

Kamel N. Mukharesh



Professional Background

Mr. Mukharesh started his career as a student-trainee in 1977 at Bechtel Corporation in San Francisco. In 1980 he had 4 (four) highly successful years as an engineer at the Arabian American Oil Company (**Aramco**). Since 1984 he has worked at major financial institutions such as Citicorp, **Saudi American Bank** (SAMBA), Gulf Investment Corporation (Kuwait) and State Street Global Advisors (founded and headed **State Street Bank's** Middle East & Islamic countries regional office and raised several hundred million US\$ of assets under management and maintained several billions of custody assets). In 2000 he began advising **Deutsche Bank (Suisse)** and later became Managing Director, Private Wealth Management. In 2004 he was founder, Chairman & GM of Clariden Middle East (Clariden-Leu Bank, a subsidiary of **Credit Suisse Group**).

Mr. Mukharesh has, for years, successfully advised major U.S. and international corporations, e.g. Raytheon Corp., KeyBank, Aurado Energy (Canada & Kazakhstan) as board member, and others on business strategy and expansion in the M.E. and Arab and Islamic countries' region.

Concluded a deal to set up a JV with a leading US investment bank.

He sits on the Boards of Helios Petroleum (Russia & Switzerland), Lemley International (US construction & engineering management co.), Woodlake Capital (New York) and others. He advised the board of Bright Capital - a leading Russian venture capital and private equity firm associated with Kleiner Perkins (KPCB), Sequoia and others. He is senior advisor to the Chairman of STS Capital - a specialized international investment bank based in Monaco.

Mr. Mukharesh is a founder of MOKA (s.a.l.). MOKA and its affiliates have offices in Beirut, Riyadh, Dubai, Zurich and Chicago.

MOKA privately manages substantial assets of UHNW individuals from the Arab world and elsewhere. MOKA also establishes large projects and specialized international JV's in M.E.A. and ex-CIS countries in banking & finance, power generation, oil & gas, mining & minerals, agriculture, waste-

to-energy, real estate and other sectors. MOKA arranges highly selective international investments, acquisitions and JVs.

Personal background & Education

Kamel, born in Aleppo - Syria, completed his secondary education in Lebanon at the "College des Frères Maristes - Champville" earning the "Math-Elem" and ranked among the top in the country. He earned his BS in Engineering from the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** and MS in Construction Engineering & Management from **Stanford University**.

Attended a number of top-rated engineering, corporate banking, investment banking, asset-based finance, aircraft finance, asset management, insurance, Islamic banking & finance and executive management courses and seminars and is due to get his Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) degree in 2017 from the **International School of Management** (NY & Paris).

Kamel lived and worked in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE and Lebanon as well as EU and U.S., creating a distinguished personal, cultural and professional background. He has strong and unique personal and business contacts in these countries expanding to Latin America, Russia, Kazakhstan and ex-CIS region and select African countries.

Kamel combines deep passion for reading, art and music with spirituality, wellness and sports - sailing, skiing, scuba, sky diving, nature walks and hiking. He is fluent in Arabic, French and English, with a working knowledge of Danish, Spanish, Italian and German.