akbar Alireza
Co-Founder & Chief Executive
Officer, ARP Global Capital

Mr. Alireza recently moved to Dubai, UAE in August 2017 after being away from the Middle East for the past 30 years. In June 2018, him and his partner, Krishna Rao, have set up an alternative investment platform called ARP Global Capital Limited. The fund management company is registered in the DIFC and invests in global markets. Mr. Alireza started his career at Goldman Sachs & Co where he spent 20 years working in their NY, London and HK offices. His last role was as President of Goldman Sachs Asia and a member of the firm's Global Management Committee. In 2004 he became the first Arab Partner in the 140-year history of the firm and in 2010 became the only Arab to ever be elected to the firm's Global Management Committee where he served as the youngest member of the committee. From 2012 to 2016 Mr. Alireza was the Chief Executive Officer of Noble Group, at the time, the largest Asian commodity firm and a Fortune 100 company. Mr. Alireza serves on the Board of the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), the board of Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB), the Global Board of Room to Read, the Board of the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies Georgetown University.



Marina Antonopoulou

Marine Program Lead, Emirates
Nature - WWF

With more than 15 years of experience in nature conservation and environmental policy, Marina is Head of the Marine Programme of Emirates Nature-WWF, the UAE's leading non-profit organisation linked with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) global network. An avid diver, she developed an early passion for the marine environment and coastal communities. She holds an Environmental Science Masters' Degree with the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow and a Diploma on International Oceans Law and Policy with the University of Virginia. Marina's experience ranges from field-based conservation, environmental planning, to government and policy engagement in the UAE and MENA region. Since joining Emirates Nature-WWF in 2010, Marina has been instrumental in reshaping its marine conservation strategy placing a stronger focus on the importance of marine ecosystems for the long-term sustainability of the UAE's society and economy. She has represented Emirates Nature and WWF International in various international policy fora; such as the Convention of Biological Diversity, the Ramsar Convention for the Conservation of Wetlands, and the Convention of Migratory Species. Her ambition is to drive awareness of businesses and policy makers towards the socio-economic benefits of healthy marine ecosystems.







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Fadi ArbidFounding Partner & Chief Investment
Officer, Amwal Capital Partners

Fadi is the Founding Partner and CIO of Amwal Capital Partners based in Riyadh. Prior to co-founding Amwal Capital Partners, Fadi was the Founding Partner of Amwal AlKhaleej, a leading MENA private equity firm based in Riyadh. Earlier in his career, Fadi held various consulting, banking, and corporate positions working as an Engagement Manager at Booz Allen Hamilton in Europe and the Middle East, as an associate at Citigroup's Schroder Salomon Smith Barney in the Investment Banking division in London, and as a Brand Manager for German Multinational Company Henkel in Paris. Fadi serves on the boards and committees of several private companies across the region. Fadi also serves on the Wharton School Global Executive Board, and is a YPO member, Riyadh Chapter. Fadi holds an MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and masters from the Lancaster University Management School, and Nantes Graduate School of Management. Fadi is fluent in English, French, Arabic and Italian.



Jamil Asfour
Executive Director, Technology
Partnerships, Abu Dhabi
Investment Office

Jamil Asfour is the Executive Director of Technology Partnerships at the Abu Dhabi Investment Office (ADIO). He brings a unique blend of technical and business acumen when focusing on operational excellence and business impact through digital disruption. As a 'techie', Jamil has hands on experience in ubiquitous computing, data centers, IoT, machine learning and artificial intelligence. Throughout his career, Jamil has identified gaps stalling innovation, organizational integration and growth pre and post M&A deals. He has also led the development of long-term global technology partnerships within government and private sector organizations. Jamil brings more than 18 years of experience working for Fortune 500 companies (Apple, IBM, HPE, E&Y) across the globe. He has held several executive positions, managed special and secret projects including more than 20 M&A deals. Jamil's recent work experience focused on developing ubiquitous computing service initiatives to shape privacy and security policies for government and consumer entities. Jamil holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering specializing in Cryptography from The University of Texas at Austin and two postgraduate degrees, a Diploma in Management and Leadership from MIT and an MBA from The University of Oxford. He also holds over 10 certificates in various technology specializations and is an active member of several engineering societies in the US, UK, Saudi, Jordan and Australia. He is also a widely known contributor to the Global Innovation Index and the Global Connectivity Index.



Kamran S. BajwaPartner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Kamran Bajwa handles highly complex international legal matters with a focus on matters relating to the Middle East and emerging markets. Kamran leads the Middle East practice for Kirkland & Ellis which has become the largest law firm globally for Private Equity and M&A. Kamran represents Middle East sovereign wealth funds and family offices for investments into the U.S., Europe, and China and he also represents US companies conducting M&A activity and establishing joint ventures in the Middle East. He has extensive experience in all areas of corporate law including securities regulations, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, investment funds, corporate finance and Islamic finance. Prior to rejoining Kirkland in 2011, Kamran spent eight years as a corporate lawyer and business advisor in Dubai, United Arab Emirates and Cairo, Egypt. His experience during this time included serving as the Chief Legal Officer for EFG-Hermes, where he established the first in-house legal department and led several major new product launches, investment fund formations and corporate acquisitions. Kamran is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School (1999) and is fluent in Arabic.



Stephen Barnett

Executive Director, Business
Development, Abu Dhabi
Global Market

Mr Steve Barnett leads the Business Development Division of Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) overseeing the strategy and business development to support ADGM's continued growth as an international financial centre. Mr Barnett first worked on the ADGM development initiative in September of 2013 as a Partner with the Strategy & Operations consulting practice in Deloitte. He made the permanent move to his current role in 2014. Over more than 30 years of industry experience, Mr Barnett has held numerous leadership roles within major financial services consultancy firms including leading Deloitte's Risk and Regulation practice and their Operational Effectiveness practice for buy-side and sell-side capital markets firms. Mr Barnett holds a Bachelor of Humanities degree from the University of London and is a Fellow of the Association of Corporate Treasurers.



Co-Founder, Investment Director & Head of VentureLabs, Apollo Health Ventures

Alexandra is a co-founder at Apollo Ventures, a biotech company builder and investment fund focused on developing interventions, that improve human health and longevity. At Apollo, Alexandra is leading the venture creation programs that aim at founding new biotech startups targeting the aging process at a molecular level. She is also managing the pipeline and diligence process for external investment opportunities, predominantly focusing on preclinical stage biotech companies. Before joining Apollo Ventures, Alexandra worked with The Boston Consulting Group where she specialized in biopharma strategy, market assessment and asset diligence. Her PhD studies at Harvard Medical School were focused on investigating the molecular mechanisms that contribute to cellular aging and could be targeted to increase mammalian health span. She is also a trained pharmacist with expertise in pharmaceutics and pharmacology.



Dr. Tariq Bin HendiDirector General, Abu Dhabi
Investment Office

Dr Tariq Bin Hendi is the Director General of the Abu Dhabi Investment Office. He has more than 18 years of experience in asset management, private equity and investment banking. Prior to his current position, Tariq held various roles at Emirates NBD, Commercial Bank of Dubai, Mubadala, Citigroup, Dubai Holding, Delta Airlines and UPS. Currently, he also sits on the Boards of ENBD REIT, DGCX, AXA GCIC and EPG (Emirates Post). Tariq holds a PhD in Economics from Imperial College London (UK) as well as graduate degrees from Columbia University (USA) and London Business School (UK), and an undergraduate degree from Clayton State (USA).



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Thomas P. BossertChief Strategy Officer, Trinity
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Mr. Bossert is the Chief Strategy Officer at Trinity Cyber, Inc., a disruptive technology company fundamentally redefining commercial cybersecurity. He's the National Security Analyst for ABC News, and a respected risk management expert. Tom was homeland security advisor to two U.S. Presidents, serving as the Nation's chief risk officer and senior most advisor on cybersecurity, homeland security, counterterrorism, and global health security policy, managing a range of domestic and transnational security issues and consequence management operations. Tom is a senior executive with extensive experience in operational and strategic management roles. He founded and led a management consulting business that supported commercial clients as they assessed and managed multifaceted, complex risk structures and compliance requirements. Tom was born and raised in Quakertown, PA. He is a Senior Fellow at the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security at the U.S. Atlantic Council. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and his law degree from The George Washington University Law School. Tom was an Engalitcheff Scholar on Comparative Political and Economic Systems at Georgetown University and guest lectures at the Naval Post Graduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security.



Cameron Brownjohn
Chief Executive Officer, Federation
Asset Management

Cameron Brownjohn is a founding member of Federation. Previously, Cameron led Macquarie Capital's Principal Investment division for Australia and New Zealand. He has over twenty years of experience in the financial services industry, having lived and worked in Australia, Asia, Europe, and the United States over this period. His investing experience spans all areas relevant to Federation, including leadership of or involvement in a number of successful investments in the infrastructure, real estate, financial institutions, healthcare, general industrials, resources, media, and telecommunications sectors. Cameron holds degrees in Law and Commerce with First Class Honours. He is an active member of the community and serves as Chairman of Special Olympics Australia.



Zachary Cefaratti Chief Executive Officer, Dalma Capital Management Limited

Zachary has over 12 years professional experience in financial services industry, having initially worked his way through his studies in Franklin University Switzerland, Foster School of Business at the University of Washington, London School of Economics and University of Pennsylvania while operating independent mortgage brokerage, merchant and insurance businesses. He holds a dual bachelor's degree in International Finance and Banking and International Business Management. He began his search for alpha at age 7, when he began trading bonds and equities in an effort to grow assets he earned as a childhood film and television SAF/AFTRA actor. Throughout his career and education, he has been an active member of the investment community - he founded the Franklin University Investment Club and spearheaded the formation of the AIMA Middle East Executive Committee, representing the Alternative Investment Management Association in the MENASA Region. He was the principal organizer of the AIMA Middle East Hedge Fund Investors Summit and went on to found AIM Summit, the largest gathering of Hedge Funds, Private Equity, Venture Capital and Private Debt professionals in the Middle East. He regularly speaks at global industry events and has been a regular Market View contributor to the Khaleei Times.



Heather D. Ceresini

Managing Director, Portfolio

Management, EJF Capital

Ms. Ceresini joined EJF in 2013 and is responsible for the structuring, execution and monitoring of EJF's private bank debt investments as well as the implementation of equity financings for bank issuers. In addition, she leads the execution of EJF's securitization strategies including bank subordinated debt and bank and insurance trust preferred securities. She has also managed the resolution of the firm's TARP portfolio. She has 25 years of experience working with banks and a variety of other financial institutions. Previously, Ms. Ceresini was a Managing Director at Promontory Interfinancial Network and spent 19 years at FBR Capital Markets, most recently in the Financial Institutions investment banking group where she was responsible for the structuring and execution of the firm's most complex transactions. Prior to investment banking, Ms. Ceresini was a senior analyst in the community bank research group at FBR. Ms. Ceresini holds a BS in Finance from Illinois State University.



Cathryn ChenFounder & Managing Director,
MarketX Ventures

In 2015, Cathryn founded MarketX, a platform connecting family offices and HNWI investors with alternative financial investments in the US, China, and Southeast Asia. Thus far, MarketX has transacted over hundreds of millions of pre-IPO shares of high growth technology companies. Previously, Cathryn worked at Deutsche Bank, Rothschild in London, and JP Morgan in Hong Kong, where she contributed to dozens of IPOs and private placements. At JP Morgan, she led the Investment Bank and Private Bank Partnership Group. Chen has managed and facilitated secondary investments for 200+ family offices across Asia and the United States. Chen graduated from UCLA and the London School of Economics and Political Science.





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Dr. Jeffrey ChiManaging Director, Vickers
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Dr. Jeffrey Chi is a Managing Director of Vickers Venture Partners, Vice Chairman of Vickers Capital Group and a member of its Investment Committee. He is also former Chairman and currently Ambassador of the Singapore Venture Capital & Private Equity Association. Dr. Chi also sits on the advisory panels of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the commercialization arm of A*Star and the National University of Singapore Division of Engineering and Technology Management. Based out of Shanghai, Dr. Chi heads Vickers Venture's investments in Asia and has investments in artificial intelligence, blockchain technology, education, e-commerce, healthcare/wellness and financial services (including fintech). Formerly a corporate finance specialist with and Executive Director at Pegasus Capital, he has managed engagements for large and small clients in both the public and private sectors. Prior to Pegasus Capital, Dr. Chi was a senior consultant with the Monitor Group. Dr. Chi's operational background includes seven years on the management team of an engineering group with operations in Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, China and Indonesia. As its Managing Director, he led the group into the Enterprise 50 in 1997 in Singapore. Dr. Chi is a C.F.A. Charter holder and graduated from Cambridge University with 1st Class Honours in Engineering. He earned his PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in organizational knowledge and information technology.



Gang Chu
Chief Operating Officer & Chairman,
Capital Markets Committee, China
International Capital Corporation
(CICC)

Mr. Gang Chu is the Chief Operating Officer and Chairman of Capital Markets Committee. Previously, he was the Head of Capital Markets and led capital market roles in the IPOs and follow-on offerings of many leading Chinese companies in the Hong Kong and mainland Chinese stock exchanges. He joined CICC in 2009 as the Head of Strategy Research. Prior to CICC, Mr. Chu was a Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager of Citigroup Alternative Investments managing \$2 billion fixed income funds and \$10 billion in assets. Previously he was the head trader of its Latin America equity derivatives business. He joined Citibank in 1993 in risk management. Mr. Chu graduated with a B.S. degree from University of Science and Technology of China and a Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics and Phi Kappa Phi honor from Northeastern University in the US. He was enrolled in the MBA Program of New York University and is a CFA charter holder.



Timothy C. CollinsChief Executive Officer, Ripplewood Advisors LLC

Mr. Collins is the CEO of Ripplewood Advisors LLC, the successor to Ripplewood Holdings LLC, which he founded in 1995. Ripplewood has successfully invested in and built companies globally, including in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. It has consistently delivered superior returns from investments totaling over \$30 billion in enterprise value. Ripplewood played an instrumental role in transforming and strengthening several prominent financial institutions including: AS Citadele banka of Latvia, Commercial International Bank of Egypt and Shinsei Bank of Japan. Ripplewood has invested in a broad range of industries including: telecom, food, real estate, consumer electronics, chemicals and automotive. Many Ripplewood investments remain public companies. Before founding Ripplewood, Mr. Collins worked for Cummins Engine Company, Lazard Frères & Company and Booz, Allen & Hamilton. Mr. Collins has served on a number of public company boards including RHJ International, Gogo Inc., Citigroup [after it accepted public funds], Commercial International Bank of Egypt, Shinsei Bank Ltd., Asbury Automotive, Advanced Auto and Rental Services Corp. Mr. Collins also served as an independent director at Weather Holdings, a large private emerging markets telecom operator that was sold to VimpelCom.



Chief Executive Officer, Corbin Crossroads Consulting

Former U.S. Ambassador Michael H. Corbin is CEO of Corbin Crossroads Consulting, based in the U.A.E to advise on business development, strategy and partnerships in the region. During his diplomatic career, Ambassador Corbin was known for maximizing U.S. business opportunities and U.S. exports. He developed broad political and economic experience of the Arab World from his service in some of its most challenging postings. He completed his service as Ambassador to the U.A.E. in 2014 and since then provides targeted advice supporting business development opportunities across a wide range of sectors. During his career, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Iraq, as Minister-Counselor in Iraq 2008-2009, as Chargé d'Affaires in Syria 2006-2008, Minister Counselor in Egypt and Deputy Director of the Office of Arabian Peninsula Affairs. He served as Political-Military Affairs Officer in Egypt, in Tunisia and Kuwait and as Director of Counter-Narcotics affairs in Venezuela after joining the State Department in 1985. He currently teaches political economy to the Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed Scholars program at NYU Abu Dhabi. He received his degree from Swarthmore College. He speaks Arabic, French, and Spanish and resides in Abu Dhabi, UAE. He is an avid cyclist and practices yoga.





Group Chief Financial Officer, ADNOC

Joined ADNOC May 2018 as Group Chief Financial Officer from the Abu Dhabi Investment Council (joined March 2008) where he set up the de novo "Special Situations" unit. This group now has a 10 year track record and focuses on investing globally in idiosyncratic and one off transactions across the capital structure with geographic and asset class flexibility. Prior to ADIC was in Japan for six years first with Unicredito (HVB) as CEO and then with Shinsei Bank in the newly created position of Chief Investment Officer. At HVB, originally hired in their New York Branch as Treasurer for the Americas, was responsible for developing and directing their proprietary allocation to Alternative Investments. Subsequently, transferred to Tokyo as the CEO of HVB's Japanese operations. Core expertise is asset allocation, proprietary trading and ALM. Experience includes both direct "hands on management "of risk and risk takers as well as allocating to external managers in alternatives. Experience both on buy side as well as sell side. Has worked in NY, London, Frankfurt, Tokyo Moscow and now Abu Dhabi. MBA from the Wharton School, BA in Economics from Emory University. Elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Speaks French and Greek and has a working knowledge of German.



Dr. Eric Daimler

Chief Executive Officer & Founder,
Conexus; Presidential Innovation Fellow,
Artificial Intelligence and Robotics; Board
Member, Petuum; Board Member, WelWaze

Dr. Eric Daimler is a leading authority in robotics and artificial intelligence with over 20 years of experience as an entrepreneur, investor, technologist, and policymaker. Eric served under the Obama Administration as a Presidential Innovation Fellow for AI and Robotics in the Executive Office of President, as the sole authority driving the agenda for U.S. leadership in research, commercialization, and public adoption of Al & Robotics. Eric has incubated, built and led several technology companies recognized as pioneers in their fields ranging from software systems to statistical arbitrage. Currently, he serves on the boards of WelWaze and Petuum, the largest Al investment by Softbank's Vision Fund. His newest venture, Conexus, is a groundbreaking solution for what is perhaps today's biggest information technology problem — data deluge. Eric's extensive career across business, academics and policy give him a rare perspective on the next generation of Al. Eric believes information technology can dramatically improve our world. However, it demands our engagement. Neither a utopia nor dystopia is inevitable. What matters is how we shape and react to, its development. As a successful entrepreneur, Eric is looking towards the next generation of AI as a system that creates a multi-tiered platform for fueling the development and adoption of emerging technology for industries that have traditionally been slow to adapt. As founder and CEO of Conexus, Eric is leading CQL a patent-pending platform founded upon category theory — a revolution in mathematics — to help companies manage the overwhelming challenge of data integration and migration.





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Dr. Ruchi DanaBoard Member, DANA Group

Dr Ruchi Dana is a qualified medical practitioner, who has transitioned successfully into a seasoned entrepreneur and Business Leader. Ruchi completed her MD from JNMCH, AMU and received her full-time MBA from Stanford University, US. Ruchi is the President, COO of Duluth Medical Technologies Inc, a Silicon Valley based Robotic Surgery device company. As a Board Member of Dana Group, Dr Ruchi Dana is responsible for the company's strategy throughout the GCC and Arab world region, advancing Dana Group's position as an innovative industry leader, and a socially responsible enterprise that recognizes diversity and inclusion. Apart from her family business, Dana Group of Companies, Ruchi has also worked with Golden Seeds, a women focused Angel Network in New York and New Silk Route Growth Capital, a PE firm in Dubai, she has mainly focused on healthcare related investments at both these firms. While still in her early thirties, Ruchi is a serial entrepreneur and has co-founded three businesses: Jugaad, an on-demand last mile logistics provider in the UAE, Pik A Venture, a crowdfunding accelerator platform for South-East Asia and One Big Family, an app for the elderly. Ruchi is a sought after and frequent speaker at various conferences and sits on several boards. Ruchi has been recognized by Forbes Middle East as the "Next Generation Business Leader, Arab World" for 3 consecutive years 2017, 2018 and 2019 and she has also been recognized by Campden Wealth as the "Women to Watch" in September' 18 issue. Ruchi has also been recognized as "Top 75 Family Business Leaders" 2019 by Campden Research (UK). Ruchi mentors startups/founders and also volunteers her time for Médecins Sans Frontières, TiE and AIF (American India Foundation).



David DarstChief Investment Officer,
The Family Office

Since January 2017, David M. Darst, CFA has served as Chief Investment Officer of The Family Office (TFO) in New York and Bahrain. In such role, he has significantly contributed to the formulation, communication, execution and monitoring of TFO's asset allocation, investment strategy, and wealth management activities in The Gulf Region, North America, Europe, and Asia. David served for 17 years as a Managing Director and Chief Investment Strategist of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, was the founding President of the Morgan Stanley Investment Group, and was founding Chairman of the Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Asset Allocation Committee. He joined Morgan Stanley in 1996 from Goldman Sachs, where he held Senior Management posts within the Equities Division and for six years as Resident manager of their Private Bank in Zürich. David is the author of twelve books, several of which have been best-sellers and have been translated into more than ten languages. David graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy, was awarded a BA degree in Economics from Yale University, and earned his MBA from Harvard Business School. David has lectured extensively at Wharton, Columbia, INSEAD, and New York University Business Schools, and for nine years, David served as a visiting faculty member at Yale College, Yale School of Management, and Harvard Business School. In November 2011, David was inducted by Quinnipiac University into their Business School Leaders Hall of Fame.



Roxanne Davies

Managing Partner, Parly Singapore
Pte Ltd

Roxanne Davies is the Managing Partner of Parly Singapore Pte Ltd, the Asian investment arm for multi century old European family office (SFO). A family office veteran of 30 years, she has managed both operational businesses and multi-asset investment portfolios. Roxanne held positions such as Head of Private Equity and Head of High Net Worth Clients in banks such as HSBC and Union Bancaire Privee respectively, with deep expertise and focus in alternative asset management. She has held Board memberships on both listed and private companies. Currently, she sits on the advisory boards of several large family offices globally. Roxanne has been on the fund raising / advisory boards of the multiple philanthropic institutions, such Singapore Red Cross, SPCA, Human Rights Watch and several private charitable foundations. She has been a speaker and panellist at several industry conferences. She is Swiss, born in Manhattan, NYC and holds a Masters in Finance as well as a Masters in Business Administration.



Tara Courtney DaviesMember & Head of European Infrastructure, KKR

Tara Courtney Davies (London) joined KKR in 2016 and is a Member and Head of the European Infrastructure team. Ms Davies is a member of the Infrastructure Investment Committee and Infrastructure Portfolio Management Committee. Ms. Davies is currently on the board of directors of Calvin Capital, a U.K.-based gas and electricity smart metering business; Telxius, a global tower and cable company based in Spain; Acciona, a global onshore renewable business; X-Elio, a global solar developer based in Spain; and an Abu Dhabi midstream company in joint venture with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company. Ms. Davies has spent over 20 years in the global infrastructure industry working in both Sydney and London. Prior to joining KKR, she was a senior managing director and head of mergers and acquisitions for Macquarie Group's infrastructure advisory arm in London (having also spent a number of years in the infrastructure funds division). Ms. Davies commenced her career at Price Waterhouse and is a qualified Chartered Accountant. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Sydney.



Ryan Denehy
Founder & Chief Executive Officer,
Electric Al

Ryan is a three-time entrepreneur who's previous technology companies were successfully acquired by USA TODAY and Groupon. Now as the founder and CEO of Electric, Ryan created the first "automated IT department" for small and midsize companies. Since founding in 2016 Electric has experienced triple-digit annual revenue growth, raised \$39M and employs 150 people. Ryan is an active venture investor and enjoys driving race cars in his spare time.



Alexander Denner, Ph.D.

Chief Investment Officer, Sarissa
Capital Management LP

Alex Denner, Ph.D., has been investing in healthcare companies for the past two decades. In 2013, he founded Sarissa Capital Management to capitalize on the compelling opportunities for positive shareholder activism created by the unique dynamics of the healthcare sector. Dr. Denner has led Sarissa's involvement in some of biopharma's most successful strategic transactions and activist campaigns, including the sales of Idenix to Merck and ARIAD to Takeda and the spinoff from Biogen and subsequent sale of Bioverativ to Sanofi. Prior to founding Sarissa, Dr. Denner was the healthcare portfolio manager of Icahn Capital. At Icahn, he developed Icahn's activist strategy in healthcare and was responsible for some of the firm's most successful investments, including ImClone, Genzyme, Amylin, Medlmmune, Biogen and Forest Laboratories. Prior to joining Icahn, he was a healthcare portfolio manager at Morgan Stanley Investment Management and at Viking Global. Dr. Denner currently serves as a director of Biogen and as Chairman of The Medicines Company. He previously served as Chairman of ARIAD and director of Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Bioverativ and ImClone. Dr. Denner received his S.B. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his M.S., M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University.





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Vivek Dhayagude
Chief Technology Officer, SkyBridge

Vivek Dhayagude joined SkyBridge in August 2015 as Chief Technology Officer after previously serving as a Technology Consultant to the firm for several years. His 20 years of IT experience includes work as a CTO at Life Analytics (2007-2009), as well as a Systems Architect for Tower Group Insurance (2010-2013) and American International Group (2004-2006). Earlier in his career, Vivek held positions at Mellon Bank and IntSol Consulting Inc., Canada. He received a Bachelor of Computer Engineering from University of Pune, India.



Bob DiamondFounding Partner & Chief Executive
Officer, Atlas Merchant Capital

Bob Diamond is Founding Partner and Chief Executive Officer of Atlas Merchant Capital, a global financial services investment firm with offices in New York and London. Atlas brings its deep operating experience and extensive industry relationships to optimize business and financial performance. Atlas currently manages investments across the US and Europe through its private equity fund and has recently launched a credit platform focused on sub-investment grade and distressed corporate credit. Mr. Diamond was formerly Chief Executive Officer of Barclays plc. Before that he held a variety of senior executive positions at Credit Suisse and Morgan Stanley. Mr. Diamond holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Colby College in Maine and an MBA from the University of Connecticut, and was awarded Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Connecticut and Doctor of Laws from Colby College.



Christian Diller

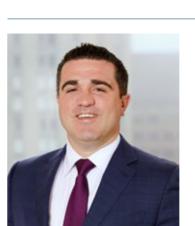
Managing Partner & Co-Founder,
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Dr. Christian Diller is managing partner, co-founder and IC member of Montana Capital Partners, a Swiss based investment boutique focusing on attractive niches of the secondary market. mcp advisor to four of its secondary funds with a total volume of around EUR 1.5 billion has closed each of the last four funds at the hard cap. mcp provides attractive investment products as well as innovative solutions for sellers and high quality investment and risk management services. Christian was previously Head of Solutions at Capital Dynamics leading the firm's structured secondary activities with assets under management of more than USD 2 billion. He also led the portfolio and risk management activities, advising some of the world's largest investors on asset allocation, portfolio rebalancing, cash flow planning and risk management in private equity. Prior to that, he worked in the asset management department covering strategic investments of Allianz Group and started as a buy-side analyst at Pioneer Investments. Christian holds a Dr. rer. pol. in finance specializing on risk-/return characteristics of private equity funds from the Technical University Munich and a MSc from the Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich.



Tim DraperFounder, Draper Associates

Tim Draper is a top global venture capitalist, having founded Draper Associates, DFJ and the Draper Venture Network, a global network of venture capital funds. The firms' investments include Coinbase, Robinhood, TwitchTV, Skype, Tesla, Baidu, Focus Media, YeePay, Hotmail, SolarCity, Athenahealth, Box, SpaceX, Cruise Automation, Carta, Planet, PTC, Ledger and many others. He is a leading spokesperson for Bitcoin, Blockchain, ICOs and cryptocurrencies, having won the Bitcoin US Marshall's auction in 2014, and led investments in the companies that would issue two of the largest ICO's: Tezos and Bancor. He created viral marketing, a marketing method for exponentially spreading an electronic service from customer to customer, instrumental to the successes of Hotmail and Skype and other applications, particularly effective for mail and communications applications. Arguably, social media, crowdsourcing and growth hacking are all outgrowths of Tim's invention of viral marketing. He is regularly featured on all major networks as a proponent for entrepreneurship, innovative governance, free markets and Bitcoin, and has received various awards and honors including the World Entrepreneurship Forum's "Entrepreneur of the World," and is listed as one of the top 100 most powerful people in finance by Worth Magazine.



T.J. Durkin

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Mohamed A. El-Erian
Chief Economic Advisor, Allianz

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Mohamed El Jamal

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Simon Fentham-Fletcher
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Simone Foxman

Correspondent, Bloomberg

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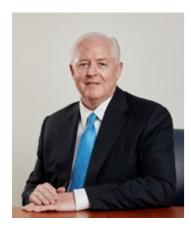


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Adrian Furnham was educated at the London School of Economics where he obtained a distinction in an MSc Econ., and at Oxford University where he completed a doctorate (D.Phil) in 1981. He has subsequently earned a D.Sc (1991) and D.Litt (1995) degree. Previously a lecturer in Psychology at Pembroke College, Oxford, he was Professor of Psychology at University College London from 1992 to 2018. He has lectured widely abroad and held scholarships and visiting professorships at, amongst others, the University of New South Wales, the University of the West Indies, the University of Hong Kong and the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He has also been a Visiting Professor of Management at Henley Management College. He is currently Adjunct Professor of Management at the Norwegian School of Management. He has written over 1300 scientific papers and 89 books. Like Noel Coward, he believes work is more fun than fun and considers himself to be a well-adjusted workaholic. He rides a bicycle to work (as he has always done) very early in the morning. Adrian enjoys writing popular articles, travelling to exotic countries, consulting on real-life problems, arguing at dinner parties and going to the theatre.



Thomas P. Gallagher
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Hadley Gamble
Anchor, CNBC

Hadley Gamble is CNBC's Anchor based in Abu Dhabi. Hadley anchors Capital Connection from CNBC's Middle East Headquarters based within Abu Dhabi Global Markets. The show, broadcast daily, gives you a reading on Asia's markets mid-day and sets you up for the Middle East and European trading day. In addition, Hadley also fronts CNBC's popular documentary franchise, Access: Middle East where she speaks to world leaders, international CEOs and philanthropists. Recent guests include Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Lebanon's Prime Minister Saad Hariri, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir and HRH Princess Reema bin Bandar Al-Saud. Hadley speaks to world leaders, international CEOs and philanthropists. Hadley has profiled some of the biggest names in business including the man behind the world's tallest tower, Emaar Chairman Mohammed Alabbar, bitcoin brothers Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss and the only Western investor to hold a telecom license in North Korea, billionaire Egyptian businessman Naguib Sawiris. Hadley regularly reports for CNBC from the World Economic Forum in Davos, moderating panels on topics ranging from the geostrategic outlook for the Middle East to the future of education and infrastructure. Hadley is also a passionate advocate for women in the workplace and their advancement across the Arab world. She moderated the first ever women's business forum in Saudi Arabia and provided exclusive content to CNBC as the Kingdom lifted its decades-old driving ban.



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Parth Gandhi is Senior Partner and Managing Director at AION India Investment Advisors Private Limited. Prior to that Mr. Gandhi was President of Private Equity at ICICI Venture Funds Management Company Limited. At ICICI Venture Mr. Gandhi was responsible for establishing the strategic partnership with Apollo and in developing AION Investment strategy. Mr. Gandhi brings nearly two decades of investing experience in India. Over the course of his career, Mr. Gandhi has invested in multiple Indian as well as international companies. His investments have been in listed and unlisted companies in the form of equity, mezzanine and senior debt. Mr. Gandhi currently serves on the board of Aion Capital Partners, Aion Capital Management, Clix Capital and Clix Finance, Future Generali India Insurance Co. Ltd and IGT Solutions Pvt Ltd. Also in the past he has served on the boards of Varun Beverages, RJ Corp, Geometric Software Service Ltd and Mahindra Retail Pvt Ltd. In addition to his investment activities, Mr. Gandhi is a charter member of TiE Global (The Indus Entrepreneurs) and an active member of The Explorers Club and ASSOCHAM (The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India). In previous jobs Mr. Gandhi was a Managing Director at Navigator Capital Advisors Limited and prior to that was a Consultant with Ernst and Young. Mr. Gandhi has an MBA from Michigan State University and a BE from University of Mumbai.



Troy A. Gayeski, CFACo-Chief Investment Officer & Senior Portfolio Manager, SkyBridge

Troy Gayeski is a Partner and Senior Portfolio Manager at SkyBridge. As Senior Portfolio Manager, Mr. Gayeski has oversight of the firm's discretionary portfolios (SkyBridge Multi-Advisor Hedge Fund Portfolios - Series G, SkyBridge G II and Legion Strategies) and institutional separate accounts. A regular speaker and commentator, Mr. Gayeski appears as a frequent guest on various broadcast networks including Bloomberg News and Fox Business Network. Mr. Gayeski's responsibilities include Portfolio Management, Manager Sourcing, Research, and Due Diligence across a wide variety of strategies. He oversees the Event Driven and Relative Value Arbitrage Strategies. Prior to this, he performed similar duties in the Hedge Fund Management Group at Citigroup Alternative Investments (CAI), Bank of America and Yankee Advisers. He is a Trustee of the Committee for Economic Development. Mr. Gayeski received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from MIT and is a CFA charterholder.



Rick GersonChief Executive Officer, Falcon
Edge Capital

Rick Gerson is the Founder, Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of Falcon Edge. Prior to Falcon Edge, Mr. Gerson was a Founding Member and Managing Director of Blue Ridge Capital, a New York-based investment firm started in 1996, where he was for 15 years. Mr. Gerson graduated from the University of Virginia, McIntire School of Commerce with a B.S. in Commerce with a concentration in finance. Mr. Gerson is a member of the Cleveland Clinic International Leadership Board, a founding member of the Board of Trustees of PAVE (a charter school in Brooklyn), a member of the Panthera Conservation Council, a founding board member of the Josh Waitzkin Art of Learning Foundation (JWF) and is a member of the board of 92nd Street Y (a leading cultural institution and community center in New York). Mr. Gerson is a member of the Belfer Center's International Council at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.





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Nancy W. Gleason, PhD
Director, Hilary Ballon Center for
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Nancy W. Gleason, PhD is the inaugural Director of the Hilary Ballon Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and an Assistant Professor of Practice in Political Science at New York University Abu Dhabi. Her research focuses on the Fourth Industrial Revolution's impact on higher education, workforce training, and the future of work. She considers societal impacts of employment disruption, continuous reskilling, and the role of industry in supporting upskilling of adults. She has published and consulted widely in these areas and is the editor of Higher Education in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution(Springer, 2018). She is the co-editor of the forthcoming (Palgrave March 2020) volume, Diversity and Inclusion in Global Higher Education: Lessons from Across Asia. Dr. Gleason holds a PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, an MSc from the London School of Economics, and a BA from George Washington University. @NWGleason



Peter Gleysteen
Chief Executive Officer & Chief
Investment Officer, AGL Credit
Management

Gleysteen brings more than 40 years of bank loan experience. Before AGL he had two prior employers, JPMorgan Chase and CIFC, a loan asset manager he founded. At the bank this included lead banker on many of the largest LBO, M&A and re-structuring financings in the 1980's and '90's, running global loan syndications, responsibility for its global corporate loan portfolio, and serving as corporate chief credit officer. More recently he built CIFC Asset Management into a leading private debt manager with \$13B in AUM, serving as founder and CEO from 2005-2014.



Sonia GokhaleFounding Partner, VentureSoug

Sonia is a Founding Partner of VentureSouq. VentureSouq is a UAE-based investment platform that invests into early-stage global tech and tech-enabled start-ups. Previously, Sonia was a Special Advisor to the Chief Investment Officer of Global Special Situations of Abu Dhabi Investment Council (ADIC), a large sovereign wealth fund based in the UAE, focusing on venture capital and tech deals. Prior to this role, Sonia was an Actuarial Consultant at Mercer Human Resource Consulting in its Dubai and Toronto offices. Sonia is a qualified Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and the Society of Actuaries (USA). Sonia obtained a BSc from the University of Toronto (with distinction) and majored in Actuarial Science and Statistics.



Chief Investment Officer, Voltan Capital Management

Alison Graham is the Chief Investment Officer of Voltan Capital Management. She has over twenty years' experience in frontier and emerging markets finance. She traded through the 1995 Mexico crisis, the 1997 Asia crisis, the 1998 Russia crisis and the 2008 global financial crisis, giving her a depth of experience in managing assets during turbulent periods. Alison began her career at Caspian Securities, an investment bank dedicated to emerging markets, as a senior equity analyst for Latin America. She later became the firm's youngest partner and was part of a two-person team earning Institutional Investor's first-place ranking for Latin American. In 1998, Alison joined United Financial Group in Moscow. She remained in Russia for seven years, managing assets and advising firms with interests in frontier markets. For the past ten years, she has managed Voltan's debt and equity investments across frontier markets, taking advantage of the high yields and strong growth these early stage economies provide. She holds a Master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley, is a Chartered Financial Analyst and is fluent in six languages.



Bill GrossFounder & Chairman, Idealab

Bill Gross is a lifelong entrepreneur who has started more than 150 companies in his career, resulting in more than 45 successful IPO's and mergers and acquisitions. 7 of those companies grew to be more than billion-dollar companies. Bill created Idealab, modeled after Thomas Edison's lab, after attending Caltech, in Pasadena, California, 23 years ago. Idealab is the longest-running technology incubator, focused on world-changing technologies including search, ecommerce, robotics, mobile monetization, renewable energy and climate change. Bill holds more than 30 patents, and is the inventor of novel forms of energy storage, solar concentration, and of paid search, the business model that powers the internet. Bill is a frequent speaker on technology and entrepreneurship all over the world, at TED, TechCrunch, Business Mastery, DLD, CES, XPrize, Verge, Davos and more. Bill graduated from Caltech in 1981 and serves on the Caltech Board of Trustees and on the Board of the Art Center College of Design.



Jason Gross
Co-Founder & Chief Executive
Officer, Petal

Jason Gross is Co-Founder & CEO of Petal, a new kind of credit card company on a mission to make credit honest, simple and accessible. Petal is reinventing the credit card, using open banking data to democratize credit scoring, and employing clean, intuitive design to make credit transparent and easier to use responsibly. Petal has raised over \$350M from VCs, investment banks and impact investors globally, including Peter Thiel's Valar Ventures. Jason served on the Consumer Advisory Board of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), has submitted multiple comment letters to the CFPB and has been a speaker and guest lecturer on a variety of topics ranging from Artificial Intelligence (AI) in financial services to regulatory innovation. Prior to Petal, Jason worked at Arbor (acquired by Axciom), and practiced law at Sullivan & Cromwell and Gunderson Dettmer, where he represented financial institutions, technology companies and venture capitalists. Jason holds a JD from Harvard Law School.







Dr. Richard Haass President, Council on Foreign Relations

Dr. Richard Haass is in his 17th year as president of the Council on Foreign Relations, an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, publisher and educational institution dedicated to being a resource to help people better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other countries. In 2013, he served as the chair of the multiparty negotiations in Northern Ireland that provided the foundation for the 2014 Stormont House Agreement. For his efforts to promote peace and conflict resolution, he received the 2013 Tipperary International Peace Award. From January 2001 to June 2003, Dr. Haass was director of policy planning for the Department of State, where he was a principal advisor to Secretary of State Colin Powell. Confirmed by the U.S. Senate to hold the rank of ambassador, Dr. Haass also served as U.S. coordinator for policy toward the future of Afghanistan and U.S. envoy to the Northern Ireland peace process. In recognition of his service, he received the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award. Dr. Haass has extensive additional government experience. From 1989 to 1993, he was special assistant to President George H.W. Bush and senior director for Near East and South Asian affairs on the staff of the National Security Council.



Mohammed Hamdi Chief Executive Officer, NV ADO Den Haag

Hamdi has completed the Dutch FA management course in professional football. He previously worked for Lagardere Sports, where he was responsible for UEFA EURO 2016 for the Netherlands & Belgium. After that he joined as an Associate Director at Infront Sports & Media, a subsidiary of Wanda Sports China. In 2017 he was appointed as Commercial & Marketing Director at Al Jazira FC based in Abu Dhabi. In September 2019, Mohammed joined historic Dutch Eredivisie club, ADO Den Haag, as the CEO.



The Right Honorable Philip Hammond Chancellor of the Exchequer

(2016-2019)

Philip Hammond has been a UK Cabinet Minister and key member of the British Government for almost a decade. Leading four departments over nine years and rising to the second most powerful job in government, he is one of only three people to serve continuously in the UK cabinet from 2010 to 2019, serving under Prime Ministers David Cameron and Theresa May. Taking on the role of Chancellor of the Exchequer shortly after the 2016 Brexit Referendum, Hammond took charge of the British economy at a time of unprecedented uncertainty. He has always strongly held the view that nobody voted for Brexit with a view to becoming poorer or less secure, and thus believes the best way of delivering the result of the referendum is to negotiate a deal with the European Union that keeps the UK and EU close economically, even after the UK leaves the EU. He fought strongly for this approach within the cabinet and has continued to do so since leaving government. He also focused on the needs of businesses and particularly the need to protect London's global financial markets.



Ben Hindman Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Splash

Ben Hindman is co-founder and CEO of Splash, the country's fastest-growing event marketing platform that helps businesses and brands more effectively market through their events. An event planner turned tech entrepreneur, events are in Ben's DNA. Prior to starting Splash, Ben was the Director of Events at Thrillist, where he produced large-scale events from concerts to mystery fly-aways. He also co-founded the invite-only Summit Series, a premier event which attracts the world's leading entrepreneurs. Before that, Ben founded and sold DC By Foot, DC's only free walking tour company. In another life, Ben goes by Benny Beatbox, and has performed at the White House and on stage with Naughty by Nature - but not at the same time.



Chief Executive Officer, Milltrust International Group

Mr. Hopkins has been a senior investment management professional for more than two decades, with a track record in building successful financial services businesses. He is the founder and CEO of Milltrust, overseeing investments across 32 developing public equity markets, as well substantial institutional allocations to farmland investments in Australia and New Zealand, and science and technology investments through the British Innovation Fund. Milltrust's latest initiative, in collaboration with WWF-Hong Kong, is The Climate Impact Asia Fund, an active equity impact fund investing into the leading Asian-listed companies that make a positive impact against climate change. Mr Hopkins has been a prolific capital raiser for single manager funds, funds of funds and listed closed-end funds. In 1997, he founded Fortune Group, a multi asset class advisory firm raising over 10bn USD of assets under management. The firm was sold to publicly-listed Close Bros Group plc. in 2006. Mr. Hopkins started his career at S.G. Warburg, and held senior roles at UBS, HSBC and Nomura. He serves as a director of Swallowcourt, a UK care provider, Xoomtrip, a Gulf-based travel agent, and Roslin Technologies (University of Edinburgh), and is a member of NUS Medicine International Council. He graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Bristol in 1986 and recently completed a Non-Executive Director postgraduate diploma in Hong Kong. Mr. Hopkins resides with his family in Singapore.



Chieh Huang Chief Executive Officer, Boxed

Chieh Huang is Co-Founder and CEO of Boxed.com, a company that is disrupting the wholesale shopping club experience by enabling you to shop for bulk-sized items online or via mobile app and have them delivered directly to your door. Forbes Magazine has named Boxed one of the next "billion dollar startups." Started in Huang's garage 5 years ago, Boxed now has hundreds of employees in facilities all over the United States. Since the garage, the company has sold hundreds of millions of dollars of products and has raised over a quarter billion dollars in funding to date. Huang's personal honors include being named to "Bloomberg 50", Bloomberg Businessweek's 50 people to watch in 2018, to National Retail Federation's list of People Shaping Retail's Future, as one of Crain's 40 Under 40 and Goldman Sachs' list of "100 Most Intriguing Entrepreneurs." In addition, Entrepreneur Magazine included Chieh on their list of "The 50 Most Daring Entrepreneurs." You can read more about Chieh's story in People Magazine's profile of him for their "American Dream" series, tracking his growth from humble beginnings to running a fast-growing online retailer. You can also catch more of him at TED.com delivering a talk about his lifelong battle against





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Peter HughesFounder & Chief Executive Officer,
Apex Group

Peter founded the Apex Group, one of the world's largest fund administrators, in September 2003. His vision was to create a company that provides a suite of services enabling managers to grow whilst running their businesses more effectively and efficiently. Under his leadership the Apex Group has grown rapidly and today delivers a full range of services from fund administration, middle office, Banking and Depositary to Corporate services. These services are delivered via 40+ offices worldwide by over 3000 staff. The Group now administers c.\$650 billion (USD) in assets. Peter has over 20 years of financial services experience having qualified as a chartered accountant in 1994. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales



Guy HurleyChief Executive Officer, Abu Dhabi
Catalyst Partners

Guy is the CEO of Abu Dhabi Catalyst Partners, with the brief to fund and co invest with entities who wish to set up inside the ADGM. Previously Guy ran HCM for 10 years, consulting to the likes of COS, Albourne, Fidante, CSAM and Merrill Lynch. Additionally, he was a Managing Director at Merrill Lynch and Global Head of Manager Research at FRM. In his early career, he was a trader at Morgan Grenfell/Deutsche Bank, Barclays and the Chase London Diversified Fund. Guy Has a degree in Slavonic and East European History from University College London, and an MBA in Finance and Decision Sciences from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.



Majid H. JafarChief Executive Officer,
Crescent Petroelum

Majid Jafar is the CEO of Crescent Petroleum, the Middle East's oldest private oil & gas company, and Vice-Chairman of the Crescent Group of companies which includes interests in port management, logistics, contracting, private equity and real estate. He is also Managing Director of the Board of Dana Gas (PJSC), the leading publicly-listed natural gas company in the Middle East, in which Crescent is the largest shareholder. His previous experience was with Shell International's Exploration & Production and Gas & Power Divisions. In addition to his professional commitments in the energy sector, Majid Jafar is active with organisations promoting education, youth empowerment, healthcare and the environment. He serves on the Board of Trustees of Queen Rania Foundation (QRF), Kalimat Foundation, the Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED), and the Iraq Energy Institute; the Board of Fellows of Harvard Medical School, the Panel of Senior Advisers of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), and the International Advisory Board of the Prince's Trust International and The Atlantic Council. He is also a member of the GCC Board Directors Institute and the Young Presidents Organization (YPO), an Accredited Director of the Institute of Directors (IoD Mudara), and has been named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.



Gosego JanuaryChief Executive Officer, Debswana
Pension Fund

Mrs Gosego January was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Debswana Pension Fund (DPF) by the DPF Board of Trustees from 1st February 2011. The Debswana Pension Fund (DPF) is the largest private pension fund in Botswana and a major player in the retirement services industry with assets valued at BWP8 billion and a total membership of 12 150 inclusive of active, deferred and pensioner members as at 31st December 2017. The DPF is a pension fund secretariat to the Debswana & De Beers family of companies namely; Debswana Diamond Company (Debswana), Diamond Trading Company Botswana (DTCB), De Beers Holding Botswana (DBHB), Morupule Coal Mine (MCM), De Beers Global SightHolder Sales (DBGSS), Anglo Coal Botswana and the DPF itself. Prior to this appointment Mrs spent 20 years working at Debswana Diamond Company where she rose through the ranks from Accounts Trainee to key Managerial positions. The key Managerial positions held being that of Cost Accountant, Business Services Manager, Management Accountant, and Business Strategy Programme Manager for Orapa and Letlhakane Mines reporting to the General Manager and being a member of the Executive Committee, and lastly the Personal Assistant to the Managing Director, a position responsible for providing strategic and business advice to the Managing Director.



Jalak Jobanputra
Founding Partner, Future\Perfect
Ventures

Jalak Jobanputra is Founding Partner of Future\Perfect Ventures, an early stage venture capital fund in NYC focused on next generation technology such as blockchain and machine learning. FPV's portfolio includes Abra, Open Garden, Blockstream, Bitpesa, FuseMachines, Everledger and Blockchain. Jalak was awarded Institutional Investor's Top Fintech Dealmakers in 2017 and 2016. In 2017, she was cited as a "Top 5 Investor Powering the Blockchain Boom" and CB Insights noted FPV as one of the top VC funds in blockchain "before it was cool". Since founding the firm, she has spoken on blockchain technology at many global conferences, including the Milken Global Institute, Dutch Development Bank/FMO annual meeting, and The Economist Buttonwood Gathering. Prior to FPV, Jobanputra was the Director of Emerging Market Mobile Investments at Omidyar Network, a philanthrocapitalist fund started by Pierre Omidyar, co-founder of eBay. Previously, she worked at Intel Capital investing in enterprise software in Silicon Valley from 1999-2003. as well as New Venture Partners and the NYC Investment Fund where she formed one of NYC's first seed funds and helped establish the Fintech Innovation Lab in 2010. She started her career as a media/tech/telecom investment banker in NYC and London.



RJ Johnston

Executive Advisor & Managing
Director, Global Energy & Natural
Resources, Eurasia Group

RJ is Managing Director, Energy and Natural Resources for Eurasia Group, working closely with corporate and institutional investor clients involved in the commodity and energy sector. Services range from board presentations to strategic planning, drawing upon his experience and analytical expertise in energy and natural resources sector geopolitics. From 2013 to 2018, RJ served as CEO of Eurasia Group. Prior to joining Eurasia Group, RJ served as managing director of equity research at Medley Global Advisors, where he served as the lead analyst for global energy equities. RJ, in addition, was a research director at UBS Warburg Energy, working directly in support of energy trading. Hhe previously directed internal research teams supporting oil, LNG, metals, and FX trading at Enron Global Markets. Earlier, at ArmorGroup, RJ directed political risk research for corporate clients in a variety of markets including China, Russia, Colombia, and Indonesia. Recent notable achievements include published contributions to the World Economic Forum, the World Energy Council, the National Petroleum Council, the International Gas Union, and the Canadian Energy Research Institute. RJ holds a doctorate in international relations from American University. RJ is a Research Fellow at the Atlantic Council Global Energy Center and a board member for Junior Achievement of Greater Washington.





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USMC (Ret.)
Founder & President, Jones Group
International

General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret), is founder and President of Jones Group International, a global consulting firm. General Jones was appointed National Security Advisor by President Barack Obama on January 20, 2009, and served in this capacity until October 2010. Prior to this he was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the US Chamber Institute for 21st Century Energy. From July 1999 to January 2003, General Jones served as the 32nd Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. After relinquishing this post, he assumed the positions of Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR) and Commander, United States European Command (USEUCOM), both of which he held until December 2006. After more than 40 years of uniformed service to the Nation, General Jones retired from active duty in the US Marine Corps in February 2007. In November of that year, he was appointed as the State Department's Special Envoy for Middle East Regional Security. In this capacity, he worked with Israeli and Palestinian officials to advance regional security in support of the Middle East Peace Process. General Jones spent his formative years in France, returning to the United States to attend Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. In addition to having been awarded national and international military awards, he received from Georgetown University a Bachelor of Science degree (1966) and an Honorary Doctorate of Letters (2002). In June 1985, he graduated from the National War College in Washington, D.C. He and his wife Diane have four children and nine grandchildren.



Erik KaasPartner & Chairman of Europe,
Partners Group

Erik Kaas is Chairman of Europe with responsibility for strategic client relationships in the Middle East and plays a strategic role in growing the firm's exposure and network in that area. He is a Senior Partner of Partners Group, the second largest private markets firm globally in terms of market cap. Founded in 1996, the firm has since grown to actively manage USD 90.8 billion from over 20 offices around the world. During his tenure at Partners Group, Mr. Kaas has been part of senior management of the firm from its beginnings, more recently as a member of the executive board, and a member of the strategy and investment committees. Mr. Kaas has also played a major role in the development of many of the firms private equity portfolio companies to achieve designed value creation measures. Most recent of which was Vermaat Groep B.V., the Dutch market leader in high-end catering and hospitality services, where he was a member of the board and instrumental to exceeding underwriting assumptions in Partners Groups recent exit of the company. Mr. Kaas, a native from the Netherlands, graduated with a double degree in European business administration from the UK and Germany prior to joining Goldman Sachs.



Abhi Kane

Managing Director - Head of
Investment Research, SkyBridge

Abhi Kane is a Managing Director and Head of Investment Research at SkyBridge. He is a member of Investment Committee. Mr. Kane's responsibilities include managing a team of Investment Analysts in addition to Manager Sourcing, Research, and Due Diligence across a wide variety of hedge fund strategies. Prior to this, Mr. Kane performed similar duties in the Hedge Fund Management Group at Citigroup Alternative Investments (CAI). Before joining CAI in 2003, Mr. Kane was President of Kane Consulting, Inc. a company engaged in providing analytical and software services to top financial companies including AIG, Citibank and GSCC. Mr. Kane received a B.E. in Computer Engineering from PICT and M.B.A. from NYU Stern School of Business. He is also a CAIA charter holder.



Dr. Thomas S. KaplanChairman, NOVAGOLD

Thomas S. Kaplan is an American entrepreneur, wildlife conservationist and art collector. He is the Chairman of investment and asset management firm The Electrum Group and their flagship gold company, NOVAGOLD, Founder and Chairman of Panthera, the global leader in big cat conservation, Founder of The Leiden Collection, the world's largest private collection of Rembrandt and the Dutch Golden Age art, Chairman of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH), a multilateral organization co-founded by the governments of France and the United Arab Emirates, and past President and Chairman of the 92nd Street Y, Manhattan's premier cultural and community center. Following his education in Switzerland, Dr. Kaplan attended Pembroke College, University of Oxford, where he earned his Bachelor's, Master's and DPhil degrees in modern history. His ability to superimpose historical and geopolitical understandings onto financial and commodity cycles led to one of the strongest track records in the natural resources sector over the past two decades. Most recently, Dr. Kaplan served as Chairman of Leor Exploration & Production LLC, a natural gas exploration and development company he founded in 2003 and sold in 2007 to EnCana Corporation, for \$2.55 billion.



Scott Kapnick
Chief Executive Officer, HPS
Investment Partners

Scott Kapnick is Chief Executive Officer of HPS Investment Partners, LLC ("HPS") which he founded in 2007. HPS is a leading global investment platform with a focus on non-investment grade credit and has over \$58bn of assets under management. HPS has 142 investment professionals and over 350 employees globally, and is headquartered in New York with ten additional offices worldwide. HPS was originally formed as a unit of Highbridge Capital Management, LLC, a subsidiary of J.P. Morgan Asset Management. In March 2016, the principals of HPS acquired the firm from J.P. Morgan, which retained Highbridge and the hedge fund strategies. From 2013-2016, Mr. Kapnick also served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Highbridge Capital Management. Before founding HPS, Mr. Kapnick was a Management Committee Member, Partner, and Co-Head of Global Investment Banking at Goldman Sachs, positions he held from 2001 to 2006. He also served as Co-Chief Executive Officer of Goldman Sachs International from 2005 to 2006 and spent 12 out of his 21 years at the firm in Europe (London and Frankfurt). Mr. Kapnick is a graduate of Williams College and holds a combined JD/MBA from the University of Chicago. Mr. Kapnick also studied at the London School of Economics & Political Science. Mr. Kapnick is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the Board of Directors of Room to Read, the Naples Botanical Garden and the Hospital for Special Surgery.



Ryan KavanaughPrincipal, Proxima

Principal of Proxima, Ryan Kavanaugh is one of the most accomplished, prolific and honored executives in entertainment industry history. Before founding Relativity Media, Kavanaugh was active in finance and investment—activities he's continued alongside his entertainment industry companies. Using an intelligent financial model of film finance, He produced, distributed, and/or structured financing for more than 200 films, generating more than \$20 billion in worldwide box office revenue and earning 60 Oscar nominations, holding the distinction of being the 25th highest grossing film producer of all time. Kavanaugh also originated a number of "first of their kind" deals including the creation of Marvel Studios where Kavanaugh pioneered an innovative finance deal for post-bankruptcy Marvel, creating the studio and finance structure which led to Marvel Cinematic Universe. He went on to create the SVOD (streaming) category with Netflix, an agreement that boosted that company's market capitalization from \$2 to \$10 billion. Kavanaugh then launched a sports agency from the ground up, known today as Independent Sports & Entertainment, which under Kavanaugh's leadership grew to become the 2ndlargest sports agency in the U.S. with over 2.5 billion dollars in player contracts. He also created the powerhouse television company, now known as Critical Content, producing hit shows like Catfish on MTV and Limitless on CBS, which he for \$200M. Prior to its sale the company had 40 television series on air across 19 networks.









General John F. Kelly
U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

Secretary Kelly, born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1970 and was discharged as a sergeant in 1972. Following graduation from the University of Massachusetts in 1976, he was commissioned an Officer of Marines. As an officer, Secretary Kelly served in a number of commands, staff and school assignments to include sea duty, instructor duty at The Basic School, the Infantry Officer Course, command of the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, attendance at the National War College, and duty on Capitol Hill as the Commandant's liaison to the U.S. Congress. He returned to the United States in 2001, where he eventually serving in his last military post from 2012 to 2016 as the four-star General leading United States Southern Command, the unified combatant command responsible for American military operations in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. After less than a year in retirement, Secretary Kelly was offered the opportunity to serve the nation and its people again, now as the fifth Secretary of Homeland Security. After six months, he was selected to serve as White House Chief of Staff, a position he held until January 2019.



Iqbal KhanFounding Board Member & Chief Executive Officer, Fajr Capital

Iqbal Khan is the Chief Executive Officer of Fajr Capital, a UAE-based private equity investor whose shareholders include Khazanah Nasional, the Government of Brunei Darussalam, Abu Dhabi Investment Council and Mohammed Alsubeaei and Sons Investments Company (MASIC), among others. Prior to Fair Capital, Mr Khan was the founding CEO of HSBC Amanah, the global Islamic financial services division of the HSBC Group. He is a long-time advocate of the Islamic financial services industry, serving as an advisor to government initiatives in Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom. Mr Khan holds a Master's degree in Political Science and International Relations and a B.Sc. (Hons) in Physics and Chemistry, both from Aligarh Muslim University. He has also obtained advanced management qualifications from INSEAD and NASD, New York. He is the recipient of several industry and global accolades, including the Royal Award for Islamic Finance, a biannual prize presented by HM the King of Malaysia; the State Award of 'The Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Brunei' from HM the Sultan of Brunei; and a Lifetime Achievement Award presented by HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.



Parag Khanna
Founder & Managing Partner,
FutureMap

Parag Khanna is a leading global strategy advisor, world traveller, and best-selling author. He is Founder & Managing Partner of FutureMap, a data and scenario based strategic advisory firm. Parag's newest book is The Future is Asian: Commerce, Conflict & Culture in the 21st Century (2019). He is author of a trilogy of books on the future of world order beginning with The Second World: Empires and Influence in the New Global Order (2008), followed by How to Run the World: Charting a Course to the Next Renaissance (2011), and concluding with Connectography: Mapping the Future of Global Civilization (2016). He is also author of Technocracy in America: Rise of the Info-State (2017) and co-author of Hybrid Reality: Thriving in the Emerging Human-Technology Civilization (2012). In 2008, Parag was named one of Esquire's "75 Most Influential People of the 21st Century," and featured in WIRED magazine's "Smart List." He holds a PhD from the London School of Economics, and Bachelors and Masters degrees from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He has travelled to more than 100 countries and is a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum.



Dr. Dania Koleilat Khatib Affiliated Scholar, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut (AUB)

Dr. Dania is an affiliated scholar at the Issam Fares Institute for public policy and international affairs at the American University of Beirut (AUB). She specializes in US-Arab relations and has a special interest in Syria. She authored a book on the Arab lobby and the factors for success and for failure. Her book is published by Routledge UK. The Arabic version is published by the Center of Arab Unity for Studies in Beirut. Her upcoming book, which she co-edited, also published by Routledge, handles the West perception of the Arab Gulf. She is a regular publisher on the US relation with the Arab Gulf in several regional newspapers. She is a weekly columnist in the Saudi newspaper Arab News. Dania had regular appearances on a series of Middle Eastern TV stations. Dr.Khatib has co-directed, participated, presented scholarly papers and spoken in numerous conferences and workshops. She has been a guest speaker on several high-profile platforms such as NATO, European Parliament and the Heritage Foundation. She is a member of the Arab Council of Social Studies and on the steering committee of United Nation Economic and Social Committee of West Asia, National Agenda for the Future of Syria. Dania holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Exeter and both an MBA and a BBA from AUB.



Sarah Kunst
Managing Director, Cleo Capital

Sarah Kunst, managing director of Cleo Capital, is an investor and entrepreneur who has worked at Apple, Red Bull, Chanel & Mohr Davidow Ventures. She is also a contributing editor at Marie Claire Magazine. She founded LA Dodgers backed Proday and has served as a senior advisor at Bumble where she focused on their corporate VC arm Bumble Fund and on the board of the Michigan State University Foundation endowment. Kunst has been named a Future Innovator by Vanity Fair, Forbes Magazine 30 under 30 and a top 25 innovator in tech by Cool Hunting. She has been recognized for her work in Business Insider as a 30 under 30 Woman in Tech and Top African-American in Tech & Pitchbook Top Black VC To Watch, honored as a top women in STEM by Create & Cultivate.and Marie Claire Magazine named her a Young Gun to watch. She has written for Techcrunch, Forbes, Wall St. Journal, Fortune and Entrepreneur.com. Marc Andreessen named her one of his 55 Unknown Rock Stars in Tech



Peter Lejre
Advisor, Al Maskari Holding

For the last three years, Peter has been a senior advisor at Al Maskari Holding (AMH), overseeing the Al Maskari family's financial service sector activities. During his time with the family, several new financial sector initiatives have been developed, including the launch of the 'MEASA Stock Fund' - a private, open-ended investment fund domiciled in the Abu Dhabi Global Market, holding securities in 25 markets across the Middle East, Africa and South Asia region. The fund was created through a partnership between Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, McKinley Capital Management, and AMH. Prior to joining AMH, Peter worked at Gulf Investment Corporation (the SWF that is jointly owned by the GCC member states) and McKinsey & Co. Peter holds a Master of Science (Corporate Finance & Accounting) and a Bachelor of Science (Business Economics and Business Administration) from Copenhagen Business School.







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Erhfei LiuFounding Partner & Chief Executive
Officer, Asia Investment Capital

Mr. Liu is a founding partner and the CEO of Asia Investment Capital. He also serves as a director of Cindat Capital Management Limited, as well as an independent non-executive director on the board of several public companies. Mr. Liu was formerly the Chairman of Merrill Lynch China and Country Executive of Bank of America Merrill Lynch. He had previously worked as head of Asia or China for Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Smith Barney and Indosuez. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and International relations from Brandeis University, and Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School.



Zidi LiuFounding Partner, Green
Harbor Investment

Ms. Liu graduated from Duke University with degree in Economics and started her career as part of the Mergers & Acquisitions team at Deutsche Bank's investment banking division. Ms. Liu founded Green Harbor Investment in 2015 and has led the investments in all of Green Harbor Investment's portfolio companies. Notable recent transactions include investments in Jason Wu, Chezhibao, HomeLink, Lee's Pharma, Wuxi PharmaTech, Sanli Education Group, ZhongAn Insurance, Urbaser, Tencent Music Entertainment, Suning Financial Services, Sanxia New Energy, etc. Prior to founding Green Harbor Investment, Ms. Liu was a private equity investment professional at Yunfeng Capital, responsible for investment analysis, portfolio management and fund-raising activities. Key investments include Xiaomi, Youku Tudou, Ali Health Information Technology, and Gold Mantis Construction Decoration. Ms. Liu served as the Acting CFO of PPStream during 2013 and led its sale to Baidu. Ms. Liu was awarded "China's F40 Prominent Young Investor" by Zero2IPO Group and "2018 China's Best Female Investor" & "2018 China's Most Popular Female Investor" by Chinese Venture.



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Mr. William Ma, CFA, CAIA, with 20 years of industry experience, is the Chief Investment Officer of Noah Holdings (NYSE:NOAH) and Gopher Asset Management (a wholly owned subsidiary of Noah), a multi-asset multi-strategy asset manager with USD25 billion AUM and 220 professionals. As CIO of Noah and Gopher, he is responsible for overseeing all investment management and products due diligence of combined USD80 billion of asset. Before joining Noah in 2015, Mr. Ma was CIO of Gottex Penjing Asset Management and co-founder of Penjing Asset Management, managing the industry's first Asian FoHF since 2005. With over 15 years of track record, Mr. Ma won over 15 industry awards including Golden Bull Award - Best Domestic Fund of Hedge Funds in China in 2018 and other awards from InvestHedge, HFMWeek and AsianInvestor. Mr. Ma has been the Foreign Expert QDLP Review Committee Member for the Shanghai Municipal Government FSD since 2012, the APAC Committee Board Member of SBAI (Standard Board of Alternative Investment) since 2019, and the judge panel of Eurekahedge Asian Hedge Fund Awards since 2016. Mr. Ma received his BEng (EESE) from the University of Hong Kong and his MBA in Finance from the University of San Francisco.



Winston Ma, CFA, Esq.
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Winston Ma is an investor, author, and adjunct professor in the high-tech world and digital economy. Most recently, he was Managing Director and Head of North America Office for China Investment Corporation (CIC), China's sovereign wealth fund, where he makes cross-border digital economy investments (the "Digital Silk Road") and seek synergies between China and world markets ("Global Investments, China Factors"). Prior to that, Mr. Ma served as the deputy head of equity capital markets at Barclays Capital, a vice president at J.P. Morgan investment banking, and a corporate lawyer at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in New York. China Nationally Certified Software Programmer as early as 1994, Mr. Ma is the book author of China's Mobile Economy (Wiley 2016, among "best 2016 business books for CIOs"), Digital Economy 2.0 (2017), The Digital Silk Road (2018) and Investing in China (2006). His new book China's Data Economy will be published late 2019 by Japan's Hayakawa House. Mr. Ma is a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum (WEF) and has been a member of the Council for Long-Term Investing and Council for Digital Economy and Society. He is an NYU law school adjunct professor and in 2014 he received the NYU Distinguished Alumni Award.



Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Farvahar Partners

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Prasanth Manghat
Chief Executive Officer & Executive
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Prasanth Manghat is the CEO & executive director of NMC Health and a member at Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a member at Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. In 2012, ICAEW named Manghat the CFO of the Year. He is on the board of directors at NMC Health where he was instrumental in listing the company at the London Stock Exchange, "the first by a non-oil sector UAE company".





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Marty Martin

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Marty Martin has an accomplished career which includes service with the CIA, NSA, and the U.S. Army. He has developed invaluable insight, managerial experience, and relationships across the U.S. Government and many foreign governments and intelligence services at the highest levels. He is the CEO of Crane & Crane Consulting, LLC where he leads the firm's expansion and growth. Mr. Martin is also the Director of MMartin & Associates LLC, a boutique service specializing in problem solving, security solutions, and relationship building. In addition, he is a senior partner of Falcon Cyber, a PE fund focused solely on cyber security investments. He previously served as a Senior Executive for the International Oil Trading Company (IOTC), a multi-million dollar enterprise with activities in Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Russia and the Caribbean. He also recently played a central role in HBO's Manhunt, a 2013 Emmy awarding winning documentary. Mr. Martin's experience includes over 29 years of U.S. Government service including U.S. Special Forces, the National Security Agency, and the CIA, culminating in several years as a member of the CIA's Senior Intelligence Service. From 2004 through 2007 he served as Chief of Station in a strategic country in the Middle East in one of the most senior assignments in the Near East Division. He managed a multi-million dollar budget, strategic programs, personnel, and families in high threat environment. His experience includes representing the CIA at the highest levels in foreign countries, the U.S. Executive Branch, the U.S. Congress, U.S. Military, on all intelligence and policy matters concerning the agency's operations.



Jon Medved
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Jonathan Medved is a serial entrepreneur and according to the Washington Post (2007) "one of Israel's leading high-tech venture capitalists". In the 2008 NY Times Supplement "Israel at 60" Medved was named one of the top 10 most influential Americans who have impacted Israel. Medved is the founder and CEO of OurCrowd, the world's largest equity crowdfunding platform for accredited investors which has raised \$1.2B for 200 companies since its launch in February 2013. Bloomberg Businessweek said that OurCrowd "has blown up the exclusivity around tech fundraising" and The Jerusalem Post added that "It has taken OurCrowd only a matter of months to become one of Israel's most active funds". TheStreet.com said that OurCrowd is "Crowdfunding for Real Investors." Prior to OurCrowd, Medved was the co-founder and CEO of Vringo (Nasdaq:VRNG) and the co-founder and General Partner of Israel Seed Partners, with \$262M under management.



Jawad MianFounder, Stray Reflections

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Douglas MonticcioloFounder, Chief Executive Officer
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Douglas Monticciolo is Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer and Co-Founder of Brevet Capital Management. He is an entrepreneur and investment manager with deep data analytics and technology experience developed over three decades while providing credit financing and advisory services. Mr. Monticciolo founded Brevet Capital Management in 1998 and has established the firm as a leader in helping government agencies solve complex problems – and drive positive social impact – by creating innovative financing products and services. This "finance as a service" approach provides direct lending and other financing to private middle market companies that enable them to effectively serve the government sector as contractors – a low credit risk strategy with highly competitive barriers to entry. Mr. Monticciolo received a Master of Engineering Sciences degree in Applied Mathematics from Columbia University. He graduated from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with an M.S. in Applied Mathematics and earned a B.S. in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Hope for New York and is a Board Member of the Young Presidents

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Jason Mudrick
Chief Investment Officer, Mudrick
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Jason is the founder and Chief Investment Officer of Mudrick Capital Management, L.P., an investment firm that specializes in long and short investments in distressed credit. Mudrick Capital was founded in 2009 with \$5 million under management. As of March 2019, the firm has grown to manage approximately \$2.4 billion, primarily for institutional clients, Jason began his Wall Street career in 2000 as an Associate in Merrill Lynch's Mergers & Acquisitions Investment Banking Group. In 2001 he joined Contrarian Capital Management, where he began his focus on distressed investing. In October 2002 Jason launched the Contrarian Equity Fund, an investment vehicle focused on purchasing distressed debt that would be restructured into equity, post-bankruptcy equities and other event driven deep value special situations. As Managing Director and Portfolio Manager at Contrarian, Jason grew that business to peak assets of approximately \$400 million in the Contrarian Equity Fund and close to \$1 billion in total assets including the positions Contrarian's other funds co-invested along-side Jason's fund. Jason left Contrarian in October 2008 to launch Mudrick Capital. Jason has a B.A. in Political Science from the College of the University of Chicago and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.



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M. Nielsen
Secretary of Homeland Security (2017-2019)

Kirstjen M. Nielsen is an internationally recognized expert and proven leader on critical security issues facing governments and institutions. Her breadth of experience stands at the crossroads of policy, strategy, and operations, providing her with a unique perspective across complex enterprise environments, and influencing her position on the importance of stakeholder engagement, the role of technology as a force multiplier, and the need to address today's threats while still assessing and preparing for those of tomorrow. Secretary Nielsen was sworn in as the sixth Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in December 2017. During her tenure, she directed widespread actions to increase the security and resilience of the nation against evolving threats across land, air, sea and cyber domains. She was previously commissioned to serve as the White House Principal Deputy Chief of Staff and the DHS Chief of Staff, Ms. Nielsen has also advised government agencies, private sector companies, international organizations, and NGOs on assessing their risk posture and increasing their resiliency, developing crisis communications plans, understanding various policy environments, and identifying and mitigating hazards. She is the former President and founder of Sunesis, a security management firm, and currently serves as President of Lighthouse Strategies.



Abdallah ObeikanChief Executive Officer, Obeikan
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Abdallah Obeikan, CEO of Obeikan Investment Group, born on 06th Nov 1964, Mr.Obeikan holds BSC in Electrical Engineering, King Saud University, Riyadh, K.S.A, 1986. He started working with Obeikan since 1987 and moved from one position to another until he became CEO in 2000. Obeikan Investment Group is a major player in packaging and education industries located in Riyadh K.S.A. It operates more than 24 companies works mainly in; liquid packaging, paper & Board, Plastic and Education. Mr.Obeikan is a board member in several companies and committees among these are Board Member of Obeikan Investment Group (OIG), Board Member of SIG Combibloc Obeikan co. (JV), Chairman of Elopak Obeikan co. (JV), Board Member of Obeikan Glass (JV), Board Member of Arabian shield co. (listed co), Vice Chairman of the Board of MESC co. (listed co), Board Member of National Water Co., Board Member of Social Development Bank, Board Member of Technical and Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC), Board Member of the General Authority of Saudi Customs and Board Member of the Industrial Council.



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Matteo Renzi Prime Minister of Italy (2014-2016)

Matteo Renzi was born in Florence in January 1975. In 2004 he is elected President of the Province of Florence. In 2008 he takes on a seminal challenge and announces his intention to stand in the primary elections to run as a Democratic candidate for Mayor of Florence. Against all odds, he breaks the old political consensus with a landslide victory with over 40,52% of the votes. In June 2009 he is elected Mayor. In 2012 he announced his candidacy as leader of the Democratic Party, standing in the primaries and losing in a dramatic head-to-head competition against the experienced leader of the Left, once again proving his groundbreaking fresh leadership style. Meanwhile, he continued to serve his term as Mayor of Florence. A year after, in 2013 he stands once again in the primaries, this time winning with 67,5% of the vote. In 2014, Mr. Renzi was appointed Prime Minister of Italy, the youngest in history. After the negative result of the embattled constitutional referendum, in December 2016. he resigns as Prime Minister; and following the results of the Italian parliamentary election in 2018, he resigns as leader of the PD. Matteo Renzi is currently a sitting Senator for Florence. His activity as a politician has been accompanied by his writings: "Fuori!" (2011), "Stilnovo" (2012), "Oltre la rottamazione" (2013), "Avanti! Perché l'Italia non si ferma" (2017)" and a new book out this year: "Un'altra strada".



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Yann Robard is the Managing Partner at Whitehorse Liquidity Partners and has over 18 years of private equity experience. Established in 2015, Whitehorse is a private equity manager dedicated to providing structured liquidity solutions to the alternative asset class. Whitehorse consists of 38 professionals and has US\$3.4 billion in commitments under management. Whitehorse has deployed over US\$3.2 billion to a broad range of counterparties in 39 closed or pending closed transactions. Prior to founding Whitehorse, Yann spent 13 years at the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, most recently as Managing Director, Head of Secondaries and Co-Investments. Under Yann's leadership, the Secondaries and Co-Investment program grew to a team of 15 professionals in Toronto and London that invested over C\$7.5 billion in 49 transactions.



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Hartley Rogers Chairman, Hamilton Lane

Hartley Rogers is the Chairman of Hamilton Lane. As such, he plays significant roles in the Firm's investing and client relationship activities, as well as in its strategic and organizational development. He is a member of various Investment Committees of the Firm and is the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Founded in 1991, Hamilton Lane is a private markets asset management firm. With approximately \$65 billion in discretionary assets under management and oversight of an additional \$400 billion in advisory assets, Hamilton Lane is the largest allocator of capital to private equity funds in the world and is a significant player in the private markets secondary and co-investment arenas. A publicly-traded firm (Nasdag: HLNE), Hamilton Lane has approximately 375 employees based in 16 offices worldwide. Prior to joining Hamilton Lane in 2003, Hartley was a Managing Director in the private equity fund management areas at Morgan Stanley and at Credit Suisse. He is the Chairman of the Advisory Board of HarvardX, the on-line learning initiative of Harvard University. He also serves on the Boards of the Institute of International Education and Bessemer Securities. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Business School.





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Norman T. Roule is a business consultant on Middle East political, security, economic, and energy issues with an emphasis on the Gulf Cooperation Council states and Iran. He served for 34-years in the Central Intelligence Agency, managing multiple programs relating to the Middle East. His work in the CIA's Directorate of Operations included service as Division Chief and Chief of Station as well as more than 15 years of overseas work. Mr. Roule served as the National Intelligence Manager for Iran (NIM-I) at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence from November 2008 until September 2017. As NIM-I, he was the principal Intelligence Community (IC) official responsible for national intelligence policy & activities related to Iran-related issues, to include IC engagement on these topics with senior-most policymakers in the National Security Council, the Departments of State, Defense, and Energy, and Congress. Mr. Roule has received multiple national security awards and was decorated by President Obama. Since his retirement, Mr. Roule continues to engage policymakers in the U.S. and the Middle East. Mr. Roule is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a non-resident Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School, and a Visiting Fellow at George Mason University. He is frequently asked to comment on Middle East issues for international media.



David RubensteinCo-Founder & Co-Executive
Chairman, The Carlyle Group

David M. Rubenstein is a Co-Founder and Co-Executive Chairman of The Carlyle Group, one of the world's largest and most successful private investment firms. He is a 1970 graduate of Duke University and a 1973 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School. He served as Chief Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments before becoming the Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy during the Carter Administration. He also practiced law in both NYC and DC. Mr. Rubenstein is Chairman of the Boards of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Council on Foreign Relations; a Fellow of the Harvard Corporation; a Trustee of the National Gallery of Art, the University of Chicago, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins Medicine, the Institute for Advanced Study, the Brookings Institution, and the World Economic Forum; and President of the Economic Club of Washington, among other board seats and memberships. Mr. Rubenstein is an original signer of The Giving Pledge, and a recipient of the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy and the MoMA's David Rockefeller Award, among other philanthropic awards. He is also the host of The David Rubenstein Show: . Peer-to-Peer Conversations.



Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Manna Tree Partners

Gabrielle "Ellie" Rubenstein is the Co-Founder and CEO of Manna Tree Partners, a private equity company focused on growth equity investments in companies that will revolutionize the food supply chain. She leads the firms fundraising efforts and is a member of the investment committee. Ellie has a MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management, a dual degree program that awards an MS in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University and an MBA from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. She received a BA in Sociology with an honors thesis on Philanthropy from Harvard University. She earned a graduate certificate in Mind-Body-Wellness from UCLA's Center for East-West Medicine, and the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior. An active philanthropist, Ellie was awarded a Presidential Volunteerism Medal, currently serves on the American Red Cross at the national headquarters as Lead Volunteer Advisor for Service to Armed Forces and as Board Member of the American Red Cross of Alaska on the Mission and Outreach Committee. Ellie also serves on various local boards and initiatives focused on Military, Public Policy, Health and Education. Ellie is an avid hunter, fisher and spends much of her free time on the shores or in the woods pursuing protein sources.



Dr. John Rutledge
Chief Investment Officer, Investment
Committee Member & Management
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Dr. John Rutledge is Chief Investment Officer, directing investments in private equity and real estate. Dr. Rutledge was one of the principal architects of the Reagan Economic Plan in 1980-81 and an adviser to the Bush White House on tax policy and Iraq. He has advised government leaders in China, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait on economic, financial and investment issues. Currently, he is Senior Research Professor at Claremont Graduate University, focusing on monetary and financial economics and the causes of financial crises. He is Honorary Professor at the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chief Advisor for Finance to the Governor of the Haidian district of Beijing. He was granted Beijing's Great Wall Friendship Award in recognition of his role as a trusted advisor to China's top officials. He is the author of three books and currently is Economics Contributor to CNBC. Dr. Rutledge holds a BA from Lake Forest College and a PhD in economics from the University of Virginia.



Ellecia SaffronFounder & Managing Director,
Maysaffron

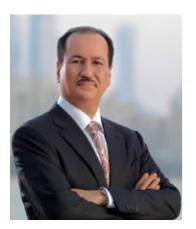
Ellecia advises firms and funds globally to connect with the Middle East and Asia Pacific. Maysaffron, which she founded in 2015 is the solution for institutions wanting to connect intelligently and effectively with the Middle East region. Formerly a Fund Manager at the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (Australia, Asia Pacific & Global mandates) and prior to this a Research Analyst at Macquarie Bank, Ellecia is currently the Deputy Chair of 100 Women in Finance Middle East, Co-Deputy Chair Australian Institute of Company Directors Middle East Committee and the Chair and Co-Founder of the Australian Business Group Middle East Association and sits on the Australian Business Group Abu Dhabi Board. She is passionate about community and giving back. In 2018 she was one of 100 recipients in the UAE of an award in honour of the Founder of the UAE the late Sheikh Zayed, for contributions to the business community.







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Hussain SajwaniFounder & Chairman, DAMAC Properties

Hussain Sajwani, a UAE national, is the founder and Chairman of global property development Company, DAMAC Properties. A self-made billionaire, Sajwani has been recognised as one of the most powerful Arabs, among other accolades. A graduate from the University of Washington, he started his career as a Contracts Manager in GASCO, a subsidiary of ADNOC (Abu Dhabi National Oil Company). After a short period, he established his own business and in 1982 founded his own catering venture. From modest beginnings, the catering division has grown from strength to strength and today is a market leader managing more than 200 projects and serving over 150,000 meals daily in a number of markets, including the Middle East, Africa and the Commonwealth of Independent States. In addition to servicing various industries, the division specialises in providing ancillary services such as camp management, maintenance and manpower supply. In 2002, he identified the market opportunity and established DAMAC Properties, which has grown to become one of the largest property development companies in the region with projects in key global cities like Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha, Amman, Beirut, Jeddah, Riyadh, Muscat and London.



Faisal Mansour SarkhouChief Executive Officer, KAMCO Investment Company

Faisal Sarkhou joined KAMCO's team in 2000 and was last promoted to lead KAMCO in the position of Chief Executive Officer in the first half of 2014 after heading the Corporate Finance Department from 2006 - 2010 and the Financial Services and Investment Division at KAMCO since 2010. Mr Sarkhou was also elected as the Chairman of Global Investment House as of September 2018. He has extensive experience of over 20 years in investment banking, asset management, financial products as well as financial services. Mr Sarkhou commenced his career in the late '90s with KPMG Corporate Finance in Kuwait. He serves as a board member on several reputable companies and funds. He also sits on a number of company and investment management committees as well as being a board member and treasurer at the Union of Investment Companies in Kuwait and a member of the advisory board of the College of Business & Economics at the American University of Kuwait. Mr Sarkhou is also a board member on the Industrial Advisory Board at the Australian College of Kuwait. He is an Economics graduate with honors from the University of Birmingham, UK and holds an EMBA with distinction from HEC Paris, France.



Anthony ScaramucciFounder & Managing Partner,
SkyBridge

Anthony Scaramucci is the Founder and Co-Managing Partner of SkyBridge Capital. He is the author of four books: The Little Book of Hedge Funds, Goodbye Gordon Gekko, Hopping Over the Rabbit Hole (a 2016 Wall Street Journal best seller), and Trump: The Blue-Collar President. Prior to founding SkyBridge in 2005, Scaramucci co-founded investment partnership Oscar Capital Management, which was sold to Neuberger Berman, LLC in 2001. Earlier, he was a vice president in Private Wealth Management at Goldman Sachs & Co. In 2016, Scaramucci was ranked #85 in Worth Magazine's Power 100: The 100 Most Powerful People in Global Finance. In 2011, he received Ernst & Young's "Entrepreneur of the Year - New York" Award in the Financial Services category. Anthony is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), vice chair of the Kennedy Center Corporate Fund Board, a board member of both The Brain Tumor Foundation and Business Executives for National Security (BENS), and a Trustee of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Foundation. He was a member of the New York City Financial Services Advisory Committee from 2007 to 2012. In November 2016, he was named to President-Elect Trump's 16-person Presidential Transition Team Executive Committee. In June 2017, he was named the Chief Strategy Officer of the EXIM Bank. He served as the White House Communications Director for a period in July 2017. Scaramucci, a native of Long Island, New York, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Tufts University and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.



Danny E. SebrightPresident, U.S.-U.A.E. Business
Council

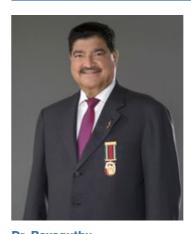
Danny E. Sebright was appointed in June 2008 as President of the U.S.-U.A.E. Business Council, the key organization dedicated to advancing bilateral commercial ties. Previously, Mr. Sebright worked at the geo-strategic advisory firm The Cohen Group from 2002-2016. Prior to this, he served as the Defense Department's Director of the Policy Executive Secretariat for the global war on terrorism from 2001-2002 during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation NOBLE EAGLE. He was awarded the Department of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Award for his service to his country. Mr. Sebright also served in the Office of the Under Secretary for Policy at the Department of Defense from 1995-2001, advising the Defense Department on the Middle East Peace Process, regional arms sales, and counter-proliferation initiatives. He received the Paul H. Nitze Award for Excellence in International Security Policy for his work on the Middle East Peace Process. Prior to this, Mr. Sebright served with the Defense Intelligence Agency from 1984 to 1995, earning numerous Intelligence Community awards for his service. Mr. Sebright earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 2001 and a BA in International Affairs from the George Washington University in 1984.



Robert Shafir

Chief Executive Officer & Member,
Partner Management Committee,
Sculptor Capital

Robert Shafir is the Chief Executive Officer of Sculptor Capital and a member of Sculptor Capital's Partner Management Committee. He is also an Executive Managing Director and a member of the Firm's Board of Directors. Prior to joining Sculptor Capital in 2018, Mr. Shafir served in various capacities at Credit Suisse Group AG from 2007 to 2016. Most recently, he served as Chairman and CEO of Credit Suisse Americas and Co-Head of Private Banking & Wealth Management, which included oversight of Asset Management. He was a member of the Executive Board of Credit Suisse Group and Credit Suisse. Prior to joining Credit Suisse, in August 2007, Mr. Shafir worked at Lehman Brothers for 17 years serving as Head of Global Equities, as well as a member of their Executive Board. He also held other senior roles, including Head of European Equities and Global Head of Equities Trading, and played a key role in building Lehman's equities business into a global, institutionally-focused franchise. Prior to that, he worked at Morgan Stanley in the preferred stock business within the fixed income division. Mr. Shafir received a B.A. in Economics from Lafayette College and an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School. He is a member of the Board of the Greater New York Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



Dr. Bavaguthu
Raghuram Shetty
Founder & Chairman, NMC
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Dr. B. R. Shetty is a Business Leader and Philanthropist. He is the is the Founder and Chairman of NMC Healthcare, Finablr, Neopharma and BRS Ventures. A visionary, who follows his heart and intuition, he has explored untapped markets and paved new paths in his successful entrepreneurial journey in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He started his innings in 1974 with the launch of New Medical Centre (NMC), the first private healthcare facility in UAE. NMC Healthcare and Finablr are the only two home-grown companies from the region to be listed on the London Stock Exchange. Dr. Shetty's business accomplishments and exceptional social work have earned him the "Order of Abu Dhabi", the highest civilian honour bestowed by the Government of Abu Dhabi. He is a recipient of the prestigious Padma Shri award, one of the highest civilian honours from the Government of India.







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Ben SimpfendorferChief Executive Officer, Silk
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Ben Simpfendorfer is CEO of Silk Road Associates, a data-driven strategic advisory based in Hong Kong. Ben advises Fortune 500 multinationals and leading Asian firms on their commercial strategies in Greater China, South East Asia, the Middle East & Africa, providing clients teams with geospatial-driven solutions based on the firm's proprietary SRA Intelligence® analytics. He briefs CEOs and executive boards worldwide. Ben has worked in Asia and the Middle East for over 20 years. He was previously chief China economist at RBS and senior China economist at JPMorgan in Hong Kong. He started his career in Beirut in the 1990s, later working as a Middle East & North Africa senior analyst for Dun & Bradstreet in London. Ben is a Mandarin and Arabic speaker, and author of The New Silk Road (2009) and The Rise of the New East (2014). He is a leading specialist on China's Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) and a member of the Foreign Experts Committee advising the Chinese government on BRI's implementation. He is a Board Member of PBEC, one of Asia's oldest business organizations, and Co-Chairman of the China Business Committee at AmCham Hong Kong. He is also a regular commentator on Bloomberg & CNBC.



Pontus Siren
Managing Director, INNOSIGHT

Pontus is an Innosight Partner who has been based in the Singapore office for 8 years. During his tenure, he has worked across the region and has helped clients such as Johnson & Johnson, the Ayala Group, Singtel, Manila Water and SCG address the challenges of innovation and new growth. He has worked across a range of markets, particularly in India, Singapore, Australia, China, the Philippines, UK, Turkey and Thailand. Pontus speaks and writes regularly on the topic of innovation, and he is the co-author of the 2014 Harvard Business Review article "Build an Innovation Engine in 90 Days" and the 2016 MIT Sloan Management Review article "The Next Wave of Business Models in Asia". Prior to joining Innosight, Pontus was the CEO of Bioneris AB, a biotech company that was founded together with the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. He has published numerous articles on cancer cachexia and sudden infant death syndrome in journals such as The British Journal of Cancer, Experimental Cell Research and Frontier in Neurology. Before his biotech career Pontus worked for The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) in Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Hamburg. Pontus has an MBA (honors) from the Helsinki School of Economics, MPhil (honors) from Cambridge University in International Relations, MPhil (honors) from Glasgow University in Russian and East European Studies and a BA in History from Hamilton college.



David Arthur Smith
Senior Managing Director,
Co-Investment Team,
Capital Dynamics

David is a Senior Managing Director of Capital Dynamics' Co-investment team. He is also Chairman of the firm's Clean Energy Infrastructure Investment Committee in respect of certain existing investment mandates. He has over 30 years of experience in private equity and infrastructure financing. Prior to joining Capital Dynamics, David worked with GE Capital in the UK and the US from early 1990 until late 2002, serving in its energy infrastructure finance and private equity business. Earlier in his career, David was engaged as an adviser to AXA Private Equity (now known as Ardian) and established the European business of First Reserve Corporation, prior to which he was with BP Ventures' solar photovoltaics business. David serves on the board of directors of the Major Projects Association and is a member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology. David holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and a master's degree in Engineering, each from the University of Southampton, and an MBA from the Cass Business School of City University London.



Ferran Soriano
Chief Executive Officer, City Football
Group & Manchester City
Football Group

Born in Barcelona, Ferran has more than 25 years of business experience in ten countries, in the industries of consumer goods, telecommunications, aviation and football. He served at Futbol Club Barcelona as Vice-Chairman and CEO between 2003-2008 and is credited with playing a major role in the transformation of the club. FC Barcelona started a period that would bring it the best results in its history and became one of the most successful football teams globally, doubling revenues in three years and moving from loss-making to a profit-making position. Ferran negotiated deals with some of the sport's most high-profile players, including football superstars like Ronaldinho and Lionel Messi and led on some of the most significant TV and merchandising deals in the industry, including a ground-breaking non-profit making shirt deal with UNICEF. Author of a book published in more than ten countries and languages – Goal: The Ball Doesn't Go In By Chance - Ferran is married with two daughters and lives in Manchester.



Alex SpiroManaging Partner, Brighteye

Alex is the founder and managing partner of Brighteye, which he runs with investment partner Ben Wirz. Founded in 2017, the 50m € Brighteye Ventures fund is the first and largest European EdTech focused VC. BEV invests at seed, series A and B, with a geographic focus on Europe, Israel and the USA and looks for early stage companies that leverage technology to help people and organisations learn and grow. Since founding the fund has rapidly become a thought leader in the European EdTech space, holding events, speaking at conferences and publishing frequent state of the art articles and market research reports. Alex is an entrepreneur and operator with 11+ years' experience in media and technology businesses, across publishing, entertainment, mobile gaming and EdTech. In his career, he has sold IP to the likes of Disney, DreamWorks and Netflix, has produced Emmy award-winning content for children and is the co-founder and CEO of multiple award-winning kids mobile gaming outfit Minilab. He holds a degree in History from Oxford University, a second BA in Computer Graphics from Central Saint Martins and an MBA from LSE/HEC and NYU Stern (TRIUM).



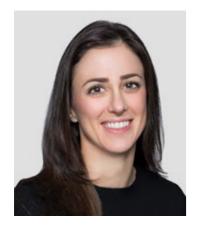
Masuda Sultan
Chief Executive Officer,
Symbio Services

Masuda Sultan is an entrepreneur and women's rights activist. Masuda Sultan is founder and CEO of Symbio Services. Her business ventures include projects in education, media, defense, manufacturing, and telecommunications in Afghanistan and real estate in the United Arab Emirates. Ms. Sultan is a co-founder and current board member of Women for Afghan Women (WAW), the largest women's rights organization in Afghanistan. Founded in 2001, WAW began in New York City and runs programs assisting women, children and families across Afghanistan in 32 facilities. Ms. Sultan is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations Women and Foreign Policy Advisory Committee. She is a member of the US-Afghan Women's Council, a bipartisan body set up by the US State Department under President Bush. She is also a founder of American Chamber of Commerce in Afghanistan and the American Muslim Women Political Action Committee (PAC) in the U.S. Ms. Sultan currently serves as advisor to the Afghan Business Council of Dubai and holds an MPA from Harvard University. In addition to her memoir, "My War at Home" her writing has appeared in the NY Times and Miami Herald.





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Noor Sweid
Founder, Global Ventures

Noor Sweid is the founder of Global Ventures, a UAE-based, growth-stage venture capital firm focusing on investing in emerging markets. Previously, Noor was the Chief Investment Officer at The Dubai Future Foundation, where she spent time developing the innovation ecosystem in Dubai, and a Managing Partner at Leap Ventures. In 2008, Noor led the IPO for Depa, her family business, on the London Stock Exchange and NASDAQ Dubai, scaling the business tenfold in three years to reach \$600M in revenues. Additionally, Noor founded ZenYoga, the first yoga and pilates studio in MENA and largest chain of wellness studios in the region, which she exited in 2014 through sale to a private equity firm. Noor is Chairperson of the Middle East Venture Capital Association, was on the Founding Board of Endeavor UAE, and serves as a Director for MIT Sloan, TechWadi, The Grooming Company, and beyond. Recently, Noor was listed in the World's Top 50 Women in Tech by Forbes, received the Arab Woman Award for Finance, and was named in the Arabian Business 100 Most Powerful Arab Women list. Noor holds bachelors' degrees in Finance and Economics from Boston College as well as an MBA from MIT Sloan.



Ahmed Talhaoui, CFA

Managing Director, Head of Middle
East & Africa and Head of EMEA
Product Strategy for Global Fixed
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Ahmed Talhaoui, CFA, Managing Director, is the Head of the Middle East & Africa Business and Head of EMEA Product Strategy for BlackRock's Global Fixed Income Group. Prior to joining Blackrock in 2014, Mr. Talhaoui was Head of Investments at the PensionFund of the United Arab Emirates, in Abu Dhabi. In this role, he had responsibility for the investment of the Fund's assets, including the assessment and selection of external managers of traditional and hedge fund assets, and day-to-day responsibility for managing the Fund's proprietary fixed income and liquidity portfolios. He was previously Head of Portfolio Solutions with Barclays Global Investors (BGI), which merged with Blackrock in 2009. In that role, Mr. Talhaoui was responsible for the management and oversight of all EMEA Index, iShares and model based active fixed income funds. Prior to joining BGI, Mr Talhaoui started as a front office developer at JP Morgan in 1997, and was Head of Fixed Income Quantitative Portfolio Management at Credit Suisse Asset Management from 1999 to 2005. Mr. Talhaoui earned a Master in Engineering in Applied Mathematics from Ecole Nationale d'informatique et mathematiques (ENSIMAG), France in 1997.



Simon TandyChief Investment Officer,
Areef Investments

Simon Tandy is an experienced single family office CIO, based in the region for over 15 years with similar prior periods in London, Hong Kong and Singapore with Jardine Fleming until its acquisition by JP Morgan Chase. Investing globally outside the GCC/MENA region across all assets classes with a bias towards alternatives, such as private equity & debt markets both through funds and direct investments as well as uncorrelated Life Settlements and Litigation funds and minimal hedge fund exposure.



Abdulrahman TarabzouniChief Executive Officer & Managing
Director, Saudi Technology Ventures

CEO & MD of STV, the largest technology venture capital fund in the Middle East. Previously, held executive leadership roles at Google's headquarters in California. Headed the company's global efforts to build new businesses and partnerships for Android, Mobile, and Wireless Communications. Prior to that, built and scaled Google's Android and Play business across Eastern Europe, Middle East and North Africa. First joined Google in 2009 to establish and lead Google's business operations in emerging markets in the Middle East region. Directed Google's strategy and investments to the region, grew revenues, and drove strategic partnerships. Prior to Google, co-founded a number of technology ventures in the US and managed different tech consulting, banking, and design engagements at Oracle, Morgan Stanley, and Blueprint. Member of a number of boards, executive, and investment committees. Founding Chairman of the Saudi VC & PE Association. Named by the MIT Technology Review as a TR35 Pan-Arab Innovator, listed on the 30 under 30 lists of Arabian Business and Gulf Business, and was first recipient of the MIT ASO Science and Technology Achievement award. Attended MIT and received BSc and MEng degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science with a concentration



Daniel TeranFounder, Managed by Q

Dan Teran is the founder of Managed by Q, the world's leading platform for workplace teams, which was acquired by WeWork in 2019. Following the acquisition, Dan served as Head of Corporate Development and Ventures at WeWork. Dan has spoken at Harvard, MIT, NYU, and Parsons School of Design about the future of work, and has been recognized by the White House and the United States Department of Labor. He has been named a leading entrepreneur by both Forbes 30 under 30 and Crain's 40 under 40. Dan is an active investor and advisor to startups, leveraging his deep expertise in product development, brand strategy, marketplaces, and b2b businesses. Prior to founding Managed by Q, Dan was a Partner at venture development firm prehype, where he co-created startups with the world's finest corporations and entrepreneurs. Dan began his career in community organizing and progressive politics in Baltimore, and is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University. Dan serves on the Board of Directors of Pursuit, a non-profit committed to helping diverse and low income New Yorkers find their first job in tech.



Jim TottyManaging Partner, Earth Capital

Jim Totty is a Managing Partner at Earth Capital; a global private equity investment manager focused on the commercialisation and deployment of clean, sustainable technology. He was previously at Citi Alternative Investments, and before moving into private equity he was a management consultant in the Energy and Utilities group at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Jim has 25 years' experience in sustainable investment and technology, gained through 18 years in private equity, and earlier advisory and academic work. Jim has a PhD and an MSc in Physics from Imperial College London, holds an MA in Physics from the University of Cambridge, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst. Do let me know if there's anything else and we look forward to receiving any details regarding travel and accommodation so we can book this in as I'm conscious that Abu Dhabi must be filling up for this!







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Navroz Udwadia
Chief Executive Officer & Founder,
Falcon Edge Capital

Prior to Falcon Edge, Navroz was an investment professional in Eton Park's Emerging Markets team in London (2005-2011). Prior to joining Eton Park, Navroz graduated from Harvard Business School (MBA, Distinction). Before that he spent time at both JP Morgan (private equity) and Goldman Sachs, where he was an investment banker in the Financial Institutions Group and worked on the firm's internal strategy team, reporting directly to Eric Mindich. Navroz graduated from Columbia University (BA, English) and subsequently completed a Law Degree (MA, Law) at Oxford University, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar from India. Navroz was a national and internationally ranked tennis player (#1 ranked junior in India) and captained both the Oxford University (Double Blue) and Columbia University Men's Tennis Teams (EITA Senior Of The Year and All lvy League, 1997). While at Columbia University, Navroz also received an NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship Award, the Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar Award and was voted an Academic All-American (District Team). He led Columbia as Captain to their first EITA Championship in a decade in 1997.



Tolga UzunerChief Executive Officer, Odyssey
Infrastructure

Tolga has over 23 years of financial services industry experience, having most recently established and run the European arm of Apollo's European Asset Management business. He was responsible for managing 4 insurance companies and 2 banks, and a portfolio of \$5bn of Multi-Credit Assets, \$2bn of Insurance Capital Efficient Assets, \$2.5bn of EM Assets and \$1bn of Financials. Prior to Apollo, Tolga worked at JP Morgan Chase for 8 years, where he managed \$34bn of Financial and Emerging Market Assets. Tolga has a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Cambridge, an MSc in Finance from London Business School, and a BSc in Computer Science and a BSc in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Dino VarkeyChief Executive Officer,
GEMS Education

Dino Varkey serves as the Chief Executive Officer of GEMS Education. He represents the third generation of an education family, driven by providing access to quality education for almost 60 years. He is responsible for providing vision, insight and strategy across the organization, as GEMS Education looks to become the world's most valued education company. In his 14 years with the company, he has undertaken multiple leadership roles, serving as the Senior Director of Business Development, Group Chief Operating Officer, Group Executive Director and Managing Director until he was named Chief Executive Officer by the Board in February 2017. He believes passionately that GEMS Education will be a "powerful catalyst to improve the state of our world", a statement that has since been validated by the Telegraph in 2016, naming GEMS as "one of ten companies that can change the world." He is a frequent speaker and moderator at global conferences and gatherings. He is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Education, Gender and Work (2016 - 2018). He was also a Founding Board Member of the YPO Dubai Chapter. He attended Winchester College, and is an Honours graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Studies from the University of Sheffield, UK.



Stergios Voskopoulos Chief Executive Officer, Kanoo Capital

Mr. Stergios Voskopoulos is the CEO of Kanoo Capital, the Investment Division within YBA Kanoo, one of the largest and oldest family conglomerates in the Middle East. As CEO of Kanoo Capital, Mr. Voskopoulos is responsible for the active management of direct and indirect investments regionally and globally. Mr. Voskopoulos has worked in the Gulf Region for over 10 years, and has over 20 years of global experience in the areas of Asset Management, Private Equity and M&A, including AlG Global Investment Group, Barclays, Investcorp and Seera Investment Bank. Mr. Voskopoulos has also been a serial entrepreneur himself and a speaker in several global summits in topics around investment management, family offices, global affairs and business. He has an MBA in Finance & Investments from Zicklin School of Business in New York and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from the University of Athens and speaks six languages having lived and worked in seven countries.



SPEAKERS



Michael Vranos
Founder & Chief Executive Officer,
Ellington Management Group

Mr. Vranos founded Ellington in December of 1994 to capitalize on distressed conditions in the MBS derivatives market. Until December 1994, Mr. Vranos was the Senior Managing Director of Kidder Peabody in charge of RMBS trading. With Mr. Vranos as head trader and senior manager, Kidder Peabody's MBS department became a leader on Wall Street in CMO underwriting for each of the three years between 1991 and 1993. Mr. Vranos began his Wall Street career in 1983, after graduating magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Harvard University. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Boys and Girls Harbor, Hedge Funds Care, and the Waterside School, and is an emeritus member of the Board of the Stamford Shelter for the Homeless. Mr. Vranos was raised in Ellington, Connecticut.



Jason Walker
Co-Chief Investment Officer ABS &
Partner, CQS

Jason is Co-Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of ABS and jointly manages CQS' global asset backed securities strategies across dedicated hedge funds, long-only funds and bespoke mandates. Jason is a member of the Firm's Executive Committee, Long-Only Multi-Asset Credit Asset Advisory Committee, and together with his fellow Co-CIO, leads the eleven-strong team of dedicated ABS portfolio managers and analysts located in London and New York. Prior to joining CQS in 2010, Jason held a number of ABS Portfolio Management positions. Before CQS he was with Henderson Global Investors where he was a member of the team managing the Henderson European ABS Opportunities Fund. Before this, he held ABS Portfolio Management roles at Bank of Scotland Treasury, TD Securities and Abbey National Treasury Services, where he began his career as a graduate trainee in 1995. Jason holds an M.Sc. in Finance from the University of Strathclyde and a BA (Hons) Accountancy from Glasgow Caledonian University.









Ran Wang Founder & Chief Executive Officer, CEC Capital Group

Mr. Wang founded CEC Capital Group in 2000. Under his leadership, CEC Capital has emerged as one of the most prominent investment banks in China with a core focus on the TMT, consumer, and healthcare sectors. In addition to its investment banking activities, the firm also has an asset management business that manages funds in both US dollars and RMB. With headquarters in Beijing, CEC Capital has offices in Shanghai, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. The firm is a registered broker dealer in the US. Prior to founding CEC Capital, Mr. Wang had worked for JP Morgan Chase and Goldman Sachs. He has a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard College and an MBA from Harvard Business School.



Seth Weingram Senior Vice President & Director, Client Advisory, Acadian Asset Management

Seth heads Acadian's Client Advisory function, which is closely aligned with both the Investment and the Global Client teams. Prior to joining Acadian in 2014, Seth was a managing director in Equity Derivatives Trading at UBS. Previously, he was a researcher at Barclays Global Investors, focusing on options and volatility. He also helped to establish and later ran Deutsche Bank's award-winning Equity Derivatives Strategy Group. Seth holds a Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University and a B.A. in economics from the University of Chicago.



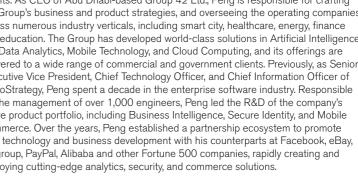
Ronald Wuijster Executive Board Member, APG Group NV: Chief Executive Officer. APG Asset Management

Ronald Wuijster has been appointed as Executive Board Member of APG Group NV as of March 2018, and has also been a member of the APG AM Management Board since February 2010 and CEO APG AM since May 2017. Ronald Wuijster has thirty years of experience in the investment world, including twenty years in executive and managing director roles. He has held a number of top positions at APG since 2006, including Managing Director Strategic Portfolio Management and Chief Investment Officer. He is responsible for the asset management portfolio and as such is ultimately responsible for advising on and implementing the investment policy of the pension funds serviced by APG. The APG Group manages €475 billion in pension assets and ensures that over 4.5 million people can be confident that their accrued pension rights are being invested, administered, and paid out correctly. Before joining APG, he held various managing directorships at Robeco, in the areas of corporate strategy, development, equities, private equity and research, among other positions. Ronald Wuijster is currently a board member of DUFAS (Dutch Fund and Asset Management Association) and a member of the MSCI Advisory Council (Morgan Stanley Capital International). Ronald Wuijster studied business economics and law at Erasmus University in Rotterdam and psychology in Leiden. He is married and has three children.



Peng Xiao Chief Executive Officer, Group 42

Peng Xiao is a global technology and business leader with a track record of building breakthrough products, delivering customer successes, and achieving commercial results. As CEO of Abu Dhabi-based Group 42 Ltd., Peng is responsible for crafting the Group's business and product strategies, and overseeing the operating companies across numerous industry verticals, including smart city, healthcare, energy, finance and education. The Group has developed world-class solutions in Artificial Intelligence, Big Data Analytics, Mobile Technology, and Cloud Computing, and its offerings are delivered to a wide range of commercial and government clients. Previously, as Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Technology Officer, and Chief Information Officer of MicroStrategy, Peng spent a decade in the enterprise software industry. Responsible for the management of over 1,000 engineers, Peng led the R&D of the company's entire product portfolio, including Business Intelligence, Secure Identity, and Mobile Commerce. Over the years, Peng established a partnership ecosystem to promote joint technology and business development with his counterparts at Facebook, eBay, Citigroup, PayPal, Alibaba and other Fortune 500 companies, rapidly creating and deploying cutting-edge analytics, security, and commerce solutions.





Guang Yang Executive Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer, BrightSphere Investment Group

Guang Yang is the Executive Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of BrightSphere Investment Group. Prior to joining BrightSphere in 2018, Mr. Yang served as the President of HNA Capital US from January 2016 through December 2017, and President of HNA Group Americas from January 2018 through August 2018. He is also the former CEO of Finergy Capital, a Beijing-based private equity firm. Mr. Yang previously spent 15 years as an Executive Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager and Research Analyst at Franklin Templeton Investments Global Equities, and served as the Chairman for Franklin Templeton China. Mr. Yang also worked as a Research Scientist at Harvard Medical School and at Massachusetts General Hospital. He holds a B.S. from the University of Science and Technology of China, a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Australian National University, and an MBA from Harvard Business School. Mr. Yang is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder.



Min Yang Chief Executive Officer, Greater China, Winton

Based in Hong Kong, Min is responsible for managing Winton's investment, operations and business development in China. Min was CIO of Winton's China Diversified Program until her promotion to CEO of Greater China in 2017, having originally joined the firm as a Researcher in 2012, focusing on research of Chinese markets. Min has previously worked at Goldman Sachs where she specialised in derivatives pricing in commodities and currencies, and was a postdoctoral researcher at California Institute of Technology (Caltech). Min holds a BS degree in physics from Beijing University and a Doctorate degree in physics from Caltech, where her research area was extragalactic radiation at the submillimetre wavelengths.



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David K. YoungChief Executive Officer,
Oxford Analytica

David K. Young (Davy) is the Chief Executive Officer of Oxford Analytica and a member of the Board of Directors. He leads the firm's business worldwide ensuring Oxford Analytica continues to enable the world's leading organizations to succeed in complex global environments by providing expert insights and trusted judgments. From 2014 to 2016, Davy served as the Director of Innovation, implementing a variety of internal and external change initiatives throughout the firm. Prior to joining Oxford Analytica, Davy worked across the sectors of international security, technology, and emerging market development as a management consultant, as the European Director for a US-based, Africa-focused not-for-profit and at Canopy, a joint venture of Atos, EMC2 and VMWare, where he advised senior executives across a variety of industries how best to leverage emerging technologies to achieve strategic objectives. Davy is the co-Founder of a cloud-based, mobile payment company and a boutique due diligence firm, a Trustee of the Committee for Economic Development and continues to advise multiple early-stage and not-for-profit organizations. Davy has a BA in Government from the College of William and Mary, a MA in Intelligence and International Security from King's College, University of London, and a MBA from the McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University.



Hamed Ibrahim Zaghw
Chief Executive, Middle East
& Africa, AECOM

Hamed has over 37 years' management experience gained via leadership positions at several of the Middle East's engineering and consulting firms. As Chief Executive of the Middle East and Africa, Hamed is focused on advancing a culture of technical excellence and innovation with an emphasis on quality and responsiveness to client needs. His extensive industry knowledge and strong client insight ensure that AECOM delivers solutions that solve its clients' most complex challenges. Hamed has played a key role in the successful delivery of major infrastructure programs in the highways, rail, ports and aviation sectors across the Middle East and North America. He remains engaged in the technical delivery of projects by serving as a project executive sponsor as well as a JV board member for major programs across the region. Notable high-profile projects in which Hamed is involved include Dubai Expo 2020 Interchanges, UAE; Hamad Port, Qatar; Midfield Terminal Complex, Abu Dhabi, UAE; Saudi Customs PMO; and NEOM Bay PMC, Saudi Arabia. Hamed holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Cairo University and a master's degree in Structural Engineering from the University of Cincinnati, USA.



Zade Zalatimo

Managing Director, Private Funds
Group, Houlihan Lokey

Mr. Zalatimo is a member of Houlihan Lokey's Private Funds Group. Mr. Zalatimo is based in Dubai and will lead Houlihan Lokey's capital raising and advisory capabilities in the Middle East & North Africa region. Prior to joining Houlihan Lokey, Mr. Zalatimo was at The Carlyle Group, where he was the Senior Executive Officer of Carlyle MENA responsible for leading the firm's business activities in the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia. His responsibilities included developing and maintaining relationships with family offices, endowments, pension funds, and sovereign wealth funds in the region. Prior to The Carlyle Group, he was a Partner and CEO for Investcorp in Bahrain, responsible for the strategic direction and deliverables for the business in addition to overseeing the majority of Investcorp's institutional clients in the Gulf Cooperation Council. Mr. Zalatimo holds a B.A. in Political Economy from the University of Michigan and an MBA in Finance from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.



Jenny (Yu) Zeng
Managing Partner, MSA Capital

Jenny (Yu) Zeng is a Managing Partner at MSA Capital and brings over 18 years of experience in the Chinese VC industry. At MSA, Jenny leads investments. Jenny (Yu) Zeng was the founding Executive Director of the China Venture Capital Association in 2002. In 2004, She founded one of the first Financial Advisory firms in China (Maple Valley), and led many landmark deals in the industry. She also organized the first series of Angel Investing events which pioneered the concept of angel investing in China. She graduated from Beijing Information Science and Technology University. She is a member of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and council member of Future Forum.



Roslyn Zhang

Managing Director, Head of Hedge
Fund Investments, China Investment
Corporation (CIC)

Roslyn Zhang is Managing Director & Head of Hedge Fund investments at China Investment Corporation. Prior to joining CIC in January 2009, she spent one year in a Fund of Hedge Funds in New York. Before that, she worked in Endowment funds in North America for 3 years. Ms. Zhang started her career in 2000 with Manulife Financial as a Senior Investment Analyst in Toronto. Ms. Zhang holds a BA in Economics from the Central University of Finance and Economy in Beijing, China and an MBA from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. In 2013, Roslyn was named "50 Leading Women in Hedge Funds" by Hedge Fund Journal.



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