# A New Beginning: Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship

## **Participant Bios**

## Omar Abdelaziz Abdelati al-Obeidi

Director, Vision Center

Mr. Abdelati is the Director of Vision Center, a facility dedicated to the training and rehabilitation of disabled persons. The Vision Center has a number of unique achievements, including starting the first computer laboratory to train the blind in the Gaza Strip and the first elibrary for the blind in the Arab world. The Center also developed the printing houses of the Secretariat for Special Education in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Abdelati is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Business Incubator for Persons with Disabilities, which is affiliated with the National Council for Economic Development.

Among Mr. Abdelati's most important projects are the first cafes and Internet forums for the blind and visually impaired. The first was in Benghazi in 2009, with support of a Norwegian company, and the second will be in Tripoli this year. He is a Certified Trainer for the Canadian Center for Human Development and was the first blind person in the Arab world to obtain this certificate in 2006.

Mr. Abdelati lost his sight when he was two years old. He obtained his secondary school certificate cum laude from the Blind Association, Benghazi. He has travelled to many countries of the world studying computer sciences and business management.

## Gamil Abdoulkarim Ali

CEO, Al-Gamil Group

Mr. Gamil Abdoulkarim Ali is the CEO of the Al-Gamil Group. Al-Gamil Group's business activities include construction, supermarkets, and hardware and furniture stores. Mr. Ali has been active in commercial activities since Djibouti's independence. In 1978, he opened Avenue 13's first hardware store. Eighteen years later he started up the first Al-Gamil Supermarket, and in 2003 he founded the PK15 Tire Center to service Ethiopian trucks. Al-Gamil also invested in the construction of villas and buildings for leasing. Last year he opened another Al-Gamil grocery store as well as the Algaluxe furniture store.

Other Al-Gamil projects include food security awareness with an agricultural project known as the Gannat Ali-Sabieh farm. Mr. Ali is also planning to create Djibland, a recreational and leisure center. In 2003, the Business Management Initiative of Geneva awarded Al-Gamil the

International Star Award for Quality (Gold Medal rank) for leadership, quality, innovation, prestige and excellence among companies around the world.

#### Tamara Abed

## Director, Aarong

Tamara Abed is the Director of Aarong. Aarong is a social enterprise that employs the microcredit beneficiaries, mostly women, of one of Bangladesh's leading non-governmental organizations, BRAC. Some 62,000 artisans produce Aarong's many lines of Bangladeshi handicrafts, including clothing, textiles, houseware, jewelry, pottery, woodwork and brassware. Ms. Abed's branding of Aarong has made it the premier department store of Bangladesh and the one-stop shop for tourists in search of Bangladeshi handicrafts.

## **Helmy Abouleish**

## President, Sakem Development Foundation

Helmy Abouleish is the co-owner of SEKEM/ISIS Company, , an initiative started 1977 in the Egyptian desert engaged in developing organic products. He is the key founder of the Egyptian Junior Businessmen Association and one of the co-founders of the Egyptian National Competitiveness Council (ENCC). He currently chairs the board of the ENCC and plays a supervisory role for the Industrial Modernization Center and as an advisor to the Ministry of Trade and Industry. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of ERRADA (Regulatory Reform Activity) and several trade and industrial boards.

Further to his engagement as managing director of the SEKEM Holding, Mr. Abouleish is deeply engaged in the national and international political sphere fostering responsible competitiveness, social entrepreneurship and the abatement of the huge problems of the 21st century, such as climate change and food security. Under his stewardship of its commercial arm, the SEKEM Initiative received the "Right Livelihood Award 2003" for sustainable development, better known as "Alternative Nobel Prize." He is a member of the Schwab Foundation for Outstanding Social Entrepreneurs.

Helmy Abouleish is also the Managing Director of SEKEM Holding that consists of eight companies which cover the fields of biodynamic agriculture cultivation, production of phytopharmaceuticals, organic textiles and foodstuff, with a capacity of 1,600 people. In 2007, he founded Ecotec (Ecological Technologies), where he serves as Chairman. From May 2005 until July 2006, he served as the executive director of the Industrial Modernisation Centre (IMC), the biggest development fund in Egypt, funded by the EU and the Egyptian Government, aiming at improving sustainable competitiveness among Egyptian enterprises.

## **Antoine Abou-Samra**

## Managing Director, Bader Young Entrepreneurs Program

Antoine Abou-Samra is the Managing Director of Bader Young Entrepreneurs Program, a non-governmental, non-profit organization promoting entrepreneurship, competitiveness, and business environment changes in Lebanon. He has developed and led a series of initiatives liaising with Bader Members (high level business leaders), local public and private institutions, international organizations and the Lebanese diaspora. Mr. Abou-Samara has also developed and managed the first Business Angel Network in Lebanon, which performs services including due diligence, coaching and mentoring. Working in cooperation with the Angels are entrepreneurs and institutions such as Kafalat (bank loan guarantees).

Prior to joining Bader, Mr. Abou-Samara was founder and CEO of Magnet Capital, a start-up investment company whose aim is to support cross-regional investment through corporate finance services and intermediation. While at Magnet he developed a \$1billion-plus portfolio of investment opportunities located in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia while establishing a network of institutional/private investors. He also founded the Lebanese Snowboard Association (a member of the International Snowboard Federation) to provide infrastructure for competition at the national and international levels. He is also the producer and host of a daily one-hour jazz radio show on Eco-Beirut.

## **Ajaz Ahmed**

## Co-founder and Chairman, AKQA

Ajaz Ahmed studied business at Bath University and then left Internetto set-up AKQA, believing that the Internet would change the world.

Today AKQA employs around 1,000 people with offices in London, New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Amsterdam, Berlin and Shanghai. Mr. Ahmed is AKQA's co-founder and Chairman. It is the only agency to win the Agency of the Year title on both sides of the Atlantic three years running. AKQA's clients include recognized leaders such as Nike, Virgin, BBC, Coca-Cola and Ferrari. AKQA is unique in that many of its client relationships, such as Nike, span a decade or more, starting in the U.K. and growing internationally. AKQA is also the world's most awarded digital agency and has helped its clients create some of the world's most influential and iconic digital products, experiences and communications.

Mr. Ahmed's awards and distinctions include an honorary doctorate from Oxford Brookes University. He was a mentor for students at Said Business School, University of Oxford and was appointed to the Council of the Prince's Trust Charity in the U.K. which helps disadvantaged young people. He is also an Enterprise Fellow of the Charity. Mr. Ahmed has also served on the Institute of Contemporary Arts Board for several years and has recently been appointed to the Design Museum Board. He also co-authored *Made in AKQA: Ideas Volume 1*, the agency's award-winning first book (all proceeds went to the Prince's Trust and NSPCC charities).

## Yasser Akkaoui

## Chairman & General Manager, KConcept Holding

Mr. Yasser Akkaoui is the founder of KConcept Holding, the mother company of Capital Concept, Prime Job, News Media and the Center for Strategic Studies. In addition to its due diligence consultancy services, Capital Concept specializes in fundraising for civil society initiatives. Mr. Akkaoui is also a board member at the Lebanese Transparency Association and a member of the Lebanon Corporate Governance Taskforce.

Mr. Akkaoui also created Prime Job, a headhunting agency working alongside some of the biggest companies around the Middle East. Mr. Akkaoui aims to promote the free movement of labor throughout the Middle East region, especially from developed countries to emerging economies. Across this work, his overlying interest has been in the area of sustainable development, and the effects of foreign direct investment and technology/human resources transfer to attain such development. This is especially important in the Middle East, to ensure that FDI attains its desired goals over the medium and long term.

Mr. Akkaoui is also the founder of the Center for Strategic Studies, a non-profit organization promoting awareness of employment concerns and resource development strategies for the 21st century. The Center for Strategic Studies understands the need for guidance in addressing the challenges of a changing job market in a developing country or region. Finally, Mr. Akkaoui is the Vice Chairman of Young Arab Leaders, and is also a management and entrepreneurship instructor at The American University of Beirut. In these functions, Mr. Akkaoui's goal is to expose students and young leaders in the region to real-life case studies on the role of business, government, and society that help them assess opportunities in regional economies and adapt their decision making to the ever-changing business environment in the Middle East.

## Ali Alam

## President / Founder, YourVox

Ali Alam, President and Founder, of YourVox is passionate about technology and its application to global communication. YourVox is a platform for diverse speech and promotes interaction in a context which transcends boundaries often created by language, culture and politics.

Mr. Alam is a senior in high school and he aspires to contribute to a greater overall awareness that students have of what's going on in the world. He believes through exchange with individuals from all corners each one of us can better respond, as global citizens, to the events that are shaping our world today. Ali also has a passion for business and spends much of his time reading WSJ and the Financial Times in search of developing market trends that will shape tomorrow's economy. Ali has an interest in understanding how failing companies can be turned around and has assisted with "The Harlem Project," a nonprofit effort that sought to revamp local businesses.

#### Irfan Alam

## Founder, Samman Foundation

Mr. Irfan Alam founded the Samman Foundation to modernize the rickshaw pulling sector in Bihar, which contributes 30 percent of urban transport, with small but innovative changes. Through his leadership, Sammaan has implemented innovations to increase operator incomes such as advertising, music and newspapers for passengers, first aid, and the selling of cold water and juice. Mr. Alam was also the first person to introduce pre-paid cycle rickshaws in India. In only two years, Mr. Alam has built a family of over 100,000 rickshaw operators across nine states in India.

Although a first-generation entrepreneur, Mr. Alam's efforts to empower those at the bottom of India's social hierarchy have been recognized widely. He has won the Business Baazigar (a competitive reality television show for entrepreneurs) and the World Bank's Innovation Award. Mr. Alam has also been recognized by the *Times of India* as one of the "Top 30 Youth Icons of India" and his business model was recently featured by *The Economist*.

## Muna Abdulkadir Al-Amir

Co-founder, Green Jeddah

Ms. Abdulkadir Al-Amir co-founded Green Jeddah, the winning venture of the U.S.-Saudi Women's Forum on Social Entrepreneurship. Green Jeddah has excelled in the online space and recently organized an event for the global Earth Hour. Ms. Abdulkadir Al-Amir is a senior management information systems student at Dar Al-Hekma College in Jeddah and was elected Secretary General of the 2010 Dar Al-Hekma Model United Nations (DAHMUN).

#### **Buthaina Al Ansari**

## Founder and chairperson, Qatariat T&D holding company

Ms. Al Ansari earned a master's degree in business management and HR strategic planning from Qatar University, as well as diplomas and certifications in other business disciplines from universities and schools in London and Cairo. She is currently the head of strategic planning in Qatar Telecom. She is also the founder and chairperson for Qatariat T&D holding company, which incorporates three different companies focusing on three different areas: Qatariat Training and Development, which targets Qatari women in Doha to develop their skills and expertise; *Qatariat Magazine*, a magazine for businesswomen which covers local and regional news of businesswomen, including their achievements, social contributions and their work problems and related issues; and Qatariat Development Consultancy, which targets both women and men in developing business plans and restructuring issues.

## Waleed Al Banawi

Vice Chairman, Jeddah, Banawi Industrial Group,

Waleed Al Banawi is the Vice Chairman of the Jeddah, Saudi Arabia-based Banawi Industrial Group, one of the leading manufacturing groups in the Gulf region with core businesses in packaging and specialty chemicals. He also holds the position of Vice Chairman of the Board for many of the Group's (subsidiary) JV companies spread around the Middle East region. Mr. Al Banawi attended schools in Beirut, Switzerland, France, Germany, and the U.S. He obtained his undergraduate degree at Rice University (Texas) in managerial studies and political science with a minor in anthropology. He is currently pursuing a Global Master of Arts at the Fletcher School at Tufts University.

## **Manar Al-Hashash**

## Founder and General Manager of Dot Design

Manar Al-Hashash is the founder and General Manager of Dot Design, a software development company. She has also launched the IT magazine *Dot*, of which she is the owner and chief editor. In 2004, Ms Al-Hashash launched and managed a local e-content contest, the Ghiras Electro Contest 2004, which was aimed at youths in Kuwait (14-22 years old), competing for best website design, best presentation and best graphic design. She was awarded an IEEE for her outstanding Internet and e-Commerce projects in 2000. Ms Al-Hashash is in charge of and presents the weekly IT program Compunet World on the Kuwait Satellite Channel in Arabic and an IT program on KTV2 in English called Zero Ones. She also writes a weekly IT column for the *Al-Watan* newspaper.

## Na'ama Saeed Al-Houri

Director, Al-Wafa Women's Association

Na'ama Saeed Al-Houri is the director of the Al-Wafa Women's Association in Yemen. Through her organization she aims to lift poor families from poverty and to make women more active and more productive members of society. The Al-Wafa Women's Association manages a number of programs, including a nursing, women's exercise, and orphan clothing program. Ms. Al-Houri manages awareness seminars in many regions of Yemen which familiarize women with professions, health, culture, and innovation through courses such as embroidery, English language, cosmetology, computers, and Quran recitation.

## **Amjid Ali**

Senior Manager, HSBC Amanah Global

Amjid Ali, senior manager at HSBC Amanah Global, is recognized as one of the most influential Muslims in the United Kingdom by the Muslim Power 100 awards, and has 22 years of branch banking experience with Midland Bank and HSBC in the United Kingdom. He joined HSBC

Amanah UK in 2003 as senior business development manager, and took over as UK head in January 2005 with responsibility for strategy, distribution, and sales. He was appointed as senior manager, HSBC Amanah Global, in August 2008, where he works as part of the HSBC Amanah central team headquartered in Dubai.

In addition to his role within HSBC Amjid Ali has been actively involved in community work on both a local and national level, including chair of "Community Action Group" (Race for Opportunity) and a local Muslim community-based organization (Bristol Muslim Cultural Society). He also spent 18 months as a non-executive director of a local NHS Trust.

#### Fatima Al Jaber

Chief Operating Officer - Al Jaber Group.

Fatima Al Jaber is an engineer with significant expertise in the management of international businesses in various sectors of industry. Currently, Ms. Al Jaber holds the position of Chief Operating Officer for the Al Jaber Group and sits on the Group's Board of Directors as an executive director. Her key responsibilities include overseeing the entire Group's day-to-day contracting, logistics, industrial, trading, real estate and investment interests. In January 2010 Ms. Al Jaber became the first UAE woman to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Ms. Al Jaber has been heavily involved in the empowerment of Emirati women through her current position as deputy chairperson of the UAE Businesswomen's Council and also her previous appointment as one of the first female representatives to the Board of Directors of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In 2007, *Forbes Arabia* voted Ms. Al Jaber as the seventh most influential woman in the Arab world and according to MEED she was one of the most influential business women in the region for the year 2008.

Ms. Al Jaber is a board member of many high-profile companies, such as The National Investor, Al Khazna Insurance Company, Al Jaber Holdings and the Abu Dhabi Centre for Corporate Governance. In addition, she is Chairman of Al Bashayer Investment Company, the first local wealth management company servicing women investors. She graduated from the UAE University, Al Ain, with a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering.

## Fatima al-Jada

## Owner, Al Hanna Textiles Factory

Fatima al-Jada is the owner of Al Hanna Textiles Factory in Habla village near Qalqiliya, a marginalized community surrounded on three sides by the separation barrier. She is a successful entrepreneur who has overcome cultural norms and traditional business practices to employ and empower women. Ms. Jada started her textile manufacturing business with one sewing machine in 1987 and by reinvesting profits; it has grown into an exporter of quality apparel to the United States and Europe. She now employs around 50 people – almost all of whom are women. Jada

is known as the most successful business women in the Qalqiliya area, and even in the northern West Bank.

## Abdul Baset Al Janahi

Chief Executive Officer, Mohammed Bin Rashid Establishment for SME Development and Aswaaq

Abdul Baset Al Janahi is currently the CEO of the Mohammed bin Rashid Establishment (MBRE) for small and medium enterprise (SME) development, and Aswaaq, a community-based supermarket.

In MBRE, Mr. Al Janahi pioneered the entrepreneurial development process from scratch which enabled the development of entrepreneurs, covering the core pillars of development advisory, incubation, funding, capability development and market access. Today, under Mr. Al Janahi's leadership, more than 9,000 entrepreneurs have been assisted, of which about 800 are active members of the Establishment. Mr. Al Janahi also started community-based centers or malls owned by the ICD and MBRE, Aswaaq with an ambitious plan to establish 22 community centers in the UAE within a few years. A core value of Aswaaq is to support aspiring entrepreneurs in the retail, F & B, logistics and related businesses. Al Janahi has a diploma from the MIT Sloan School in the United States, and in business administration from the Higher College of Technology, Dubai.

#### Rami Al-Karmi

CEO, Shabakat Al Ordon and Shabakat Al Arab

Rami Al Karmi has more than 12 years of experience in executive management, strategic consulting, and project management. He is the co-founder and Chairman of @Your Service Group, and the CEO of Shabakat Al Ordon and Shabakat Al Arab, which aims to achieve positive change in the lives of 10 million Arab-region beneficiaries by the year 2015. By centering its strategies on local youth, Mr. Al Karmi's projects will provide the technical, professional and facilitation skills necessary to empower people, build communities of practice, and incubate initiatives.

## Lamis Almufti

Co-founder, YouthHub

Ms. Almufti was one of the co-founders of the YouthHub, an organization focused on empowering Saudi youth through social entrepreneurship and innovative local initiatives, launched through the U.S.-Saudi Women's Forum on Social Entrepreneurship. She is also the co-founder and owner of a small side-business called "Be the Change" - a line of modern lifestyle products with inspirational quotes, aimed at Saudi youth. She is studying management information systems at Dar Al Hekma College.

## Dr. Naif A. Al-Mutawa

## Founder, Teshkeel Media Group; Co-founder, the Soor Center

Naif al Mutawa is founder and CEO of Teshkeel Media Group and creator of the popular Islamic themed comic series *THE 99*. In addition to having authored multiple children's books, Al Mutawa has practiced in the field of clinical psychology for many years. He co-founded the Soor Center for Cognitive Behavioral Psychotherapy in 2009.

THE 99 has received positive attention from international media including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Wired*, *Elle*, *The Washington Post* and *The Guardian*. Recently, *Forbes* named *THE* 99 as one of the top 20 trends sweeping the globe.

Dr. Al-Mutawa has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Long Island University, a master's degree in clinical psychology from Long Island University, an M.B.A.from Columbia University and a master's in organizational psychology from Teacher's College, Columbia University. He earned his undergraduate degree from Tufts University, where he triple-majored in clinical psychology, English literature and history.

Dr. Al-Mutawa has had extensive clinical experience working with former prisoners of war in Kuwait as well as at the Survivors of Political Torture unit of Bellevue Hospital in New York. . He has won a UNESCO prize for literature and is also the recipient of The Festival Internacional de Humour e Quadrinhos Comics Award presented at the Cartoons & Comics Festival in Brazil, among other prestigious awards.

## Abdalla A. Alnajjar

President, Arab Science & Technology Foundation (ASTF)

Abdalla Alnajjar has been President of the Arab Science and Technology Foundation (ASTF), an international non-profit, since 2000. ASTF is based in Sharjah, UAE, and aims to identify and support outstanding research activities conducted by scientists from the Arab World. ASTF acts as a mediator between those who produce, develop, finance and benefit from research. Moreover, ASTF attracts businesses and investors willing to allocate funds to finance research in the fields that are vital for Arab countries.

Dr. Alnajjar holds a Ph.D. in applied physics from The University of Durham, U.K. and a B.Sc. in physics and mathematics from the United Arab Emirates University, Al-Ain, UAE. He has received training in about 25 courses all over the globe, such as Harvard University in the United States and KSTEP in Korea. Dr.Alnajjar has published 27 scientific research papers in international refereed journals and another 12 in regional and international conferences on thin film solar cells fabrication, materials and device characterization techniques, electrical properties of new and advanced material, and solar energy applications. He also edited nine conference proceedings and developed more than 20 studies and reports. He has received many awards and recognition on the local, regional and international levels. A selected few of these include Al

Arabi Magazine (2005), and the International Association for Management of Technology (IAMOT Service to the MOT Community) Award.

Dr. Alnajjar is a member of 15 international organizations and committees, including the Advisory Board for the Arab Thought Foundation, the Consultative Committee for Scientific and Technological Development and Technological Innovation, and International Core Committee of the Initiative towards Engraining Iraq's Science and Technology Community. Dr. Alnajjar has chaired and co-chaired 41 conferences, symposiums and workshops.

Mr. Alam has always had an interest in business – at the age of 13, he was already trading stocks and by the following year, he had launched a stock portfolio management venture. Mr. Alam graduated from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

## Nada Al-Nashif

## Regional Director, Regional Office for Arab States in Beirut

Ms. Nada Al-Nashif was appointed Regional Director of the Regional Office for Arab States in Beirut in January 2007. She has prioritized the roll-out of Decent Work Country Programmes for the region, with particular emphasis on enhanced employment policies; support for an entrepreneurship culture; social dialogue mechanisms with vibrant workers' and employers' engagement; and enhanced social protection for all. Continuing support to constituents in the Arab world has been at the core of the Regional Office's results-based programming that integrates "UN Reform" initiatives and revitalized partnership approaches.

Ms. Al-Nashif joined the ILO from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), where she worked since 1991. Her last assignment with UNDP was Chief, Regional Programme Division, Regional Bureau for Arab States, at UNDP in New York (2005-06). Prior assignments included responsibilities in country offices (Lebanon, Libya) and at headquarters in the Office of the Administrator. Ms. Al-Nashif holds a Masters in Public Policy (M.P.P.) from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and a B.A. in Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE) from Balliol College, Oxford University.

# **Sidi-Ahmed Seidnaly Alphadi**

## Fashion Designer

Sidi-Ahmed Seidnaly Alphadi is the creator of the International Festival of African Fashion (FIMA). Held every two years, FIMA has given encouragement and opportunity to new talents in lesser-known enterprises and shown the diversity, originality, and richness of local cultures to the world. FIMA has created a new marketplace for international buyers and local designers, provided electricity to the village near the festival site, and begun construction of the future Academy for Fashion and Art, the École Supérieure de la Mode et des Arts. It has also created desperately needed jobs in manufacturing, fashion design, tourism, and culture.

In his designs, Mr. Alphadi brings the soul of Africa to life. One finds the spirit of the dunes in luminous ocher colors, while in another moment, one senses the river in the fluidity of blue veils. Also present is the spirit of the forest in textiles made from tree bark from Uganda. His originality stems from a blend of timeless Songhai, Zarma, Bororo, Hausa and Tuareg influences and the bold lines and shapes of Western design.

# Kahtan Adnam Al Samerraee Owner, NuNu Dairy

Kahtan Adnam Al Samerraee is the owner of NuNu Dairy in Babil Province, Iraq. He is a provincial business leader whose company processes 20 tons of raw milk daily into yoghurt, cream, yellow and white cheese, and "long milk," generating income for approximately 4,500 Iraqis – farmers, factory workers, collectors and distributors, and their families. Mr. Kahtan is in the process of forming a Meat and Dairy Production Association and expanding his operation to include a meat processing facility, two small feedlots, and an alfalfa production which has the potential to employ an additional 200-300 people.

#### Waed Al Taweel

INJAZ winner (Teen Touch 'Lamsat Shaba')

Waed El Taweel lives in the West Bank and is a 20-year old student at Birzeit University in Ramallah studying commerce. She plans to major in accounting and minor in business. She aims to eventually focus her higher education on entrepreneurship so that she can build upon projects she has already worked on.

In high school, Waed El Taweel started a student company that participated in the INJAZ al-Arab Regional Company Competition.At the awards ceremony she was selected by the judging panel to receive the award for Best Student CEO in the Arab World and her team took the honor of Best Student Company.

She has also participated in the Canadian International Model United Nations (CANIMUN) in Canada, where she played the role of humanitarian aid coordinator for Darfur in the UN Security Council. Her future goals include building a recreational center for Palestinian youth that will provide both entertainment and education.

# Baybars Altuntas CEO, Deulcom International

Baybars Altunas is Chairman of the Board and General Manager of Deulcom International, a private education institution that provides training in several fields, such as foreign languages, information technology, human resources, public relations and airline services such as ticketing. Deulcom has schools in Adana, Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir. . Baybars Altunas started working

part-time as a carpet vendor when he was a high school student. He played a pioneering role in foundation of the Turkish Franchise Association, and broke ground for his own company, Deulcom International, while he was an undergraduate. He graduated from Bogazici University in Istanbul, after which he worked as the head of National Entrepreneurship Council to develop entrepreneurship in Turkey.

## Talal Al Zain

Chief Executive Officer, Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Co.

Mr. Talal Al-Zain is the Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company. Mumtalakat Holding Company is the main investment arm of the government of Bahrain. Established in June 2006 by Royal Decree, Mumtalakat now manages a portfolio of around BHD 1 billion, focused primarily in Bahrain. Mumtalakat is committed to fostering the development of the company through better accountability, greater transparency, and improved growth for its portfolio businesses, withthe aim of becoming one of the most vibrant companies in the Kingdom.

Prior to joining Mumtalakat, Al Zain was with Investcorp Bank for 18 years as managing director and co-head of placement and relationship management. Prior to this he was with Citibank Corporate Banking Division, and then he was appointed vice president of private banking, international, at Chase Manhattan Bank in Geneva. He is also the Chairman of Gulf Air and a member of the Economic Development Board. Mr. Al Zain holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oglethorpe University, a M.B.A.in finance from Mercer University, Atlanta, and he has also attended the Program of Management Development at Harvard University.

## Hana Al-Zuhair

## Director Sultan Fund for Supporting Women's Small Business Projects

Hana Al-Zuhair began her career as a manager in a training center in Saudi Arabia and was promoted to general manager. She began working with the community and was one of the first 15 women to participate in Parliament. She then worked in the businesswomen's community through the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Women's National Committee. She was appointed general executive manager of the women's center at the Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Province.

Ms. Al-Zuhair found that there was a lack of support and funds for women who wish to establish small businesses and enterprises. After presenting the challenge to the Governor of the Eastern province, a fund was established in Prince Mohammad's name and she urged him to operate the fund along with a group of people who also played important roles. During a visit by the Prime Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz, the fund committee was honored with the custody of his name for the fund. Ms. Al-Zuhair is now the Executive Manager of Prince Sultan Bin Abdul

Aziz Fund to Support Women's Small Enterprises. This fund, established in September 2007, is the first of its kind in Saudi Arabia, the Gulf and all Arab countries.

## Mark Amin

## Movie Producer

Mark Amin is an Iranian-American motion picture producer and distributor. Mr. Amin formed Vidmark Entertainment in the early 1980s which handled mainly video releases, and was a pioneer in home video entertainment. In 1985 he changed the name of Vidmark to Trimark Holdings Inc. This company eventually formed home video divisions, as well as Trimark Pictures, his independent theatrical motion picture production and distribution company.

As Chairman and CEO of Trimark Pictures, he specialized in producing and distributing genre films including Warlock (1988), which followed with a successful 1993 sequel, Warlock: The Armageddon (1993). Other noteworthy films that Mr. Amin distributed under his Trimark banner included Leprechaun (1993), which spawned five sequels; The Dentist (1996), which became a surprise, hit on HBO, Eve's Bayou (1996) starring Samuel L. Jackson and Frida (2002), which won 6 Oscars. In 2000 Trimark Pictures merged with Lionsgate Entertainment Lionsgate and Mr. Amin became the largest single shareholder. He presently sits on the board of directors for Lionsgate, and serves as Vice Chairman.

In 2001 he started his own independent production company, Sobini Films, which has produced independent films including The Prince and Me (2004), starring Julie Stiles and Peaceful Warrior (2006), starring Nick Nolte.

#### Saeed Amidi

CEO/President and Founder, Plug and Play Tech Center Founding General Partner, Amidzad Founder, American Liquid Packaging Systems

Saeed Amidi is a serial entrepreneur and a seasoned executive with over 28 years of experience in founding, operating, and growing successful companies. He has successfully started and grown businesses both nationally as well as internationally in countries like: Spain, Italy, France and Austria. He is the President and CEO of Plug and Play Tech Center which is the premier technology startup accelerator with over 250 companies which collectively have raised an excess of \$650 million. Additionally, Mr. Amidi is a General Partner in Amidzad an investment fund which has been investing in technology companies for over 15 years and it holds successful investments in over 70 technology companies some of which are: PayPal, Powerset, Danger, Bix, Powerset, DropBox etc.

Mr. Amidi's recent passion is inspiring and helping entrepreneurs and startups out of universities. In this respect, he is working closely with MIT, Cornell, Harvard, Stanford, Berkeley, Santa Clara, Wharton, and Dartmouth to identify great entrepreneurs with a passion to

execute on their ideas. Mr. Amidi is an active member of the technology community and a frequent contributor to numerous charitable foundations. He is also an active member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO), a world-class network of Fortune 500 CEOs, accomplished serial entrepreneurs, and veteran financial executives.

## **Salim Amin**

## Chairman, Camerapix Limited

Mr. Salim Amin serves as the Chairman of Camerapix Limited, which offers a wide array of media services including television production, publishing, and photography. It is also home to 4 million images of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, and over 8,000 hours of unique and historic video footage. The Camerapix archive is the largest visual resource of its kind in Africa.

Mr. Amin is also the founder and Chairman of the Mohamed Amin Foundation, named after his late father, the world-renowned cameraman and publisher Mohamed "Mo" Amin. The Mohamed Amin Foundation was launched in 1998 to provide would-be African journalists with the tools and knowledge to tell local stories to an international audience. In 2004, Pete Murimi of Kenya was the first graduate of the "MoForce" to win the prestigious CNN African Journalist of the Year Award.

In 2006, Mr. Amin produced an award-winning documentary chronicling his father's life entitled "Mo & Me." In 2005, Mr. Amin began work on the launch of the first 24-hour pan-African news and current affairs channel. Africa 24 Media, Africa's first online agency for video and stills content, was subsequently launched in September 2008.

In 2007, Mr. Amin was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in Davos. He is a fellow of the African Leadership Initiative and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

## Dr. Shahid Ansari Provost, Babson College

Dr. Ansari is an internationally known teacher who has won several teaching awards. His scholarship includes numerous papers, monographs, books, tapes, and on-line publications. He is the author of two books titled Target Costing: The Next Frontier in Strategic Cost Management and Hitting the Target: An Implementation Guide for Target Costing published by the Consortium for Advanced Management International (CAM-I). In 1999, CAM-I awarded Dr. Ansari the prestigious "Bob Bonsack Award for "Distinguished Contribution to the Advancement of Cost Management. Dr. Ansari is the author and editor of a modular series titled Management Accounting: A Strategic Focus. The series received the Institute of Management Accountants' "Jim Bulloch Innovation in Management Accounting Education Award".

Dr. Ansari received his Ph.D. in Accounting and Organizational Behavior from Columbia University. Before assuming the office of Provost at Babson College, Dr. Ansari held faculty appointments at UCLA, NYU, the Naval Postgraduate School, California State University Northridge, and Babson College. He has also been a Visiting Faculty at several major US and International schools.

Dr. Ansari's consulting and field experience includes work with several major organizations in the defense-aerospace, broadcast television, satellite-based communications, computer and electronics, food, paper, grocery, construction, healthcare, fine china, trucking, garment, cosmetics, flexible and rigid circuit board manufacturing, oil and gas, and other industries. He has also served as an expert witness in commercial litigation.

#### **Abdul Jawad Aslam**

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Ansaar Management Company (AMC)

Abdul Jawad Aslam is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Ansaar Management Company (AMC). AMC is a commercial, low-cost housing development and management company that has the potential to be the first commercial low-cost housing company to reach over 2,500 lower income families in Pakistan. The company has a strong focus on community development and provides an integrated approach to affordable, quality housing solutions with a long term vision to affordable housing at a national level. Prior to his work at AMC, Mr. Aslam worked in a number of organizations - both in Pakistan and internationally – that focused on various aspects of the housing sector. He is passionate about finding and implementing business solutions for lower income segments in the housing sector and has demonstrated initiative, integrity, resourcefulness, as well as an ability to succeed. Mr. Aslam graduated from Ashrafia Islamic University and also received an M.B.A. from the Merrick School of Business at the University of Baltimore.

#### **Tanan Herwandi Antonius**

Director, HRD/Training Center/Education Ciputra Group; President, UCEC (Universitas Ciputra Entrepreneurship Center)

Antonius Tanan is the Director of HRD/Training Center/Education Ciputra Group and the President of UCEC (Universitas Ciputra Entrepreneurship Center). He is also a board member of schools within the Ciputra Group and the University of Ciputra.

Mr. Tanan started his career as the Marketing Manager of Citra Garden Housing Development. He has been involved in CitraLand City Development in Surabaya, Mall & Hotel Ciputra in Jakarta, and the Hanoi Horizon Hotel, and other projects throughout Indonesia.

He has a degree in civil engineering from Parahyangan Catholic University and degrees from Prasetya Mulya Business School (Jakarta) and University College London. Since July 2007 he as

been a student at the University of Connecticut, completing a master's degree program in gifted and talented education.

#### **Isabel Romero Arias**

#### Director General, Halal Institute

Isabel Romero Arias has been very active as Project Director at the Islamic Federation of Spain (FERRI), a spokesperson at the Islamic Commission of Spain (CIE) and, in 1998, the founder and promoter of the Halal Institute, where she holds the title of Director General and is in charge of planning and communication.

The Halal Institute in Spain is a non-profit organization created by the Islamic Board, which is responsible for -- and signatory of -- the Co-operation Agreements between Muslims and the Spanish national government. It is responsible for regulating and certifying Halal products and services aimed at Muslims. It now has more than one hundred certified companies which it supports and advises, especially in exportation. The Institute is now working on certifying ports of entry at Gibraltar and Barcelona.

## **Amany Asfour**

## President, Cairo Scientific Corporation

Amany Asfour founded Cairo Scientific Corporation (CSC) in 1998 to provide medical equipment and supplies to hospitals, health care facilities, and universities in Egypt and the region. Dr. Asfour also started the Eygptian Business Women Association (EBWA) in the mid-1990s to promote young female entrepreneurs and to give guidance to small and medium enterprises; the organization has more than 100 members, all of whom are women.

A pediatrician by training, Dr. Asfour started CSC as a share-holding company to distribute medical products in Egypt. Since 1998, the company has grown to 46 employees, 35 million Egyptian pounds in revenue (USD 6.3 million), and handles more than 40 different brands of medical equipment and supplies – including ultrasound machines and diagnostic units.

Dr. Amany Asfour is a member of many organizations focused on the empowerment of women and participates in activities in these forums in Africa, the Middle East and the Mediterranean region. EBWA is committed to mentoring the next generation of women entrepreneurs. She is the co-founder and secretary general of the African Society of Scientific Research and Technology – which promotes investments in science research and technology in all sectors of Egyptian society. She is also the Africa Coordinator for the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, and a member of the National Research Center in Egypt – one of the country's pre-eminent research facilities.

## Nevzat Aydin CEO, Yemek Sepeti

Nevzat Aydin studied computer engineering at Bogazici University. After graduating, he went to the U.S. and earned his M.B.A. at the University of San Francisco. While he was in the U.S, he followed the developing trends in e-commerce and upon his return to Turkey he launched Yemek Sepeti with his two partners, Mr. Cem Nufusi and Mr. Melih Odemis. Mr. Aydin is currently CEO of the company.

Yemeksepeti.com is the first and leading food order and home/office delivery website of Turkey. The concept started operating in 2000 with the objective to introduce a more efficient and rapid food ordering concept in Turkey. Its mission is to enable Internetcustomers to give their orders via the IInternet and provide linkages to as many restaurants as possibleInternet. Yemek Sepeti has approximately 630,000 registered members in its system across eleven cities in Turkey.

Yemek Sepeti was one of the winners of the 2007 Endeavor Turkey awards.

## Dilek Ayhan

Managing Director, Alarga

Dilek Ayhan is currently the Managing Director of Alarga, a non-governmental organization dedicated to recruiting university graduates with minority backgrounds (Asian, African, Eastern European, and Latin American) to Norwegian companies. Alarga hosts a number of events to put companies in touch with people with varied ethnic and religious background. Among Alarga's partners are large Norwegian companies like Statoil, Orkla, Telenor, Yara, Umoe IKT, and Statkraft.

In 2001, Ms. Ayhan founded and became the first secretary general of the Norwegian-Turkish Youth Association. For her community work, she was awarded the Government of Norway's 2005 Immigrant Award. In 2003-04, she was head of the Brussels-based European Confederation of Junior Enterprises (JADE). Following her work with JADE, she returned to Norway as project manager for Oslo Teknopol, stimulating private-public sector cooperation and then, ultimately, joined Alarga.

# Ikuemonisan Barnabas Ayobami

President, Glimmer of Hope Foundation

Ikuemonisan Barnabas Ayobami serves as President of the Glimmer of Hope Foundation, a non-governmental organization that focuses on youth empowerment and adolescent health and development. As president of Glimmer of Hope, Dr. Ayobami organized several seminars on the role of professionals treating HIV/AIDS patients; support for people living with HIV/AIDS; sexual and reproductive health; and motivational and career fairs for young people.

Dr. Ayobami conducted research on the use of mentorship as a tool for adolescent health behavior change. In 2009, Dr. Ayobami organized the Young Nigerian Leaders' Summit. The summit highlighted the role of young people as vital agents for the actualization of the dream of making Nigeria one of top 20 economies in the world by the year 2020. The summit attracted more than 1,000 young people. Dr. Ayobami received his degree in medicine and surgery from Obafemi Awolowo University in 2009.

Mr. Alphadi operates boutiques in Africa, the United States and Europe. In 1987, the Federation Française de la Couture et du Prêt-à-Porter bestowed upon him the award of Best African Designer. In 2001, the Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite was bestowed on him by French President Jacques Chirac.

## Atilla Aytekin CEO, Triodor Software

Atilla Aytekin was born in 1969 in Istanbul, Turkey and moved to the Netherlands with his family when when he was 3 years old, the son of a Turkish guest worker.

In 1994, Atilla Aytekin started at the international software company, Baan. He then started a company, New Generation Systems, NGS, in Istanbul, Turkey, as a reseller for the Baan Company. In 1996, Baan took over NGS and Mr. Aytekin became the General Manager of Baan Turkey. He started other companies, including ATRA in the Netherlands and, in 2002, Triodor. Triodor is an international software company, with offices in Holland, Turkey and the USA. In 2006, he wrote the book, *Atilla's Dutch Dream*, about his experiences as an entrepreneur and lessons for other minority entrepreneurs. In 2007, he won the *Dutch Financial Times* "Gazelle Award" for the fastest-growing IT Company. In 2008, he won the First Entrepreneur Prize of Amsterdam, and, in 2009, he won the Dutch Turkish Trade Award as the best-rated company between Turkey and the Netherlands.

# Adnan Aziz Partner Manager, AdMob

Adnan Aziz is currently serving as partner manager at Admob, one of the world's largest mobile advertising networks, offering solutions for discovery, branding and monetization on mobile phones. He previously founded the company, First Flavor, after he developed the technology to manufacture small soluble flavor strips and filed a patent in 2005.

Mr. Aziz is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a double major in bioengineering and political science.

## **Khalid Chakrane Bachtiri**

## Managing Director, Moroccan Attijariwafa Bank, Madrid Branch

As president of the ATLAS Association, Khalid Chakrane Bachtiri is responsible for bringing humanitarian relief to juvenile centers in Morocco. To that end, he mobilizes human resources, promotes fund-raising among Spaniards and Moroccan immigrants in Spain, and coordinates the logistics of the relief expeditions. In the last two years, he has organized five humanitarian aid convoys for the juvenile centers of Tangier, Chaouen, Rabat, Fez and Sefrou.

As managing director of the Madrid branch of the Moroccan Attijariwafa Bank, Mr. Bachtiri is building a broad network of Moroccan depositors, facilitating immigrant transferences of money to Morocco, and advising potential Spanish investors on the best investment choices in northern Morocco, thus contributing to the economic development of North Africa.

# Dhakshinamoorthy "Dash" Balakrishnan

CEO/ Founder/ Director, Warisan Global

Dhakshinamoorthy "Dash" Balakrishnan has extensive experience in promoting entrepreneurial awareness in Malaysia especially in the universities, among Malaysian youth. His company, Warisan Global (WG), helps entrepreneurs find creative solutions towards a more equitable society. For example, they helped rural Internet centers become sustainable by consulting with and guiding small businesses to use the Internet to grow their businesses.

In 2008, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in the U.S. appointed him as the Malaysian Host for the Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) with the objective of promoting an enterprising culture among the young people in Malaysia. In 2008, they had 100 partners and 450 activities, putting Malaysia among the top 5 countries out of the 75 countries that participated. In the 2009 Global Entrepreneurship Week, Malaysia boasted 160 partners and 586 activities – placing it as the number three country in the world.

Earlier this year, the University of Cambridge in the U.K. appointed Mr. Balakrishnan as their Malaysian ambassador for their Entrepreneurship Diploma Program.

#### Elsa Balteza

#### Owner, BEBA KOZMETIK

In 1993, Elsa Balteza and her husband, like many other Albanians, found themselves jobless and they sought to start their own business. Using a recipe taught to them by a friend, they started to market baby cream locally. They were the only "employees" and their customers were small local drugstores. By the end of the first year, they hired two other workers and started importing packaging and raw materials, mainly vitamins and active ingredients, from Roche. Today, they manufacture 52 cosmetic items and employ 20 people, and their company is ISO 9000-2001 certified.

At the beginning of 2009, they inaugurated a paper manufacturing line which has a capacity of 70 tons per day. The company employs 82 people and exports to neighboring countries including Greece, Macedonia and Serbia.

Today, 16 years after their entry into the private sector, BEBA KOZMETIK (started with the initial baby cream sales) is run by Ms. Balteza and their daughter Gita and the packaging business EDIPACK ship is run by Mr. Balteza and his son Redi.

## **Matt Bannick**

## Managing Partner, Omidyar Network

Omidyar Network is a philanthropic investment firm dedicated to harnessing the power of markets to create opportunity for people to improve their lives. They invest in and help scale innovative organizations to catalyze economic, social, and political change. As Managing Partner, Mr. Bannick leads all aspects of Omidyar Network's operations and strategy. He works closely with the Co-founders and Board of Directors to ensure that Omidyar Network achieves its long-term mission and strategic objectives.

Mr. Bannick brings a wide range of executive, international, and multi-sector experience to his leadership of Omidyar Network. From 1999 to 2007, Mr. Bannick was a member of eBay's executive staff and served in a number of senior executive roles. Prior to joining eBay, Mr. Bannick served for four years as the North American president of NavTeq, the leading provider of digital map databases for the in-vehicle navigation system and online routing markets. Prior to joining NavTeq, Mr. Bannick was a management consultant with McKinsey and Company, both in Europe and North America. Mr. Bannick also served as a United States diplomat in Germany during the time of the fall of the Berlin Wall and German unification.

Mr. Bannick currently serves on the Boards of Bridge International Academies, Endeavor, Unitus, and the Rural Development Institute. He earned an MBA with distinction from Harvard Business School and a bachelor's degree, Phi Beta Kappa, in international studies and economics from the University of Washington.

# Hala Abdel Moneim Barakat

Managing Director, Arabiaware

Hala Abdel Moneim Barakat co-founded Arabiaware S.A.E in 2003. She is currently the Chairman and managing director. Arabiaware sells and manufactures leather products including shoes, wallets, and belts. The firm seeks to distribute and market footwear and leather products that are comfortable and affordable to the average Egyptian customer.

Ms. Barakat holds a B.A. in business administration from The American University in Cairo. She graduated in 1998 with a major in business and minor in economics. Her professional career

started in the hotel industry and quickly shifted to the banking sector. She worked for the Arab African International Bank for five years as a relationship manager.

## **Amadou Birane Baro**

Director of After School Program (NGO), Director of Quality Hygiene Security and Development (SOGECO)

Mr. Baro works as the director of quality, hygiene, security and development with SOGECO, a large Mauritanian transportation logistics company. In 2006, Mr. Baro established "The After School Program," a Mauritanian non-governmental organization designed to encourage volunteerism and leadership for young Mauritanians. He is a prominent Afro-Mauritanian intellectual and business leader holding degrees from the USA and France.

Mr. Baro worked in the United States as an assessment and evaluation coordinator in the Columbus, Ohio, public school system and as a teacher and international student advisor at Columbus College (1998-1999). When he returned to Mauritania, he worked as a consultant with CID (International Company for Development). Mr. Baro speaks Pular, English and French and studied intercultural communications and strategic management in the United States.

## **Melody Barnes**

Domestic Policy Advisor and Director of the Domestic Policy Council, White House

Melody Barnes is the President's Domestic Policy Advisor and the Director of the Domestic Policy Council, which coordinates the domestic policy-making process in the White House. Before joining the White House, Barnes served as the Senior Domestic Policy Advisor to President Obama's campaign. Prior to joining the campaign, she was the Executive Vice President for Policy at the Center for American Progress. From 1995 to 2003, she served as Chief Counsel to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

In those capacities, and as Director of Legislative Affairs for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and assistant counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, she worked extensively on civil rights and voting rights, women's health, religious liberties, and commercial law.

Barnes received her bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received her law degree from the University of Michigan. She began her career as an attorney with Shearman & Sterling in New York City, and is a member of both the New York State Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar Association.

#### Saad Al Barrak

## Deputy Chairman and Managing Director, Zain Group

Dr. Al Barrak is a distinguished engineer and businessman of international repute. Since his appointment in 2002, Zain's (formerly MTC) customer base has increased from 600,000 to a conglomerate of 22 operations with over 56.3 million active customers across the Middle East and Africa. In this period, Zain's market capitalization on the Kuwait Stock Exchange has increased from less than US\$3 billion to now exceed \$23.4 billion (September 30, 2008).

Dr. Al Barrak holds a B.Sc. in electrical engineering, a M.Sc. in systems engineering from Ohio University, and a Ph.D. in information systems and technology management from the University of London. He is also an alumnus of Harvard University. Prior to his appointment with MTC, Dr. Al Barrak was managing director of International Turnkey Systems (ITS), one of the leading IT companies in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Under Dr. Al Barrak, ITS's revenues grew from \$5 million in 1985 to exceed \$100 million in 2000. Dr. Al Barrak was vice-Chairman of the Social Development Office (SDO) of the Amiri Diwan in Kuwait; Chairman of Egyptian software developer IT Soft; Chairman of Arab Telecom; and a non-executive director of the Arab Management Association in Cairo. In 2005 he received the Middle East's "CEO of the Year" award in the Information Communication Technology sector, and in 2003 he received the "E-businessman of the Year" award in the region. In September 2007, Dr. Al-Barrak received the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award from leading industry magazine COMMSMEA. Dr Al-Barrak is also a member of the executive board of Celtel International and a member of the board of the GSM Association.

#### Bai Sandra Basar

#### Board Member, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)

Bai Sandra Basar is a board member of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) Business Council, composed of business chambers and industry associations in several provinces of central and western Mindanao in the southern Philippines. She is an active member of the Asian Institute of Management alumni association and, as the wife of the mayor of a large Muslim city in southern Philippines, has played an active role in promoting economic growth in the region.

#### **Shareef Batata**

#### Associate Vice President, EFG-Hermes Private Equity

Shareef Batata is an analyst at EFG-Hermes Private Equity, parent company of Ideavelopers, Egypt's leading venture capital firm with \$50 million contributed capital. Mr. Batata advises entrepreneurs on key aspects of their businesses, including strategy and operations, project investments and financing. Mr. Batata is a board director of start-up New Systems Research (NSR), a company focused on advanced parallel computing with technology partner AMD. He joined NSR in demonstrating its first prototype at the 47th annual Design Automation

Conference (DAC) in San Francisco this past July. He continues to seek opportunities not only to advise companies as a financial investor but also as a strategic partner.

In addition to his full-time position at EFG-Hermes Private Equity, Mr. Batata is an Endeavor VentureCorps mentor. There he serves as a local selection panelist who helps Egypt-based entrepreneurs make an international level impact. Mr. Batata is also a member of the Egyptian Junior Business Association (EJBA) as well as the Egyptian Ex-Pats for Development (EED) Initiative under the auspices of Nahdet Masr, a philanthropic not-for-profit organization.

Before relocating to Cairo, he worked on Wall Street as an investment banking associate at Citigroup Global Markets. Mr. Batata concentrated on finance, management and entrepreneurship at Columbia Business School from 2006-07 and completed a B.S. in electrical engineering at Cornell University in 1995.

## Khedidja Belhadi

President, AME & E.DE.CO.R

Since 2005, Ms. Khedidja Belhadi has been the chairwoman and founder of the Algerian Association of Female Managers and Entrepreneurs (AME), where she strives to promote business relationships between chambers of commerce, trade associations, government representatives, and non-governmental organizations. She is also active as a member of the hub network of Middle East and North Africa female entrepreneurs (MENA BWN Council). She is also owner of the construction company EDECOR, which specializes in the construction of sports gymnasiums. Ms. Belhadi was born on March 3, 1953 in Bouira in eastern Algeria.

#### **Mohamed Benamor**

General Manager, Benson Shoes

As the general manager of Benson Shoes, Mohamed Benamour transformed a 50-year old family business specializing in military boots into a successful high-end manufacturer of Goodyear welded men's shoes. Benson Shoes has stores in Morocco and Europe and is expanding its world presence with a prominent men's shop in Washington, D.C., featuring Benson brand shoes. Mr. Benamour is a strong advocate of business ethics and social responsibility, which are the main pillars supporting the growth and expansion of Benson Shoes. He has worked to have Benson Shoes portray an image of Morocco as a country with traditional know-how in leather crafting that provides world-class quality. Thanks to constant innovation, and its attention to developing customer relationships, Benson Shoes now boasts a large worldwide base of faithful customers.

#### **Iman Bibars**

## Regional Director-Arab World, Ashoka

Iman Bibars has a B.A. and an M.A. in political science from the American University in Cairo, and holds a Ph.D. in development studies, with a focus on states' social policies and reform, from the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, in the United Kingdom. Her recent work examined public expenditures, specifically regarding social safety nets. A regional expert, she has more than 25 years of experience in strategic planning, policy formulation, community development, and project design. She has dedicated her life to working with marginalized and voiceless groups: female heads of households in Egypt's poorest areas, street children, street vendors and garbage collectors. She has also worked with UNICEF, Catholic Relief Services, CARE-Egypt, GTZ and KFW.

Ms. Bibars is herself a social entrepreneur, co-founding and currently chairing The Association for the Development and Enhancement of Women, a CSO providing credit and legal aid for impoverished women heading their households.

#### Leila Mohamed Bouamatou

Director, Treasury Department (GBM)

Ms. Bouamatou is a successful young businesswoman. She is the head of the treasury department at one of the largest private banks in Mauritania, Generale de Banque de Mauritanie. Ms. Bouamatou is extremely well-connected and is passionate about educational opportunities for young women in Mauritania. She studied at the American School of Geneva in Switzerland, as well as in France and Spain, where she obtained a master's degree in business administration with a focus in financial accounting. She speaks fluent Arabic, French, Spanish and English.

## Zouzar Bouka

CEO, Vision Madagascar

Mr. Zouzar Bouka serves as the CEO of Vision Madagascar (VIMA), a developer of commercial, office, residential, tourist, and industrial spaces. VIMA Group includes one of the leading construction firms in the country and a procurement and supply services business. The company has demonstrated its social commitment by supporting a presidential fund for the construction of primary schools; providing support to the AKAMASOA Foundation; contributing to teacher salaries; and supporting cultural enrichment, including traditional Malagasy musicians, the athletic federation, and the annual "Madajazzcar" jazz festival. VIMA is also a charter member of the American Chamber of Commerce of Madagascar, launched in November 2008. Mr. Bouka is a member of the American Chamber's board.

#### **Riadh Bouzaouache**

## Coordinator, Institute of Higher Business Studies University of Sousse-Tunisia

Mr. Bouzaouache is a senior lecturer and the coordinator of the Entrepreneurship Program at the University of Sousse. He teaches entrepreneurship, training and coaching of entrepreneurs, establishing and assessing entrepreneurship programs, business plan creation (new creation, spin and entrepreneurship), and training of trainers in the field of entrepreneurship and business creation. Development of entrepreneurship in the world and fostering entrepreneurship among young people has been his professional focus. He is fluent in Arabic, French and English.

#### Gabriel Brodbar

Founding Director, Catherine B. Reynolds Program in Social Entrepreneurship (NYU)

Gabriel Brodbar is the founding director of the NYU Catherine B. Reynolds Program in Social Entrepreneurship. This program is designed to attract, encourage and train a new generation of leaders in public service. The program is designed to expose a highly selective group of graduate and undergraduate students from throughout New York University to the cross-disciplinary skills, experiences and networking opportunities needed to advance and support their efforts to realize sustainable and scalable pattern-breaking solutions to society's most intractable problems.

Prior, Mr. Brodbar served as the Director of Dartington-i New York, an international consulting firm providing expertise in performance based contracting systems and supportive housing development. He is the former founding Director of the Office of Housing Policy and Development at the NYC Administration for Children's Services, and has developed and operated award-winning programs for at-risk high school students in Houston and New York City including Upward Bound, AmeriCorps, and Liberty Partnership Programs. Mr. Brodbar is a founding member of the Child Welfare League of America's National Homelessness Advisory Panel and a Teach for America alumnus ('91).

He holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from the Hunter College School of Social Work, and is a candidate for a Master in Business Administration from the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College. His published work can be found in *Child Welfare*, *The Social Service Review*, and *Beyond Profit*.

#### Ronald B. Bruder

## Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Education for Employment Foundation

In 2003, Mr. Bruder founded The Education for Employment Foundation (EFE), a non-profit, non-governmental organization with the mission of creating employment opportunities for youth in Muslim countries. After identifying critical skill gaps in the local economy, EFE develops and manages targeted training programs which ensure job placement through on-the-ground partnerships with local universities and employers. Four programs are underway – Gaza, Egypt,

Morocco, and Jordan.

In addition, Mr. Bruder founded The Brookhill Group in 1977. The Brookhill Group owns and manages properties throughout the US with a primary focus on creating investment partnerships to develop and/or redevelop shopping centers, office buildings and multi-family homes.

#### Reem Bsaiso

## CEO, World Links Arab Region

Reem Bsaiso is the CEO of World Links Arab Region (WLAR), an international non-governmental organization that provides programs to improve educational outcomes, economic opportunities and global understanding for youth in the Arab world.

She is also a representative of the PUM Senior Netherland Experts, a non-profit organization that identifies programs aimed at building sustainability and capacity while fighting poverty and unemployment in the southern part of Jordan.

Prior to WLAR, Ms. Bsaiso served as an institutional capacity-building specialist for a CDM International—USAID project in Jordan. She has also worked as the program manager of the Jordanian-American Commission for Educational Exchange, and executive director of the Jordan Europe Business Association.

#### **Martin Burt**

## Founder & CEO, Fundación Paraguaya

Martin Burt is founder and CEO of Fundación Paraguaya, a 25-year old non-governmental organization devoted to the promotion of entrepreneurship among the world's poor. He is cofounder of Teach a Man to Fish, a global network based in London that promotes "education that pays for itself" and which is partnering with more than 50 organizations from 27 countries to establish self-sufficient schools, mostly in rural areas. In addition to his work in civil society, Mr. Burt is a pioneer in environmental protection in Paraguay, having co-founded the Bertoni Nature Conservancy and the Mbaracayu Forest Reserve Foundations, two of the country's largest nature conservation institutions.

He was elected twice as president of the Paraguayan-American Chamber of Commerce, has served as Vice Minister of Commerce, and was elected Mayor of Asunción. Burt has received the Microfinance Award for Excellence in Social Responsibility from the Inter-American Development Bank, the Outstanding Social Entrepreneur Award from the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, the Skoll Foundation Social Entrepreneur Award, the Templeton Freedom Award from the Atlas Foundation, the World Innovation Summit for Education Award, the Global Development Network Most Innovative Development Project Award and the distinguished alumni award from the University of the Pacific and The George Washington University, as well as the Social Innovation Award from Brigham Young University.

He is Visiting Professor in Social Entrepreneurship at the University of the Pacific in California. He serves as a trustee of the Karatara Project in South Africa, as a regional and global board member for Junior Achievement Worldwide, and as president of the social entrepreneurship wing of the Accion International microfinance network. Mr. Burt has books published on economics, development, poetry, and education.

## Mildred O. Callear

## Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Small Enterprise Assistance Funds

Mildred O. Callear has extensive experience in SME investments and development policy in emerging markets. She serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Small Enterprise Assistance Funds (SEAF), a not-for-profit manager of private equity funds investing in small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) throughout the developing world. She has worldwide day-to-day responsibilities for SEAF ranging from investment and corporate policies, fund establishment and implementation, participation in investment committees and boards of SEAF funds. She has a particular focus on SEAF relationships with foundations and philanthropies. SEAF is a founding member of the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE), the first organization to focus exclusively on small and growing businesses in the developing world. Ms. Callear serves on the Executive Committee of ANDE.

Prior to joining SEAF, Ms. Callear served for almost 20 years with the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the U.S. government's economic development corporation, where she managed a \$16 billion portfolio of loans, guarantees, investment funds, and political risk insurance in emerging markets. For 13 years she was the Vice President/Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, served on OPIC's investment committee and managed OPIC's environmental, economic and social impact programs. During two periods in 1993 and 1997, Ms. Callear served as OPIC's interim Chief Executive Officer. Early in her career, Ms. Callear was a lawyer in private practice in Washington, D.C. She graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Illinois in 1976 and cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center in 1979.

# **Bulent Celebi** *CEO*, *AirTies*

Bülent Çelebi, CEO for AirTies, attended the University of California, Berkeley, studying electronics and computer engineering, as well as the Stanford/AEA executive program. After working as an engineer, he joined National Semiconductor as marketing director for Asia, based in Hong Kong.

He returned to the United States and became the driving force behind the technology that enabled multifunction printer/fax/scanner devices. He played an active role in making his company the leader in the 10/100 Mbps Ethernet market. After National Semiconductor, Mr.

Çelebi served as vice president and general manager at Analog Devices, earning recognition across the industry by running a successful \$250 million division.

Mr. Celebi later served as the CEO of venture capital-Scenix/Ubicom, where he restructured the company to become a leader in network processors for WLAN applications. His success in technical innovations resulted in being recognized as one of the "Top 10 Innovators" by *Red Herring* magazine, one of the most reputable reference sources in the IT industry. In 2004, h moved to Turkey and founded AirTies to implement his vision of the wirelessly connected Digital Home. Mr. Celebi is one of the two winners of the 2006 Endeavor Turkey award.

#### Miloud Chaabi

## Owner, Riad Mogador Hotels and Founder, YNNA Holding

Miloud Chaabi is the founder of YNNA Holding, and the owner of the Riad Mogador Hotels and the Moroccan supermarket chain "Aswak Assalam," through the Chaabi Group, one of Morocco's largest employers. Miloud Chaabi is known for his entrepreneurial spirit and his commitment to social development. At 18, he started his first business, YNNA Holding, which has grown into an international operation that includes companies involved in tourism, cable and ceramic production, rechargeable batteries, commercial centers, water distribution, paper production, real estate, industrial and petrochemical industries.

Miloud Chaabi's commitment to philanthropic work is deeply rooted. He also runs one of the largest charitable organizations in Morocco, the Miloud Chaabi Foundation. The foundation supports nearly 7,000 Moroccan families through subsidies, primarily for women to support their families. In an unprecedented move in the history of Moroccan philanthropy, Mr. Chaabi has pledged 10% of his personal fortune to build an American-style university in Morocco in collaboration with Indiana State University (ISU). The Chaabi Group is to provide financial support with ISU contributing technical assistance and administrative leadership toward the development of the university.

#### Omar Chaabi

## Vice President, YNNA Holding

Omar Chabbi is the executive vice president of YNNA Holding (The Miloud Chaabi Group), a leading industrial group in Morocco. Mr. Chaabi leads the Change Management Division of YNNA Holding. His responsibilities include the IT Department, the HR Department, the Marketing Department, and the PR and Communication Department.

Prior to this position, Omar Chaabi was the Chairman of the Board at GPC, a leading cardboard manufacturer in Morocco. There he led the acquisition and merger of one of the most important recycled paper mills in the country. He also managed construction of the largest cardboard plant in Africa, heralded as the most technologically advanced cardboard plant in the world.

Omar Chaabi's current focus is to incorporate principles of sustainable development into the Miloud Chaabi Group. The group sponsored the 2008 and 2009 editions of the African Festival of Sustainable Development, and each subsidiary of the group signed a sustainable development commitment. Prior to joining the Miloud Chaabi Group, Omar Chaabi founded an Internet portal specializing in radio and television. He is a member of the Morocco chapter of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO) and a founding member of the Moroccan chapters of the international business non-governmental organization SIFE and of the Education for Employment Foundation (EFE). He holds a degree in marketing from the University of San Francisco.

#### **Sofiane Chaib**

#### Managing Director, IN-tuition Ltd

Sofiane Chaib is the Managing Director of IN-tuition Ltd, an Algeria-based language training business established as a direct response to the changing needs of professional adult learners. The company provides high-quality programs and is one of the leading private-sector providers of Business English language training in Algeria. In less than five years, Mr. Chaib and his wife grew this fledgling start up into a thriving organization with 15 full-time staff members and over 65 teaching consultants working throughout the country. The center sends over 150 students a year overseas for short specialized language courses, academic year-abroad programs, and other activities. They are making significant advances in the growing field of English language training in Algeria.

In 2006, the U.S. Embassy in Algiers recommended that the center become the first language center in Algeria to offer the Internet-based TOEFL examinations and the Internet TOEIC examination of behalf of the Educational Testing Service. Earlier this year, the business moved into a new facility in the elite business district of Hydra in Algiers, and it is planning to open another training facility. By the end of 2010, the center plans to open locations in major cities in both the eastern and western regions of Algeria.

#### Dinara Chochunbaeva

## Director, Central Asian Crafts Support Association's Resource Center

Dinara Chochunbayeva is presently the director of the Central Asian Crafts Support Association's Resource Center in Kyrgyzstan (CACSARC-kg) and coordinator of the UNESCO Award of Excellence Program for Central Asia (since 2004). In 2006, she established the Public Foundation "Crafts and Traditional Knowledge," whose aim is to make an inventory of crafts and traditional culture of Central Asian peoples. From 2000 to 2008, she was elected twice as the president of the Central Asian Crafts Support Association (CACSA) and represented Central Asian craft persons at the Board of World Crafts Council-Asia Pacific during 2004-2008. As a crafts development specialist, Ms. Chochunbaeva provided consultations and training to different target groups in Central Asia and participated in research programs in Tajikistan, Georgia, and Turkey.

## **Joey Concepcion III**

## Chief-Executive-Officer, RFM Corporation

Joey Concepcion is a self-made businessman and entrepreneurship consultant. He is ChiefExecutive Officer of RFM Corporation, the second largest food and beverage conglomerate in the Philippines. He also founded the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship. The Center launched an entrepreneurs' movement in recent years called "Go Negosyo" ("Go Business"), that seeks to instill optimism and business spirit among Filipino youth. Mr. Concepcion is a new partner of USAID Philippines' entrepreneurship programs in Muslim communities of the southern Philippines.

#### **Ronald Croen**

## Entrepreneur and founder, Nuance Communications

Ronald Croen is a founder of Nuance Communications the leading provider of speech and imaging solutions for businesses and consumers around the world. Their technologies, applications and services are designed to make the user experience more compelling by transforming the way people interact with information and how they create, share and use documents.

He is currently serving as entrepreneur-in-residence at The Gordon Institute's Entrepreneurial Leadership Program at Tufts University's School of Engineering. Mr. Croen will hold this position for the academic year. The Gordon Institute offers graduate and undergraduate programs for technology professionals, with 40 graduate and 300 undergraduate students enrolled annually. As entrepreneur-in-residence, he will commit 50 percent of his time during the academic year to mentoring young entrepreneurs, conducting research, writing on entrepreneurial topics and speaking both internally and externally to Tufts audiences. Mr. Croen will also teach a class on entrepreneurial leadership.

Mr. Croen is Tufts alum, having earned a Bachelor's degree in political science in 1976. He later went on to obtain a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

# **Agnes Dasewicz**

## Chief Operating Officer, Grassroots Business Fund

Agnes Dasewicz is the Grassroots Business Fund's (GBF) chief operating officer and was in charge of the restructuring from GBI to GBF. GBF provides investment capital and capacity building to high impact social enterprises in several developing countries across the globe. GBF's global approach is to build and support these enterprises, which provide sustainable economic opportunities to thousands of people at the base of the economic pyramid (BoP).

Ms. Dasewicz has almost fifteen years of experience investing in businesses, including SMEs and social enterprises, in developing and transitioning economies. Prior to helping establish

GBF, Ms. Dasewicz managed GBI's project portfolio at IFC, which consisted of over fifty global and local organizations offering integrated capacity building and appropriate capital to disadvantaged entrepreneurs in ten developing countries. Before joining IFC, Ms. Dasewicz worked with the Institute for SME Finance and focused on the development of SME risk capital funds in sub-Saharan Africa.

Prior to her work in the development field, Ms. Dasewicz financed projects ranging from regional telecom companies to leading retail chains, as an investment officer for one of the top private equity funds in Eastern Europe. She holds a B.A. in international affairs from The George Washington University, and an M.B.A. from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University.

#### Ali Kamal Daud

## Owner, Al Daud Restaurants

Ali Kamal Daud is based in the Sultanate of Oman with various business operations in the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Taiwan and the U.K. As a family partner of Getco Group, Ali Daud oversees business activities ranging from food/consumer items distribution, building materials and sanitary ware, to beverage manufacturing, construction, automotive parts, and various other activities. In addition, the Daud family has extensive retail experience in the MENA region and India including Gourmet Gulf – a company with over 50 franchised food outlets, and Retail Arabia – a company representing Oscar de la Renta, Hamleys, David Morris, and other department and sports stores.

Since 1994 Mr. Daud has successfully operated the McDonalds franchise in Oman with nine restaurants throughout the country. In addition, he is the founder of various companies in Oman including Al Amana, a construction material supplies company; Neem Projects and Services, an Omani holding company with JV partners from around the globe; and Tierra Alta Group Oman, an oilfield service and supply company.

Ali Daud graduated from the world renowned Swiss boarding school Aiglon College in 1984 and proceeded to obtain a B.A. degree from New York University in 1988. Mr. Daud is currently the president of the Muscat American Business Council and has served on the Executive Council since 2004. Additionally, he has served on the Oman Tourism Board and briefly on the board for the Brand Oman campaign.

## Youssouf Moussa Dawaleh

## Owner, Enterprise Dawaleh Construction

Mr. Youssouf Moussa Dawaleh is the owner of the Dawaleh Construction Company (EDC). EDC works in the construction of infrastructure and basic facilities in both rural and urban areas.

From 1996 to 2004, he owned the Mer Rouge Pêche Inc. (Red Sea Fish Factory, Inc.). In 2005, he founded the Djibouti Maritime Management & Investment Company (DMMI) which took over the business assets of the Red Sea Fish Factory. DMMI manages the fishing port of Djibouti, and processes and distributes seafood within the Republic of Djibouti as well as in the region. It will soon start exporting seafood to the EU.

In 1998, Mr. Dawaleh founded the Mudco Company. The company was created to partner with a Saudi corporation in the development of the Ethiopian corridor. Mudco invested in and managed twenty goods transportation trucks.

In 2002, Mr. Dawaleh created the Global Trade and Service Company which deals with the distribution of general food products in the East African region, including Djibouti, Ethiopia and Somalia. In 2006, he started the Djibsolar Company, which specializes in selling and installing solar panels in the Republic of Djibouti.

#### Mauro De Lorenzo

## Vice President, John Templeton Foundation

Mauro De Lorenzo is Vice President for Freedom and Free Enterprise at the John Templeton Foundation. He is responsible for creating large-scale initiatives on issues relating to the nature of freedom, the ethical foundations of free enterprise, the relationship between markets and character formation, entrepreneurial innovation, and enterprise solutions to global poverty. Before joining the Foundation in September 2009, Mr. De Lorenzo served as a resident fellow in foreign and defense policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) in Washington D.C, where he is currently a visiting scholar. Mr. De Lorenzo's work at AEI focuses on U.S. foreign policy in the developing world; the effectiveness of foreign aid; entrepreneurship and business-climate reform as a development strategy; China's impact in the developing world; African politics and security; post-conflict stabilization and reconstruction; and refugee and humanitarian policy. He is working on a book about four countries—Rwanda, Georgia, Vietnam, and El Salvador—that are making it easier to do business and the lessons they offer for U.S. foreign and development policy.

Mr. De Lorenzo is on the board of directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, where he helps to oversee the performance-based U.S. development agency that was established in 2003. Since 2007, he has also contributed to the Brenthurst Foundation's research and presidential advisory work in Africa. In 2005, Mr. De Lorenzo worked with private Afghan construction companies in Kabul.

He was a research associate at both the American University in Cairo and the Makerere Institute of Social Research in Kampala, Uganda. In 2002, he researched and was associate producer of The Price of Aid, a BBC documentary about food aid and the misdiagnosis of famine in southern Africa. In 1996-97, while based in Vienna, Zagreb, and Sarajevo, he helped to manage the refugee component of Bosnia-Herzegovina's first post-war elections. Mr. De Lorenzo studied

linguistics and cognitive science at the University of Delaware and development studies and social anthropology at the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

## Özlem Denizmen

## Board Member, Doğuş Automotive

Özlem Denizmen Kocatepe is a graduate of Cornell University (Department of Industrial Management) and holds a M.B.A. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ms. Denizmen also attended the "Influencing Techniques" program at Stanford, the "Leadership" program at GE Crotonville, and the "Advanced Management" program at Harvard Business School.

Since 2000, she has served in a variety of positions on strategy management, business development and investor relations in Doğuş Group. Ms. Denizmen is currently a board member of Doğuş Automotive.

## Kemal Derviş

## Vice President and Director, Global Economy & Development at the Brookings Institution

Kemal Derviş is vice president and director of the Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institution and the former executive head of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Prior to his appointment to UNDP, Dr. Derviş was a member of the Turkish Parliament and, in 2001-2002, Minister for Economic Affairs and the Treasury for the Republic of Turkey. He was responsible for Turkey's economic recovery program after the devastating financial crisis that hit the country in February 2001.

Dr. Derviş earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the London School of Economics and his doctorate in economics from Princeton University. He taught economics at the Middle East Technical University and Princeton University from 1974-1978. Prior to assuming a cabinet position in Turkey in 2001, Dr. Dervis joined the World Bank in 1977, where he had a 22-year career, becoming Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa in 1996 and Vice President for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Bank in 2000.

Dr. Derviş has published several books and many articles in academic journals and current affairs publications on topics ranging from mathematical models of growth and social mobility to international trade, European enlargement, global governance and climate protection. He is a Member of the International Board of Overseers of Sabanci University and Advisor to the Istanbul Policy Center and is active in many global research and policy networks.

#### Ali Diab

## Vice President of Product Management, AdMob

As Vice President of Product Management at AdMob, Mr. Diab is responsible for the company's product strategy, roadmap, and business operations. Prior to joining AdMob, Mr. Diab cofounded and launched Ripple TV, the World's first geo-targeted and Web-enabled out-of-home TV network. Previously, Mr. Diab held senior and executive management positions at Microsoft, where he developed and launched services including MSN Messenger and MSN Mobile, and at Yahoo!, where he led teams behind services including Yahoo! Web Search, Yahoo! Mobile Search, Yahoo! Local Search and Yahoo! Maps. At Yahoo!, Mr. Diab was instrumental to the successful completion of several strategic company initiatives, including the Yahoo! Developer Network, the Yahoo! Geo-Tagging Service, the Yahoo! Location Targeting Service and the Yahoo! Search API. Mr. Diab was formerly Founder and CEO of BuildPoint.com, the World's first online marketplace for the building materials and construction industries. Mr. Diab is the author of nearly two dozen papers and patents in the data storage and information retrieval fields. Mr. Diab received his undergrad degree from Stanford University and an MBA and MPhil from Oxford University.

## **Daler Djumaev**

General Director, Pamir Energy

Mr. Daler Djumaev is the General Director of Pamir Energy. Pamir Energy, a project of the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development, is Tajikistan's only private power company, operating in the remote Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO).

# **Bill Drayton**

Founder, Ashoka

Bill Drayton is a world-leading social entrepreneur who founded Ashoka, the world's largest working community of more than 2,000 leading social entrepreneurs. Ashoka identifies men and women with system changing solutions for the world's most urgent social problems. These Ashoka Fellows are provided with living stipends, professional support, and access to a global network of peers in more than 60 countries.

Mr. Drayton has always been cooking up new and innovative ideas. At Harvard he founded the Ashoka Table, an interdisciplinary weekly forum in the social sciences. At Yale Law School, he launched Yale Legislative Services, which engaged one-third of the student body in helping key legislators throughout the northeast design and draft legislation.

Mr. Drayton has received many awards including the Yale School of Management's annual Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence. The American Society of Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration jointly awarded him their National Public Service Award, and Common Cause awarded him its Public Service Achievement Award. In 2005, he

was selected one of America's Best Leaders by US News & World Report and Harvard's Center for Public Leadership. In the same month he was awarded Yale Law School's highest alumni honor, The Yale Law School Award of Merit - for having made a substantial contribution to Public Service. In 2006, he was recognized as being one of Harvard University's 100 "Most Influential Alumni." In 2007, he was awarded Duke University Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship's (CASE) Leadership in Social Entrepreneurship Award, the University of Pennsylvania Law School's 2007 Honorary Fellow Award, the Goi Peace Foundation's Peace Award, and Yale Doctorate of Humane Letters in 2009.

#### **Arne Duncan**

#### Secretary of Education, Department of Education

Arne Duncan is the Secretary of Education appointed by President Obama. Prior to his appointment as Secretary of Education, Duncan served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools. Prior to joining the Chicago Public Schools, Duncan ran the non-profit education foundation Ariel Education Initiative (1992-1998), which helped fund a college education for a class of inner-city children under the I Have A Dream program. He was part of a team that later started a new public elementary school built around a financial literacy curriculum, the Ariel Community Academy, which today ranks among the top elementary schools in Chicago.

#### Sirin Elci

## Consultant, Technopolis

Sirin Elci, consultant for Technopolis, Inc., has also worked as a consultant for the design of regional innovation centers for TUSIAD, managed EUROMED's Innovation and Technology Program in Turkey, and implemented the Innovation Management Performance and Sustainability Project for the European Commission's INNOVA Project. She has also acted as a consultant for the Mersin Regional Innovation Strategies Project and the World Bank's assessment of the research and development (R&D) environment in Turkish universities. She has designed two regional pre-incubators for the Turkish Informatics Association. She acted as an advisor to the National Ministry of Education on the design and development of the innovations sections of the curricula for a new course called "Technology and Design" and also to the METU-KOSGEB Technology Development Center and METU Technology Park on a project for ICT-enabling incubation, institutional development and business incubation capabilities.

In 2008-10, she co-developed instructional materials for the U.S. Embassy Ankara-funded Young Entrepreneurship and Innovation project (for secondary school learners), trained the teachers on the materials, and monitored its implementation.

# Mohamed El-Fatatry CEO, Muxlim Inc.

Mohamed El-Fatatry, Muxlim Incorporated's founder and CEO, is an Egyptian entrepreneur with a track record for tailoring technology to the Muslim lifestyle in innovative ways. More than a decade before popular photo-sharing websites such as Flickr, he created web pages where he and his friends could publish and comment on photographs. By the age of 16, he was a web development instructor at the Emirates Institute of Technology. Coming from a computer science background, he has been called in Finland the "Linus Torvalds" of the Muslim world and was named the "Egyptian Technology Figure of 2009." Mr. El-Fatatry was named by Georgetown University among the world's "500 Most Influential Muslims." and he has received the President of Finland's Internationalization Award.

Mr. El-Fatatry studied computer science at the American University of Sharjah in the UAE, and media technology at Metropolia University of Applied Science in Helsinki, Finland. He is a regular speaker at events and conferences such as the New Media Event (UAE), SIME (Sweden), Live! From the New York Public Library (U.S.), TechCrunch (Europe), Multi-Cultural Communication (UK), the Brand & Communications Summit (Saudi Arabia) and the American Muslim Consumer Conference (U.S.). He contributes expert commentary to a number of print and broadcast media, and is currently writing the digital chapter of a Financial Times book titled the Islamic *Marketing Handbook*, which will be published in 2011.

#### Hakima El Haité

## General Manager, Eau Globe

Hakima El Haité is a leading Moroccan expert on waste treatment, water use and environmental impact analysis. She is General Manager of Eau Globe in Rabat, a company of 40 employees specialized in the treatment of water, sanitation and environmental protection. Dr. El Haité is a technician with expertise in environmental law, management, administration, and accountability. She has developed and executed projects related to water, to the treatment and disposal of liquid and solid waste, and in environment sciences, for Moroccan and international institutions. Dr. El Haité serves as an expert consultant to the U.N. Development Program (UNDP), GTZ (the German agency for technical cooperation), the World Bank, and the Moroccan Center for Clean Production. She recently launched a new business focused on micro-irrigation, providing expertise to farmers to use this innovative technique to irrigate agricultural fields.

Dr. El Haité is a member and former vice president of the Association of Women Entrepreneurs in Morocco (AFEM); president of the Rabat chapter of the Rotary Club; and founding member of the National Center for Clean Technology, the National Association of Impact Studies, and the National Association of Experts in Solid Waste. She is also member of the Moroccan Association of Potable Water and Sanitation. She was recently elected vice-president of Liberal International, an international network of progressive and democratic parties. She is taking a leading role in Morocco in promoting women in politics.

## **Hassan El-Khatib**

## Managing Director, Carlyle Group Egypt

Hassan El-Khatib is managing director in the Middle East and North Africa with the Carlyle Group, based in Cairo, focusing on opportunities in Egypt and Northern Africa. Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Khatib was a managing partner of EFG-Hermes Private Equity, a subsidiary of EFG-Hermes, the leading investment bank in the Middle East, where he managed and raised several general and industry focused funds. While at EFG-Hermes, Mr. Khatib served as Chairman of the Board of Wadi ElNile Cement, a director in several companies including SidiKrir Petrochemicals, SODIC real estate development, Arafa Group for textiles, Otsuka Pharmaceutical, General Motors Egypt, ACE-CIIC Insurance Company and others. Prior to EFG-Hermes, Mr. Khatib was assistant general manager at AlAhly for development and investment for five years.

Hassan El-Khatib is a member of the Egyptian Junior Businessmen Association (EJB), which has a lead role in enhancing and educating young entrepreneurs in Egypt. The association provides courses and different workshops to young entrepreneurs. EJB also launched the *Mashroaak Hakika* (or *Bring Your Project to Life*) which is the first nationwide business plan competition in Egypt to target existing and potential entrepreneurs operating in Egypt. The competition seeks to create a pipeline of new and innovative SME businesses and to promote a culture of entrepreneurship. Mr. Khatib is active in other community work, as a board member of the Egyptian Institute of Directors, the Public Insurance Holding Co., and the Egyptian Center for Economic Studies.

Mr. Khatib received his M.B.A. from California State University Sacramento, where he was Beta Gamma Sigma. He holds a CMA certification from the Institute of Management Accountants USA and has a B.Sc. in civil engineering from Cairo University.

# Rania Frem El-Khoury

Director, Georges N. Frem Foundation

Rania Frem El-Khoury started in an industrial environment as marketing and business development manager of one of Indevco's manufacturing facilities in Lebanon. She was then appointed as a director at Indevco Group. From June 1998 until present, she has been the director of the Indevco Foundation, which was recently renamed as the Georges N. Frem Foundation (GNFF).

GNFF's main focus is to perpetuate the legacy of the founder, Georges N. Frem. GNFF endeavors to effectively promote and implement the vision, goals and practices of the the late Georges N. Frem with respect to fostering economic development, creating new jobs in Lebanon as well as nurturing a pluralistic and democratic society.

In recent years, Ms. Frem El-Khoury was instrumental in soliciting and partnering with different national and international non-governmental organizations and she successfully launched many

projects such as streamlining the supply chain of agricultural produce, sponsoring the establishment of a Lebanese Business Network (LBN), and carrying out comprehensive initiatives that have socio-economic and cultural impacts on the region.

Mrs. Frem El-Khoury holds a business degree from the American University of Beirut and has attended several executive development programs at leading educational institutions in the United States and Europe.

# Norah Elmagraby

Co-founder, Green Jeddah

Ms. Magraby was co-founder of Green Jeddah - the winning venture of the U.S.-Saudi Women's Forum on Social Entrepreneurship. Green Jeddah has a significant online presence and recently organized an event for the global Earth Hour. Ms. Magraby has been involved in recycling efforts on the Dar Al Hekma campus since she arrived at the college, and was instrumental in the introduction of recycling to Dar Al Hekma and the student body. She is studying nursing at Dar Al Hekma College.

## Hala Helmy El Said

Executive Director, Egyptian Banking Institute

Dr. Hala Helmy El Said has been the executive director of the Egyptian Banking Institute since 2003. She is a Professor on the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University. Dr. El Said serves as an active member on several boards of directors for regional banks and government agencies, such as the Arab African International Bank, Egypt; Economic Committee of the National Democratic Party (NDP); Economic Committee of the National Council for Women (NCW); National Administration Institute (Ministry of State for Administrative Development); National Coordinating Committee for Combating Money Laundering, Advisory Council of the CGAP (World Bank), and the MENA-OECD Task Force on Corporate Governance.

Dr. El Said has authored a wide range of studies and reports on the financial sector, privatization, economic reform, and competitiveness. Her research interests spread across areas such as small and medium enterprises, corporate governance, as well as other related topics such as leadership, building capacities, and financial awareness among the public. She has chaired and participated in many national, regional and international seminars and conferences tackling different economic and developmental issues.

Dr.El Said received her Bachelor of Science in coonomics, with highest honors, First in Order of Merit, from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. She received her Master of Economics in the "Role of Arab Development Funds in Financing Development in the

Arab World" from Cairo University, and her Ph.D. in economics in "The International Banking System and the External Debt of Latin American Countries."

# **Mohamed El Sawy**

# Chairman, El Sawy Center

Mohamed El Sawy is a social entrepreneur whose cultural venues support young artists in the performing and fine arts and provides a meeting place for non-elite Cairo youth. He is establishing a network of cultural centers throughout Egypt.

Over its five-year run, the Sawy Culture Wheel has built its name by showcasing emerging artists alongside established ones, and providing a venue that brings art to the masses through affordable prices. Mr. Sawy wishes to provide others with a manual to replicate his success, applied everywhere, even in remote areas with small, unutilized spaces that could be developed into art venues. Social and cultural development, rather than pure profit hunting, drives the work of the center.

El Sakia was the first to host stand-up comedians, for example, presenting Azhar Usman's "Allah Made Me Funny" last August. Three months later, El Sawy himself participated in the free-for-all stand-up comedy auditions following the hugely popular Axis of Evil comedy tour at Sakia last November. The tradition continues through monthly meets where jokes are exchanged. Mohamed El Sawy has also supported the Cairo Cyclers' Club, providing meeting space, ideas and promotional material to the group that aims to use more bicycles than cars, reducing traffic and pollution in Cairo while encouraging exercise.

# Salah El Tayeh CEO, Terra Vertis

Salah El Tayeh is the CEO of Terra Vertis, a consulting firm focusing on all aspects of organizational strategy, sustainable and environmental leadership and management development, social responsibility, efficiency and renewable and resources management.

For two decades, Mr. El Tayeh has been an innovative leader in professional and engineering services. He is one of the architects of the sustainability and energy efficiency movement in Jordan and the region. He has spoken around the world on this critical issue and is frequently called upon to provide expertise to organizations and individuals focusing on sustainability, energy efficiency and social responsibility.

An entrepreneur by nature, Mr. El Tayeh has been able to expand EMC, Jordan – mainly active in the energy and infrastructure sectors, to a regional engineering services company. As EMC's CEO, Salah El Tayeh transformed the company to uniform quality standards and consistent service delivery across eight countries.

Mr. El Tayeh has also led efforts to build partnerships in new and emerging markets, with the primary goal of recognizing business and market opportunities and equipping organizations to anticipate and respond to shifting market conditions. He is also known for mentoring professionals and facilitating effective relationships and connections.

Mr. Tayeh holds a finance and international business degree from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

# Moulay Ahmed Essakalli President, Zid Zid Kids

Moulay Ahmed Essakalli has created a distinctive cultural product for children, demonstrating respect and commitment to Morocco and its people. His company, Zid Zid Kids, distributes to over 300 stores in the United States and other parts of the world. Mr. Essakalli is an innovator, constantly renewing the company's product offerings. His company has won several trade show awards for its products. Zid Zid Kids seeks to be environmentally conscious, only using chemical-free and recycled inputs. It donates a percentage of net profit to charity.

Zid Zid Kids' products echo cultural traditions of Morocco, combining old and new artistic influences with simple materials to create quality products. Every Zid Zid Kids product is designed and produced in Marrakech by Moroccan artisans using a combination of thousand-year-old traditions and modern day techniques. The production supports a local team of artisans, staff and vendors.

Zid Zid Kids has been recognized as among the "Leading Artisans of the Kingdom of Morocco" and for excellence in quality and workplace standards by the American Chamber of Commerce in Morocco.

# Obiageli Ezekwesili

Vice President, World Bank's Africa Region

Ezekwesili is the Vice President for the World Bank's Africa Region. She previously was the Minster of Education in Nigeria where she introduced Public-Private Partnership models for educational service delivery. She was also the founding Director of Transparency International, Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on Budget Monitoring and Price Intelligence and Chairperson of the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.

Obiageli "Oby" Ezekwesili, a Nigerian national, was appointed Vice President for the World Bank's Africa Region in 2007. She oversees more than 1600 staff and is responsible for the delivery of projects and economic and sectoral work in 47 Sub-Saharan countries. In fiscal year 2009, \$7.8 billion was committed in new project lending and technical assistance to Africa, in addition to more than 90 analytical studies.

Oby joined the Bank from her most recent position as Minister of Education in the Government of Nigeria, where she led a comprehensive reform program within the education sector including: Restructuring and refocusing the ministry for the attainment of Education for All (EfA) targets and Millennium Development Goals. She also introduced the Public-Private Partnership models for education service delivery; revamped the Federal Inspectorate Service as an improved quality assurance mechanism and introduced transparency and accountability mechanisms for better governance of the budget. Ms. Ezekwesili led the establishment of the Innovation & Vocational Enterprise Institutions initiatives which focuses on the development of skills for economic competitiveness and--in conjunction with the Nigerian Stock Exchange--launched the "Adopt-A-School" program, an initiative that fosters philanthropy by corporations; community groups and individuals.

#### **Karim Fanous**

# Executive Director, The Lead Foundation

Karim Fanous is Executive Director of the Lead Foundation, an Egyptian not-for-profit microfinance institution with a mission focusing on providing poor and low-income entrepreneurs especially women, with sustainable access to quality microfinance services. Under his leadership in the past five years, the Lead Foundation has made over 1 million in loans to over 425,000 entrepreneurs and has been the fastest growing microfinance institution in Egypt, with 168,460 active clients, of which 90 percent are considered poor and 84 percent are women. The initiative is now reaching the next level as planned, with Lead moving from being totally donor funded to a totally commercially funded institution.

Mr. Fanous is the current treasurer of "Sanabel," the microfinance network of Arab countries as well as a founding member and the current treasurer of the Egyptian Microfinance Network. He also serves on the board of the Washington, D.C., based SEEP network.

Karim Fanous is a 1980 graduate of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. Prior to working in microfinance, he worked as an international banker in Bahrain, Hong Kong, the UAE and Egypt. He has also worked as an independent business and financial consultant in Egypt. In addition to his duties as the CEO of a leading microfinance institution of providing financial solutions to the target micro-entrepreneurs, Mr. Fanous is increasingly engaged in promoting best microfinance practices in Egypt and the Arab world.

# Nuria Sheikh Farah

## Founder, Gargaar Kenya

Nuria Sheikh Farah is the founder of Gargaar Kenya, a non-governmental organization based in northeastern Kenya that is committed to strengthening communities in marginalized areas through promoting education for girls and empowering women on contemporary issues.

Ms. Farah also owns Risala Enterprises Ltd., which was established in 1995. Risala has a fleet of trucks that transport petroleum products to neighboring countries and specializes in the supply of various household goods such as Egyptian linens. It imports a complete range of furniture for homes and for residential and hotel contracts. The company imports products from Egypt, Syria, Iran and the Gulf region.

Ms. Farah was the first Somali woman from Northeast Province to earn a bachelor's degree. She was a long-term civil servant with the Kenyan government in the Ministry of Education. Ms. Farah also worked with USAID on a school construction program in the province. Ms. Farah holds a Bachelor of Education degree and is currently pursuing an M.B.A. degree at the University of Nairobi.

#### Nasser Abu Farha

## Founder and director, Canaan Fair Trade

Nasser Abu Farha is the founder and director of Canaan Fair Trade, a company established in 2004 that uses the fair trade concept to empower marginalized Palestinian rural communities caught in conflict and help themsustain their livelihoods and culture. Canaan works with over 1,700 small farmers and employs a seven-person administrative team and 15 factory workers that fill, label, and package their products.

The company exported 350 tons of olive oil to the United States and Europe in 2008, about \$4 million worth, with projections that the amount could triple in a couple of years. Canaan Fair Trade has become the chief olive oil supplier to the Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap company and is breaking into boutique food stores, such as Whole Foods and Sainsbury's, with its own gourmet olive oil brand. Canaan has also established a scholarship committee, which funds tuition for children of Canaan's farmers to study at any Palestinian university.

Mr. Abu Farha's work with local farmers and his efforts to create an international market for Palestinian branded goods has distinguished him among Palestinian entrepreneurs.

#### **Andeisha Farid**

#### Founder, Afghan Child Education and Care Organization

10,000 Women Entrepreneurial Achievement Award

Andeisha Farid spent her childhood living in refugee camps, in Iran and Pakistan. While studying in Pakistan, she made the decision to tutor other Afghan women and children who had no place to learn. In 2002, Ms. Farid moved to Islamabad to continue her education at the university level. While studying in Islamabad, she began working with a local Afghan community, first as a teacher, and later as administrator and spokesperson of an Afghan school. Also while living in Islamabad, she became engaged with a non-profit that founded the Child Sponsorship Program in conjunction with the U.S. based charity, Charity Help International. Upon the program's inception, Ms. Farid was named Program Coordinator. After a successful

run with the Child Sponsorship Program, she moved back to Kabul in 2007 and started a new non-profit, the Afghan Child Education and Care Organization (AFCECO). Today, AFCECO runs 10 orphanages in Afghanistan and Pakistan with over 450 children of diverse ethnicities.

In 2008, Ms. Farid enrolled in the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women training program. Since graduation from the program, she has hired a finance manager to assist her in using her resources more effectively. Ms. Farid continues to build her skills through the 10,000 Women mentoring program, including her fluency in Dari, English, Pashto and Urdu.

#### G. Steven Farris

## Chairman & CEO, Apache Corporation

G. Steven Farris is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Apache Corporation. Apache Corporation is an independent energy company that explores for, develops and produces natural gas, crude oil and natural gas liquids. Mr. Farris appointed chief executive officer in May 2002, having served as president and chief operating officer since 1994. He joined Apache in June 1988 as vice president of Domestic Exploration and Production and was promoted to senior vice president in 1991.

Prior to joining Apache, Mr. Farris was vice president and treasurer of Terra Resources, a subsidiary of Sempra. Before working at Terra, Mr. Farris was executive vice president of Robert W. Berry, Inc., an independent exploration and production company. He holds bachelor's degrees from Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Farris has served as a trustee of the Ucross Foundation in Clearmont, Wyo., since March 1999. He is also a member of Business Roundtable, a member of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors and a member of the board of directors of Fund for Teachers.

#### Wafaa Chafi Fathi

## Secretary General, BMCE Bank Foundation

Wafaa Chafi Fathi is the Secretary General of the BMCE Bank Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to build and manage schools in rural areas of Morocco. In partnership with the Moroccan Ministry of Education and national and international strategic partners, this organization is fighting illiteracy, advocating education and enabling communities to leverage their daily lives through income generating activities. Through the BMCE Bank Foundation, Ms. Fathi has worked on developing public relations strategies for educational and community development projects. These projects help to eradicate illiteracy among children in rural areas by developing and designing curricula adapted to local needs. The project includes technical assistance, training, communications and outreach involving the expertise and financial contributions of international organizations such as UNDP.

Ms. Fathi spent six years working with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Morocco, serving as the advocacy and communications coordinator. She worked with governmental partners, national and international organizations, non-governmental organizations, broadcasters, and local newspapers. In this position she helped design and implement social mobilization programs to improve advocacy skills and the techniques local organizations use to identify policy issues pertaining mothers and children.

Wafaa Chafi Fathi is also an active member of AFEM (The Moroccan Association of Women Entrepreneurs). AFEM was founded in 2000 and is the largest women's professional association and the largest women business owners' organization in Morocco with over 350 members. AFEM provides resources and services through education, networking, and public advocacy to empower its members to achieve career and financial success. Ms. Fathi is particularly interested in improving the skills of unemployed graduate women through continuing education certificate programs and integration within different companies.

## **Tony Fernandes**

## AirAsia Berhad, Founder & Group CEO, 2006 Malaysia Entrepreneur of the Year

Tony Fernandes created one of the world's premier low-cost airlines when he formed AirAsia in 2001. The airline became the first airline in the world to introduce SMS booking and ticket-less travelling; it has expanded its fleet from the original two to over 70 planes. In 2008, AirAsia transformed itself from a regional airline to a global one with the launch of AirAsia X, a long-haul carrier. It now flies to over 50 destinations in Malaysia, the Asia-Pacific, and Europe, and has plans to enter the North American market. AirAsia has recorded profits annually despite increasing fuel costs. Before founding AirAsia, he was the youngest-ever managing director of Warner Music (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.

Mr. Fernandes has won numerous leadership, entrepreneurship, and aviation industry awards, including Airline CEO of the Year 2009 by *Jane's Transport Finance* magazine. He was educated at Epsom College (1977-83) and then graduated from the London School of Economics in 1987.

#### Alan H. Fleischmann

#### Managing Director, ImagineNations

Alan H. Fleischmann is co-founder, board member and managing director of ImagineNations® Group, a partnership-based global network that provides young entrepreneurs with the financial capital, technologies and business/leadership coaching that young women and men need in order to start micro- and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in emerging markets. He is also chairman of the Executive Committee of the World Bank-ImagineNations Global Partnership for Youth Investment (GPYI).

Mr. Fleischmann has held leadership positions in domestic and global arenas across the private, public and civil society sectors at the state, federal and international levels. He has in-depth experience in strategy, communications, negotiation, business and public policy development. Mr. Fleischmann served as a team lead of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition and also served two terms as the chief of staff to Maryland Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

Previously, he served as a staff director of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the U.S. Congress and its Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. In addition, Fleischmann served in an advisory capacity to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the development and negotiations of free trade agreements within the western hemisphere and focused on U.S. policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean, including U.S. environmental policy and the protection of the indigenous peoples of the Amazon, the consolidation of the Central American peace processes, U.S.-Cuba policy and the debt crises.

Prior to serving in Congress, he was vice president of the trade finance company LATCORP, Inc., where he advised multi-national companies on strategic challenges and opportunities in Latin America and designed joint ventures, franchises and export-import agreements.

He also serves on other boards, including the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Medical Center, School of Public Policy of the University of Maryland, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS) and the World Security Institute (WSI). In 2008, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley appointed Mr. Fleischmann to serve on the board of directors of the University of Maryland Medical System, where he serves on its executive committee. He was a 2009 speaker at the Global Philanthropy Forum. He is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Fleischmann is a graduate of the Gilman School.

# **Enan Galaly**

#### Founder, Helnan International

Enan Galaly left his native Egypt at the age of 20 and traveled to Austria, where he sold newspapers and lived on the streets. He then made his way to Denmark, where he washed dishes to earn meals, enrolled in hotel and restaurant school, and joined the Hvide Hus Hotel in Aalborg as an assistant general manager. He later attained a top position as managing director and board member of the Hvide Hus Hotel chain. He recently acquired Hvide Hus hotels in Koge and Aalborg.

In 1982 he formed Helnan, a multinational group of companies with headquarters in Denmark. Helnan owns, manages and develops hotels throughout the world and specializes in upgrading first-class hotels in Scandinavia, the United States, the Middle East and North Africa.

Mr. Galaly has become an influential social activist through many philanthropic initiatives. He is senior adviser for the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) and ambassador for the Heart Foundation in Denmark. He also is founder and honorary Chairman of the Scandinavian Business Association in Egypt, and belongs to chambers of commerce in several countries.

Fluent in four languages (Arabic, Danish, English and German), Enan Galaly has been selected as a member of several delegations headed by Her Majesty the Queen of Denmark, His Royal Highness the Prince Consort and the prime minister of Denmark representing the hotel and tourism sector. Mr. Galaly has been invested as a "Knight of Dannebrog," one of the highest honors in Denmark. In 2001, he was awarded an honorary doctorate during the IAUP meeting in the Dominican Republic. Mr. Galaly has supported initiatives to encourage greater dialogue between Arab and Western peoples, and between Muslims and non-Muslims.

#### Fadi Ghandour

### President and CEO, Aramex

Fadi Ghandour established Aramex in 1982 as an express courier wholesaler to North American courier companies, including FedEx and Airborne Express; it became DHL's first real competitor in the Middle East. In 1997, Aramex became the first Arab-based international company to be listed on the NASDAQ. The company returned to private ownership following a leveraged management buyout in 2002 and then went public on the Dubai Financial Market in 2005.

Mr. Ghandour is also involved in micro entrepreneurship and microcredit in the Middle East and is Chairman of the National Microfinance bank in Jordan, a new nonprofit microfinance organization. He is an avid supporter of the Young Arab Leaders forum, the Entrepreneurship Network in Beirut, and other various leadership initiatives in the Arab world. Additionally, he is the founding partner of Maktoob.com, the world's largest Arab online community.

## Douja Ben Mahmoud Gharbi

## President and Partner, of DG International

Douja Ben Mahmoud Gharbi is President and Partner of DG International, where she initiated a joint venture production and distribution unit for the European and Gulf Cooperation Council markets, specializing in home decoration accessories. Since 1994, she has founded and served as president of five companies in the fields of marketing, decoration and production. Ms. Gharbi is also founder of the Entrepreneurship Develop Program (EDP) in Tunisia, which promotes the creation of enterprises through training sessions and counseling. As such, she recruited business counselors and organized a business counseling training session in Bahrain, served as a counselor to six future entrepreneurs and managed the first French EDP training session in Tunis, from which 15 future entrepreneurs graduated.

Ms. Gharbi has served as a member of the National Chamber of Women Entrepreneurs since 1997 and as vice president of the Tunis bureau since 2006, managing the Chamber's public relations with international women's organizations and aiming to develop gender-oriented programs that improve Tunisian women's competitiveness as entrepreneurs and exporters. Ms. Gharbi has been a member of the executive board of the Young Entrepreneurs Center in Tunisia since 2005. Additionally, Ms. Gharbi is a trainer/mentor at Access!, a program initiated by ITC

and IFOC to develop the export skills of women entrepreneurs in Africa, and a member of the Tunisian Business Team, which promotes Tunisian art-crafts work in the UAE market by providing financial and strategic support. She received a masters in economics from the University of Tunis and attended the University of California at San Diego for training in business administration.

#### Salim Ghauri

## Chairman & CEO, Netsol Technologies

Salim Ghauri has been referred to as the Bill Gates of Pakistan by the *Friday Times*. His name resonates through the IT circles of Pakistan, and he is known as among the pioneers of the Pakistani IT industry. His founding of NetSol Technologies (then, Network Solutions) was the result of his vision to help Pakistan actualize its potential as a leading global IT destination. Today, NetSol Technologies Limited has grown into a 700 strong organization, with offices around the World. It is Pakistan's biggest IT exporter, a leading IT employer and the first CMMI level 5 company in the country.

As CEO and Chairman of NetSol, Mr. Ghauri has helped the company achieve global recognition as a leading supplier of IT software and solutions for the leasing and financing industry. His vision helped the company achieve the Asia Pacific ICT Association Award for the "Best Financial Product." He also serves as president, Asia Pacific, for NetSol Technologies Inc., the parent company listed on the NASDAQ.

Besides his success as an entrepreneur, Salim Ghauri remains active in other key roles. He is Honorary Consul of Australia for Punjab. In addition, he also chairs the Federal Government's ICT Task Force, entrusted with the task of reviewing national IT policy and providing recommendations in key IT related areas.

#### **Mohamed Gire**

#### Co-founder, Richmond Development Company

Mohamed Gire is an active private investor in emerging high-tech companies as well as the offshore real estate and infrastructure sectors. The company he co-founded, Richmond Development, is dedicated to creating the most advanced and efficient energy delivery systems in the world. They develop partnerships that make energy generation and infrastructure possible for the people and markets in emerging economies around the world.

Mr. Gire has a unique blend of talent and over 20 years of business insight to growing companies. In 1985, he started the Richmond Printing Company, now one of the largest printing businesses in Texas. This experience fostered his interest in advanced technologies. With his savvy talent for real estate and management, he ventured into other areas. Gire's focus on energy and infrastructure projects has continued since 2003 when he co-founded RDEVCO, LLC. Under

Mr. Gire's leadership, RDEVCO has taken its place as a premiere firm specializing in infrastructure development and energy markets.

Mr. Gire has participated in numerous international trade delegations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. He has played a key role fostering closer ties among members of the international business community while promoting the cause of emerging nations through business and economic development. His connections, roots and philanthropic zeal extend to all parts of the globe.

Mr. Gire also serves on numerous boards and commissions in his hometown of Houston, Texas. Such organizations as the Mayor's Office of International Affairs and Development (MOIAD) and the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau (GHCVB) have allowed him to pursue an agenda of promoting greater connectivity and a sense of community.

## **Amr Gohar**

#### CEO, Chairman, ECCO Outsourcing

Amr Gohar is the President of the Middle East Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (MCSBE). He is also the CEO & Managing Director of National Telecom Cards (NTCC), Egypt's fastest growing prepaid telephone service provider, with nationwide operations across Egypt; the Chairman of CELLTEK, which provides ICT professional services to telecom operators and vendors; and the Chairman of ECCO, which specializes in offering contact center and business process outsourcing services.

Amr Gohar possesses extensive knowledge and expertise in the Middle East Information and Communication Technologies' (ICT) market, leading a group of companies with offices in Egypt, Saudi and Qatar. Prior to his entrepreneurial ventures, Mr. Gohar assumed senior management responsibilities with Philips, Siemens and Lucent Technologies as regional director for marketing and sales in the Middle East.

Mr. Gohar is also is the Vice-Chairman of the Egyptian Junior Business (EJB) Association and president of the Middle East Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (MCSBE). MCSBE is an affiliate of the International Council for Small Business (ICSB), which covers most of the Middle East.

Mr. Gohar is a member in various other organizations and non-governmental organizations, including Egypt's ICT Export Council and Industry Entrepreneurship Council, the EITESAL ICT business association, and the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt.

He received a B.Sc. in telecom engineering from Egypt's Ain Shams Universityand an M.B.A. from Netherland's Maastricht School of Management. He has also completed an executive education program on private equity and venture capital at Harvard Business School.

## **Scott Griffith**

## Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Zipcar

Under Scott Griffith, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Zipcar and led Zipcar's merger with Flexcar, managing the integration of the companies' fleet, technology and membership base under the Zipcar brand and service. Under Mr. Griffith's leadership, Zipcar has fostered the emergence of car sharing as a new transportation category, changing urban life by providing instant, affordable mobility in London, England and 28 North American states and provinces.

For his accomplishments at Zipcar, Mr. Griffith's was named one of BusinessWeek's "Best Leaders of 2006," and he was the recipient of Babson College's ELiTE Award for entrepreneurship. As a leading authority on the benefits of car sharing and all things transportation, Mr. Griffith has been interviewed by the world's top news outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, New York Times, CNN, CNBC, USA Today, Associated Press, CBS-TV, FOX-TV, ABC World News Tonight and Time Magazine.

Prior to Zipcar, Mr. Griffith held senior-level positions at The Boeing Company, Information America, an Atlanta-based provider of online, public record information, and The Parthenon Group, a boutique, business strategy and investment firm. Mr. Griffith earned his BS in engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and his MBA from the University of Chicago.

#### Masooma Habibi

# Co-owner, Check up Electrical Engineering

Masooma Habibi labored in her youth as a carpet weaver in Herat. Ms. Habibi moved 350 miles east to Kabul, where she started an electrical engineering company called Check Up with two partners. Their company provides industrial power services such as wiring and cabling to a variety of organizations in Kabul.

In 2008 she applied and was accepted to 10,000 Women, a global initiative sponsored by Goldman Sachs that will provide 10,000 underserved women with business and management education. The biggest takeaways of 10,000 Women for Ms. Habibi were learning how to write a business plan and track her company's finances.

Today Ms. Habibi, twenty-three, has four employees and a record of success, with operations that meet international standards. Despite challenges and hardships, she plans to continue expanding her business, developing key relationships and spreading her new business knowledge to other women in Afghanistan.

#### **Omar Hamarneh**

# Chief Executive Officer, El Hassan Science City

Omar Hamarneh is the CEO of El Hassan Science City, Jordan's first Science City. Established under the slogan "For Continuity, Innovation and Change," this venture is entrusted with supporting the development of Jordan's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. Focusing presently on establishing the El Hassan Business Park district of the Science City, Mr. Hamarneh is directly involved with establishing and growing entrepreneurship development programs, incubation centers for technology-based startups, technology transfer and commercialization services, and support for the establishment of venture capital and angel investor networks.

Omar Hamarneh brings knowledge of entrepreneurship development and support from having established and managed iPARK, Jordan's first technology focused incubator, while also serving at the Higher Council for Science and Technology as director of international cooperation and development.

Mr. Hamrneh also serves on various boards and commissions including serving on the Board of Trustees of Princess Sumaya University for Technology, and as a member of the steering committee of The Licensing Executive Society – Arab Countries.

#### **Wahid Hamid**

#### Senior Advisor, ContourGlobal

Wahid Hamid is currently Senior Advisor to ContourGlobal, a private power and energy business focused on the emerging markets and on innovative energy solutions for the developed markets. In this role, Mr. Hamid is responsible for helping the Company expand its energy efficiency and sustainability solutions for consumer products manufacturers globally. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the American Pakistan Foundation and a member of the Defense Business Board.

Prior to his role with ContourGlobal, Mr. Hamid was Senior Vice President Corporate Strategy and Development at PepsiCo, Inc., the largest US-based Food and Beverage Company, reporting to the CEO. He was on the Firm's Executive Management Committee and a member of the Board of Pepsi Americas (NYSE:PAS), one of their largest anchor bottlers. While at PepsiCo, he was also CFO of PepsiCo Americas Foods, a \$20Bn sector of the company.

Mr. Hamid joined PepsiCo from The Boston Consulting Group (BCG), where he spent 15 years in a wide variety of roles and led engagements advising Fortune 100 Companies on developing and implementing growth strategies as well as on large-scale reengineering and transformation programs and ultimately served as Senior Partner and Managing Director in their New York office. He also led BCG's consumer goods and retail practice across Asia Pacific.

Mr. Hamid was also the co-founder, Chairman and CEO of a successful venture funded IT services business in China. Mr. Hamid holds dual undergraduate degrees from the California

Institute of Technology and Occidental College and also holds an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

#### Fawaz Hamidi

## Director, Business Incubation Association in Tripoli

Fawaz Hamidi is the Director of BIAT, the Business Incubation Association in Tripoli. BIAT is a leading business incubator and development center in Lebanon with a main mission of small to medium-size enterprise (SME) support and innovation promotion in North Lebanon. Working with partners of BIAT, Mr. Hamidi helped develop the process and action plans of "Tamkin," a USAID-funded project for local economic development for 40 municipalities in North Lebanon.

Prior to BIAT Mr. Hamidi worked as director of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA) Global Operations for the MENA Region. There he was responsible for promoting ICMA programs in the MENA Region. He launched the CMA Program in UAE (Dubai), Jordan (Amman), and Lebanon (Tripoli and Beirut). He has an M.B.A. from Balamand University in Lebanon, a C.M.A. from the Institute of Certified Management Accountants, and a B.A. in business administration from the American University of Beirut.

#### **Mohamed Hanno**

## Managing Director, Arab Computers

With nearly thirty years of experience in the IT field, Mohamed Hanno is the Managing Director and founder of Arab Computers, Alexandria's leading IT systems supplier, and business partner of major global IT companies including Microsoft, IBM, HP and Cisco. His professional experience spans a variety of fields including hardware supply, customer support, networking, software development and consultation. His earlier experience includes working for a U.S. IT company in Silicon Valley in the early 1980s, in addition to working for one of the first personal computer suppliers in Egypt.

Mr. Hanno is also active in public service as a board member of Alexandria Business Association and Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's Computer Division. Throughout his term in both organizations, Mr. Hanno was involved in various public service and advocacy activities. His most recent contribution was his participation in the issuance of the ABA's private sector business indicator 'ISLAH' (reform) in collaboration with the International Finance Corporation. Other activities include serving as deputy Chairman of ABA's microfinance project, chairing the Alexandria Centre for International Arbitration, and participating in various projects aimed at supporting schools and education.

As a member of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's Computer Division, Mr. Hanno participated in various intellectual property rights related activities, serving as a member of the Presidential Council's subcommittee for IPR, as well as organizing trade fairs and the project "Alexandria, the Digital City."

#### Lutfi Hassan

# Chairman & CEO, Apex Group

Mr. Lutfi Hassan is the founder and promoter of Apex Group of Companies. The Apex Group is a consortium of companies that are leaders in providing Business Consulting, Insurance & Financial Services, Manufacturing and Real Estate Investments as well as Logistics and supply chain management. They are a private equity firm with a global focus on government agencies and Fortune 500 companies across multiple industries, including Defense, Safety & Security, Healthcare, Finance, Ship Building, Renewable Energy, Oil & Gas, IT Solutions, and Engineering & Construction services.

Mr. Hassan has served as an advisor on Presidential, Gubernatorial, Senatorial, Congressional, Mayoral and Judicial campaigns in the United States for the past decade. He is a former Chairman and President of the South Asian Chambers of Commerce, currently serving as Chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Board for International Business Development.

Mr. Hassan was the Presidential appointment to the board of Central-Asian American Enterprise Fund (USAID) by President Bill Clinton in the year 2000. Mr. Hassan was also the first ever South Asian to serve on the prestigious board of the Urban League (oldest civil rights organization), the Memphis Tennessee based Gandhi Institute for Non Violence founded by Arun Gandhi, the Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. In the year 2000, Mr. Hassan was selected to join 150 members for the state of Texas team that served as a delegate for the Presidential Elections. Mr. Hassan has extensively traveled with world leaders on various missions including the trip to India with former American President Bill Clinton, Congressional delegates to Africa, Middle East and South Asia.

# Dr. Majdi Hassen

Executive Director of IACE, L'Institut Arabe des Chefs d'Entreprise (The Arab Institute of Business Managers)

Dr. Majdi Hassen is the Executive Director of IACE, L'Institut Arabe des Chefs d' Entreprise (The Arab Institute of Business Managers). The Institute promotes good governance in enterprises and offers business managers training courses and seminars. The Institute also focuses on studies and research on the transformation of the Tunisian economy and the role of the private sector. Dr. Hassen is an assistant professor at the University of Tunis as well as a consultant for various organizations. He has authored numerous research papers on entrepreneurship and corporate governance, and conducted many research projects in those fields. Mr. Hassen holds a doctorate in finance. He is also a certified trainer with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in entrepreneurship and with the International Finance Corporation in corporate governance.

## **Abdulsalam Haykal**

# CEO, Transtek Information Systems

Abdulsalam Haykal has launched new ventures in IT, media, and culturally influenced lifestyle products. In 2009, the World Economic Forum named Abdul as a Young Global Leader.

Mr. Haykal is CEO of Transtek Information Systems, a high-end software house and mobile value added services company founded in 2000. He is also founder and CEO of Services Automation Company (SAC), a mobile payment provider; TMS, a value-added service provider for GSM; Haykal Media, publisher of the bi-weekly business magazine *Aliqtisadi*, monthly English newsmagazine *Forward*, and monthly lifestyle magazine *Happynings*, and annual publications. He has also launched two smaller ventures: Madreperlade Damasco for luxury handicrafts, and EMYRO Fashion.

Abdul Haykal is a board member of Arabian Information Technology, and currently creating Shuraka Arriyadeh, a startup/early stage venture capital fund. He sits on the board of advisors of several companies, including Syria Rising, the first equity investment fund in the country. He is a member of the Bretton Woods Committee in Washington D.C. and of the Crans Montana Forum of New Leaders for Tomorrow in Switzerland. Mr. Haykal is the youngest member of the Board of Trustees of the American University of Beirut (AUB), elected by alumni in 2007. He also sits on the Board of Trustees of the University of Kalamoon, Syria, and the President's Advisory Board, EARTH University, Costa Rica. He is co-founder and current president of the Syrian Young Entrepreneurs Association (SYEA); a founding trustee of the Bidaya microcredit foundation; founding board member of Toumuhi, a national scholarship fund; a trustee of the Network of Syrian Scientists, Technologists and Innovators Abroad (NOSSTIA); member of the steering committee of the Global Environment Facility's Small Grants Program in Syria; and a co-founder of Basma for Children with Cancer.Mr. Haykal is a member of the Board of Directors of the Syrian Competitiveness Council, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, and of the United Nations Global Compact Council in Syria.

Abdul Haykal has a B.A. in political science from the American University of Beirut, and a M.A. in international relations from SOAS/University of London.

## **Charlotte Hochman**

#### Head of Development, La Ruche

Charlotte Hochman is co-founding Director of La Ruche ("Beehive"), a center for social innovation in central Paris aimed at providing an efficient and inspiring workspace for social entrepreneurs. Around 100 people are based at La Ruche, working to solve complex issues around social justice and the environment and providing a platform for promoting social entrepreneurship at large.

French and British, Ms. Hochman studied philosophy at Oxford University, and then took part in grassroots development and social entrepreneurship projects around the world for five years. After this she attended the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London,

writing her thesis on Empowerment in Development and Legal Reform Processes. Her interest is in linking resources, networks, places and people with social innovators and other practitioners in the field.

# **Fred Hochberg**

## President, Export-Import Bank of the United States

Fred P. Hochberg is the 23rd president of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), the U.S. government's official export-credit agency. In this capacity, Hochberg also serves as chairman of the board. Hochberg has more than 30 years of experience in business, government and philanthropy. From 2004 to 2008, he was dean of Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy. From 1998 through 2001, he served as deputy, then acting administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA), where he vastly improved customer service and substantially increased lending to minority and women small-business owners. Before joining the Clinton administration, Hochberg was president and chief operating officer of the Lillian Vernon Corporation, where he led the transformation of a small, family mail-order company into a publicly traded, highly successful direct-marketing corporation.

Hochberg said, in joining Ex-Im Bank, that he wants the Bank to be an organization known for its embrace of innovation, which takes prudent risks and provides exceptional service to its customers. He said the Bank plays a key role helping U.S. exporters overcome financing problems growing out of the current economic crisis, and that he will work to open more markets to U.S. exports.

#### Mohamed Horani

#### CEO, Hightech Payment Systems

Mohamed Horani left his post as CEO of the leading Moroccan electronic banking company to launch his own firm, Hightech Payment Systems, in 1994. In the sixteen years since, Mohamed Horani has parlayed his start-up business into the number one payment systems operator in both Morocco and Sub-Saharan Africa. This success has earned him worldwide recognition as one of the leading business persons in Morocco for his innovative approach to the use of information technology in financial services and his engagement in promoting entrepreneurship. Mr. Horani and his team have a vision of "placing Morocco into the global economy of knowledge through a civic-oriented business which dares and innovates."

In 2009, Mohamed Horani was elected president of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM), the most important private-sector association in the country. Mr. Horani

has since become a key interlocutor for the Moroccan government on economic reform and approaches to overcoming the domestic effects of the global financial crisis.

Mr. Horani is also the president of Association of Information Technology Professionals (APEBI). In 2006, he received the Medal of Creation from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

#### Jim Hornthal

## Venture Partner, CMEA Capital

Jim Hornthal joined CMEA Capital in 2006 as Venture Partner focusing on investments in digital media and internet services. CMEA is a 20 year-old private investment firm that invests in cleantech, life sciences, and IT. Prior to joining CMEA, Mr. Hornthal was the Founder of Preview Travel, one of the first online travel companies that went public in November 1997. In March, 2000, Preview Travel merged with a division of Sabre Holdings to form a new publicly traded company called Travelocity.com, where Mr. Hornthal served as Vice Chairman until 2002, when Sabre acquired the remaining public interest in Travelocity.

Mr. Hornthal is a Fellow at the Lester Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business, and is also the Chairman of the Young Presidents Organization (YPOs) Peace Action Network -- a collaboration of business leaders on both sides of international conflicts who are working together to find a constructive role for the private sector. Mr. Hornthal was the co-founder of PAN's American Arab Action Forum, addressing issues and opportunities between the US and the Arab World. Mr. Hornthal's interest in Middle East affairs also extends to his participation as an active member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a founding member of the Clinton Global Initiative, an active board member of the One Voice Movement, and an advisor to Just Vision. Mr. Hornthal received his AB in Economics from Princeton University, cum laude, and his MBA from Harvard Business School, where he was a Baker Scholar.

# **Chris Hughes**

## Co-founder, Facebook

Chris Hughes has spent his career developing technologies to make social communication and political organizing easier and more efficient. After co-founding Facebook in 2004, Chris worked first as the site's spokesperson and later as a product manager specializing in user experience.

In 2007, Chris went to work on President Barack Obama's presidential campaign as the Director of Online Organizing, where he was charged with developing web technologies to engage and empower supporters. Chris oversaw the development of the on-site

network My.BarackObama.com along with the campaign's distributed presence on all other networks across the web like Facebook and Twitter.

After working in 2009 in venture capital for the firm General Catalyst Partners, he is currently embarking on a new initiative to apply his knowledge and skills to the field of global development called Jumo.

#### **Shahnaz Husain**

CEO, Shahnaz Herbals, Inc.

Coming from a family of Chief Justices and Nizams and marrying at the age of 15, business was not a natural choice for Ms. Shahnaz Husain. A chance trip to Denmark for a cosmetics course inspired her to study chemistry, and several years later she opened a beauty salon in her home and launched a line of herbal beauty care products. After 35 years of unrelentingly hard work, Ms. Husain's ayurvedic cosmetics company is the largest in India.

Currently, the Shahnaz Husain Group has over 400 franchise clinics in over 138 countries. Her group's products are sold in leading global stores including Bloomingdale's (New York), Galleries Lafayette (Paris), Seibu (Japan), Harrods and Selfridges (London), and La Rinaeccente (Milan).

The Government of India awarded Ms. Husain the Padma Shri, a civilian honor, in 2006, and Success Magazine named her the "World's Greatest Woman Entrepreneur" in 1996. In 2009, she won the Jewel Award for the most outstanding woman entrepreneur and the Woman Power 100 Award (recognizing 100 powerful women). In 2010, Ms. Husain won the India Chamber of Commerce and Industry's "Woman of Substance" award.

## Mohammed D. Hussain

## Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Al Kut, Wasit Province

Mohammed D. Hussain is the Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Al Kut, Wasit Province, Iraq. He graduated from the University of Baghdad with degree in economics and administration in 1973. Mr. Hussain has held distinguished positions in the Ministry of Agriculture, and as Director of Al Raffidain Bank in Al Kut. Mr Hussain was named deputy director of the Chamber of Commerce in 2006, and became its director in 2009. Mr. Hussain is well known among the business community as a businessman in trade and construction. His goal is to revolutionize the Chamber of Commerce in Wasit Province from the traditional fee-collecting institution to a membership service organization that has important roles in business development and governmental relations.

#### **Mahvash Hussain-Gambles**

## Founder, Saaf Pure Skincare

Dr. Mahvash Hussain-Gambles founded Saaf Pure Skincare – the world's first Halal and Organic certified skincare range. Since its launch in February 2008, Saaf Pure Skincare has rapidly expanded beyond its U.K. beginnings and is now available in over 12 countries as well as negotiating ventures with Malaysia and the Middle East.

Dr. Hussain-Gambles' most recent achievement earned her the British Female Innovator of the Year Award, presented at the British Female Inventors and Innovators Network Event (June 2009). She is also listed in Real Business Britain's 100 Most Entrepreneurial Women (March 2009), which recognizes creative entrepreneurial business talent across the UK's private, social and public sectors. Dr. Hussain-Gambles was runner up in the Yorkshire Enterprise of the Year Award (2005) and won the International Business of the Year Award (2007) awarded by ABDN. Also in 2007, she was one of the winners in the BT Business Essence of the Entrepreneur Award and Saaf Pure Skincare won the Muslim News Enterprise of the Year Award (2008) as the World's first Halal and Organic certified skincare.

## **Kenneth Hynes**

# Managing Director, OTF Group

Kenneth Hynes is a Managing Director at the OTF Group, Inc. He has ten years experience advising public and private sector leaders on the role of private enterprise in driving national prosperity. Currently, Mr. Hynes is developing the Pioneers of Prosperity Awards Program in the Caribbean and Central America. This multimillion dollar program, part of a global movement, spans fourteen countries across the region and seeks to identify and reward innovative firms that yield profits for the benefit of owners, workers, and the environment.

Previously, Mr. Hynes advised the political and business leadership in Jamaica on the development and implementation of their national export strategy. He has worked with the leadership of several Caribbean nations focusing on how best to transition out of commodity industries like sugar and bananas, to more attractive export products. Mr. Hynes has also advised senior management at the United Kingdom's Department for International Development on their global strategy for private sector development.

Mr. Hynes is frequently asked to speak on issues of global competitiveness. Most recently, he spoke at the Euromoney Latin American Finance Conference and a conference on Caribbean investment opportunities hosted by former U.K. Prime Minister Tony Blair. Mr. Hynes writes a column for the Jamaica Observer.

#### Amir Hudda

#### Entrepreneur

Amir Hudda is a technology entrepreneur who has successfully created and/or grown three startups in the last 15 years. During that period, Mr. Hudda has raised almost \$100M in capital from leading US Venture Capitalists as well as US and Norwegian Investment Banks. Most recently, he was the CEO of Apptix, a publicly traded company on the Oslo Stock Exchange. In 2.5 years at Apptix, Mr. Hudda grew the company from \$5M in revenues to a \$40M annual recurring run rate. After leaving Apptix, Mr. Hudda helped spin out WebMessenger, Inc. from Apptix in a transaction valued at approximately \$1M. He joined the board of WebMessenger in February 2008 and orchestrated the sale of WebMessenger to CallWave in August 2008 for \$9M in cash. Prior to joining Apptix, Mr. Hudda was the Founder & CEO of Brickstream Corporation where he is currently the Chairman. Prior to starting Brickstream, Mr. Hudda was the founder, CEO and Chairman of Entevo Corporation from 1994 through 2000. He sold Entevo to Bindview for \$125 million in January 2000. Mr. Hudda holds an M.S. in Computer Science from Georgia Tech and a B.E. in Computer Engineering University of Pune, India.

#### **Mohamed Ibrahim**

Founder, Celtel

Mohamed Ibrahim is a global expert in mobile communications with a distinguished academic and business career.

In 1998, Dr. Ibrahim founded Celtel International to build and operate mobile networks in Africa. Celtel became one of Africa's most successful companies with operations in 15 countries, covering more than a third of the continent's population and investing more than US\$750 million in Africa. The company was sold to MTC Kuwait in 2005 for \$3.4 billion.

In 2006, Dr. Ibrahim established the Mo Ibrahim Foundation to support great African leadership. The Foundation focuses on two major initiatives to stimulate debate around, and improve the quality of, governance in Africa. The Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership recognizes and celebrates excellence, and the Ibrahim Index of African Governance provides civil society with a comprehensive and quantifiable tool to promote government accountability.

Dr. Ibrahim is also Founding Chairman of Satya Capital Ltd, an investment company focused on opportunities in Africa.

Dr. Ibrahim has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies, an Honorary Fellowship Award from the London Business School, Honorary Doctorates from the University of Birmingham and DeMontfort University in Leceister. He has also received the Chairman's Award for Lifetime Achievement from the GSM Association in 2007 and the Economists Innovation Award 2007 for Social and Economic Innovation. In 2008, Dr. Ibrahim was presented with the BNP Paribas Prize for Philanthropy, and also listed by *Time* magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

# S.A. Ibrahim *CEO*, *Radian Group*

S.A. Ibrahim is chief executive officer of Radian Group Inc., a global credit risk management company headquartered in Philadelphia with operations in New York and London. Mr. Ibrahim joined Radian from GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., a residential mortgage lender, where he served in a number of executive capacities including CEO, COO, president, and executive vice president of the company's mortgage businesses and financial corporation. Prior to GreenPoint, Mr. Ibrahim headed international re-engineering for American Express in Europe, Australia, Asia and Latin America and was the CEO and COO of Chemical Mortgage Finance.

Mr. Ibrahim has served as Chairman of the Board of MERSCORP, Inc., on the Mortgage Bankers Association of America Residential Board of Governors, and on the Fannie Mae National Advisory Council. He currently serves on the board of the Institute of International Education, New York, as well as on the organization's Western Regional Advisory Board. Mr. Ibrahim also serves on the boards of the California Mortgage Bankers Association and on the Wharton Graduate Executive Board.

Mr. Ibrahim holds an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a BE in Engineering from Osmania University in India.

# Junaid Iqbal *CEO*, *BMA*

Junaid Iqbal graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor with a degree in financial economics. He previously worked as an energy trader with American Electric Power, and established Pakistan's first stock market show on Geo TV. In addition, he served at the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) as head of financial analysis and official spokesperson, setting up an in-house analytics division and representing SECP in the Senate and the National Assembly. Mr. Iqbal was also CNBC Pakistan's Head of Research and the host of its flagship show Power Lunch. Currently, Mr. Iqbal serves as the CEO of BMA Financial - Pakistan's first independent financial products distribution company.

# Fatih Isbecer CEO, Pozitron

During his studies at Galatasaray High School in Istanbul, Fatih Isbecer spent a year in Florida as an AFS exchange student in 1993. At that time, the U.S. was experiencing a technology revolution and Mr. Isbecer felt that this change would eventually effect Turkey. Upon his return to Turkey, he started focusing on web projects with some classmates from Istanbul Technical University in 1997 and started Pozitron in 2000, where he continues to be the CEO of the company. In the early years Pozitron delivered enterprise software solutions to companies such as Kraft and MarSA but later moved its focus to mobile solutions. This led the company to

develop the world's first verified mobile betting application for Turkey's only official sports betting game, Iddaa. Later, Pozitron developed one of the world's first and the most comprehensive mobile banking application, ISCEP, for Turkey's Isbank. This project earned the company international recognition, and Fatih Isbecer was selected a high-impact entrepreneur for Endeavor in 2007.

Also, in 2008, Pozitron won the Global Business Plan Contest organized by Harvard Business School. It was the first contest of its kind that brought together a panel of judges from the venture capital and technology sectors including IDG Ventures Boston, HarbourVest, and Thomas Financial. Pozitron's business plan, focused on its integrated mobile banking product, was chosen among dozens of companies to represent Turkey. It then competed against several top firms representing Armenia, Colombia, Germany, Lithuania, and Mexico at the Global Business Plan Contest and secured first place after two rounds of deliberations.

## Magda Iskander

Founder, Care with Love

Magda Iskander is the founder of Care for Love, which is part of the Sawaris Foundation for Social Development. Care for Love is based in Cairo.

At the age of 18, Ms. Iskander decided to study medicine and found in radiology a fascinating new science. After studying for a period in the United States, she returned to Cairo in 1984 and found that ultrasound—by this time widely used in some other countries—was not yet available in Egypt. She brought the technique home with her and set about the task of establishing training centers in Cairo hospitals. This first experience incorporating something new and useful to the Egyptian medical system would prove useful to her efforts, years later, in introducing and institutionalizing home healthcare.

When her sister broke her leg, Ms. Iskander had an opportunity to see problems in health care from the patient's perspective. Rather than keep her sister in the hospital during her two-week recovery, Ms. Iskander hired a trusted house worker to take care of her and gave this worker a brief but thorough tutorial on what she would need to do. This experience, coupled with her daily encounters with elderly patients in the hospital, contributed to her resolve to build a home healthcare profession in Egypt.

#### Ifty Islam

Managing Partner, Asian Tiger Capital

Ifty Islam is the Managing Partner of Asian Tiger Capital. Building on his work with Citigroup, Deutsche Bank and Merrill Lynch, the Oxford-educated Mr. Islam returned to Dhaka to leverage his international connections with a view to attracting investment to Bangladesh. Mr. Islam helped develop the public-private partnership initiative unveiled by Bangladesh earlier this year. Mr. Islam has also acted as a catalyst for developing a "Brand Bangladesh."

# Yuyan Ismawati Founder, Bali Fokus

Yuyun Ismawati, a first-class innovator and environmental engineer by training, is developing a decentralized, community-based waste management system that brings privatization of public services to small-scale providers. Working in Bali, Ms. Ismawati has gained the cooperation of large businesses like hotels and restaurants, sanitation workers (including garbage collectors and scavengers), and local governments and communities to actively support environmentally responsible solid waste management.

#### Mohammad K. Issa

Deputy Managing Director, Warka Bank

Mohammad K. Issa is the Deputy Managing Director of the Warka Bank for Investment and Finance, one of the largest and most successful private banks in Iraq. Mr. Issa received a degree in business studies from the University of Punjab in Pakistan and has had a successful career in banking and finance. In addition to serving in several key positions at Warka Bank over the last decade, he also serves on the board of directors of several international companies.

#### Walter Isaacson

## President and CEO, Aspen Institute

Walter Isaacson is the President and CEO of the Aspen Institute, a nonpartisan educational and policy studies institute based in Washington, D.C. He has been the Chairman and CEO of CNN and the editor of Time Magazine. He is the author of Einstein: His Life and Universe (April 2007), Benjamin Franklin: An American Life (2003), and Kissinger: A Biography (1992), and coauthor of The Wise Men: Six Friends and the World They Made (1986).

He is the Chairman of the board of Teach for America, which recruits recent college graduates to teach in underserved communities. He is also Chairman of the Board of the U.S.-Palestinian Partnership, set up by the U.S. State Department to promote economic and educational opportunities for the Palestinian people. He is on the Board of United Airlines, Tulane University, Society for Science & the Public, and the Bipartisan Policy Center. He was appointed after Hurricane Katrina to be the Vice-Chairman of the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

Mr. Isaacson is a graduate of Harvard College and of Pembroke College of Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He began his career at the Sunday Times of London and then the New Orleans Times-Picayune/States-Item. He joined Time Magazine in 1978 and served as a political correspondent, national editor and editor of new media before becoming the magazine's 14th editor in 1996. He became Chairman and CEO of CNN in 2001, and then president and CEO of the Aspen Institute in 2003.

## Tamara Abdel Jaber

## Co-founder & Executive board member, Palma

Tamara Abdel-Jaber is a co-founder and an executive board member at Palma. As executive board member, she is responsible for strategy, corporate governance, performance management and business development. Ms. Abdel-Jaber is a member of the Young Arab Leaders, a pan-Arab organization with the mandate to spread modern leadership values and fostering the development of future Arab leaders that contribute to the development of the region. Additionally, she currently serves on the board of the Institute of Management Consultants and Trainers – Jordan, and serves as the board treasurer.

Ms. Abdel-Jaber was recently selected to take part in the 2009 Fortune/ U.S. State Department Global Women Mentoring Partnership where she was mentored by executives at Accenture in New York and Chicago. She also participated and spoke at the 2009 Fortune Most Powerful Women Summit in San Diego. She also participated as a member of the official Middle East delegation to the Global Women's Forum in Deauville, France, in October 2009.

## Raman Jaggi

### Business Advisor, Bahrain Development Bank

Raman Jaggi has over 21 years of experience in the field of entrepreneurship and small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) development. He is an accredited trainer for entrepreneurship development under certificate awarded by the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India.

Mr. Jaggi began his career with an industrial consultancy organization in India in 1986. He has worked at various responsibilities with the Apex entrepreneurship institute in India and subsequently in Bahrain on international assignments. He worked with UNIDO in Bahrain as Business Development Expert during 2000-2001. Since December 2001 he has been working with the Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) as a business advisor. As head of the BDB Business Advisory Unit, Mr. Jaggi uses his expertise to promote entrepreneurship and SME development in the Kingdom of Bahrain through training and business support services. He has also worked on entrepreneurship and SME development assignments in many other countries. He has written several articles, papers and books. Mr. Jaggi was presented with the National Best Science and Technology Trainer-Motivator Award for the year 1992 by the Indian government.

#### Rehema Dida Jaldesa

## Managing Director, Yashar Distributors Ltd

Ms. Rehema Dida Jaldesa serves as the Managing Director of Yashar Distributors Ltd. Through her companies she has undertaken several projects including construction and drilling of boreholes in the arid lands of northern Kenya. Her goal is to expand her business and take advantage of the East African Community and COMESA links by exporting her goods and services to the Horn of Africa and Central Africa.

Ms. Jaldesa is an entrepreneur with more than ten years experience in the banking industry. She worked for the Kenya Commercial Bank and the Commercial Bank of Africa. She also served as the owner and director of three private companies, Jara Construction Ltd, Yashar Distributors Ltd and Swift Smart Global Ltd, which were active in the road construction, communications and general distributorship industries.

Ms. Jaldesa is a Fortune/U.S. State Department Global Women's Mentoring Partnership program alumna. She has been involved in mentoring women from marginalized communities with the intention of encouraging them to discover business opportunities that would promote self-reliance and economic empowerment. She has done this by subcontracting women, or companies associated with women, encouraging women to participate in the tendering process, and acting as a guarantor for women in her community when they borrow from local banks.

Ms. Jaldesa holds a diploma in public relations from the University of Nairobi, and a diploma in banking from the Universal Training College in Nairobi. She is also a business administration degree student at the University of Nairobi.

#### **Alhan Mohamed Jama**

## Director, Ismail Import Partners

Alhan Mohamed Jama serves as the Director of Ismail Imports, one of the main players in the frankincense export industry in Somalia.

A seasoned entrepreneur and founding partner of Ismail Imports, Ms. Jama's negotiation skills led to a successful partnership with Hargeisa Minerals & Resources Company. This partnership allowed Ismail Imports to produce frankincense, which is exported to the international market, at a fraction of the previous cost. Ms. Jama also established a network of clients in Saudi Arabia, the leading importer of frankincense. In addition, she established relationships with distilleries in Burlington, Vermont.

Ms. Jama is committed to social responsibility, and through her leadership and generosity, Dayax Primary School operates in one of the most neglected regions of Somaliland. Since the school's inception, Ms. Jama has been its primary benefactor. She understands the importance of education and has ensured that others have the same opportunity to pursue their dreams that she has. Ms. Jama earned a bachelor's degree in science from Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania.

#### **Asad Jamal**

#### Founder, Chairman, CEO, ePlanet Ventures

Asad Jamal is the Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ePlanet Ventures which has a first-mover focus on global venture capital opportunities. Mr. Jamal is responsible for overseeing the firm's investment portfolio, developing exit strategies, and assisting entrepreneurs

with growing their businesses. Since 1999, Mr. Jamal has led and sponsored the ePlanet Venture's investments in multiple sectors covering a wide range of industries such as Advertising & Media, Communication & Wireless, Computing Software, Consumer Internet, Energy, Enterprise Software, Financial, Life Sciences, Network, Optical, Security, and Storage Networks. A number of these companies have been listed via NASDAQ IPO's such as Chinese companies Baidu, Kong Zhong, Focus Media. Others have been acquired such as Skype (EBAY), Cyanea (IBM), Safeview, End2End, and First Hop.

Mr. Jamal has served on the boards of directors of numerous technology companies including Baidu, FRIENDi Mobile, Intrapace, IXI Mobile, and the Visto Corporation. He has over 25 years professional experience in Asia, Europe, and the United States. He previously worked in a senior executive capacity with Peregrine Investment Holdings, a Hong Kong merchant bank. He was also the Head of Principal Investing at the Interest-rate Derivatives Trading Unit of the Chase Manhattan Bank in London. Mr. Jamal graduated with a B.Sc. (Honors) from the London School of Economics, and is a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales . Mr. Jamal is a charter member of the entrepreneurship organizations TIE Silicon Valley and OPEN Silicon Valley. He was profiled by FORBES magazine (Feb 2008) as amongst the Top 10 venture capitalists in the world.

#### Valerie Jarrett

#### Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor

Valerie B. Jarrett is a Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama and also oversees four departments: The offices of Public Engagement, Intergovernmental Affairs, Olympic Paralympic and Youth Sports, and the White House Office of Urban Affairs. She chairs the White House Council on Women and Girls and leads the White House's business outreach efforts. Prior to joining the Obama administration, Ms. Jarrett served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Habitat Company. She served as Co-Chair of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team, and Senior Advisor to Obama's presidential campaign.

She also was a leader in the civic and business communities of Chicago and served as a Director of several corporate and not for profit boards, including serving as Chairman of the University of Chicago Medical Center Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Stock Exchange, Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, and Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. She also served as Finance Chair for President Obama's 2004 run for the U.S. Senate.

Prior to joining The Habitat Company in 1995, Ms. Jarrett served for eight years in several positions in Chicago City government including Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Richard M. Daley and Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development. Before her city government service, Ms. Jarrett practiced law with two private law firms. Ms. Jarrett received her B.A. from Stanford University in 1978 and received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1981.

## Majid El Jarroudi

# Consultant, Algoconsult

Majid El Jarroudi is an expert on corporate social responsibility, particularly as it relates to workforce diversity and sustainable development. He is adept at fundraising and has been to the United States on short study trips, undertaking personal research in order to better understand this special aspect of social responsibility in U.S. enterprises. He is known as a rising star in La Ruche, in incubator for social entrepreneurs, and is engaged in advancing economic opportunities for minorities.

# Udaiyan Jatar Founder, Blue Earth Network

Udaiyan Jatar was born and raised in India where he started his career as an entrepreneur while still in college. Over the last 20 years, he has worked for companies like Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble and Grey Advertising, launching new brands in Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America. Udaiyan led the \$400m Global JV between Coke and Nestle - he expanded Nestle bottled teas internationally to several countries in Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Previous accomplishments include leading P&G's launch campaign for Pantene in India, and leading international brand launches like Sprite, and Powerade for Coke. As Coke's Global Vice-President for Innovation in Brewed Beverages, he founded a sustainable entrepreneurial venture that is projected to be over a billion dollars by industry experts. This included the launch of Far Coast, a highly innovative coffee/tea brand, in Norway and Canada. Under Mr. Jatar's stewardship, a 100% of the blends were certified by Fair Trade or the Rain Forest Alliance. This business demonstrated the value of disruptive innovation in creating funding for social impact such as Fair Trade, use of sustainable materials and special recycling programs etc.

In 2008 he founded the Blue Earth Network with a mission to create and commercialize disruptive business ideas in both the nonprofit and for-profit sector that drive significant social impact. The Network utilizes a proprietary "Iconic Entrepreneurship" process that Mr. Jatar has refined over 20 years to create disruptive innovations. The process is also the foundation for the development of Transformational Social Entrepreneurship Hubs in collaboration with Universities and nonprofits like Goodwill Industries. Mr. Jatar has been invited to teach a course on Iconic Entrepreneurship by several Universities and share tools on how to generate transformational innovation and drive a sustainable triple bottom line. He has a Bachelor's degree in Economics (Major) with minors in Applied Statistics and Mathematics, and an MBA (Marketing).

## Kandasamy Kabilan

Chief Editor, Malaysiakini

Kandasamy Kabilan has been in the forefront of promoting press freedom in Malaysia and is one of the more prominent investigative journalists in the country. The newspaper he edits, *Malaysiakini*, is the leading online news portal in the country. Through *Malaysiakini*, which is an independent paper, Mr. Kabilan has promoted a more open press in the country.

Mr. Kabilan has a Master's in Law degree from University of Staffordshire and another masters degree in web journalism from University of Sheffield. He is an U.S. International Visitor Leadership Program alumnus.

#### Zulfia Kadeeva

## Kazan State Technical University, Senior Lecturer

Ms. Kadeeva is a senior lecturer at Kazan State Technical University and works as a freelance business consultant on international business for small and medium-sized enterprises. In 2008 she completed a training project for entrepreneurs with the Institute of Economic Promotion of the Austrian Federal and Economic Chamber (WIFI) in Vienna, Austria, focusing on theoretical and practical training. In 2005, she worked for "Svyazinvestneftechim" PC, as an expert in the project financing department, consulting with the general director on telecommunication enterprises. She also worked for the Republic of Tatarstan Ministry of Trade and Foreign Economic Cooperation, as the head of the Information and Analytics Department.

In 1993, she earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Kazan State Technological University, Russia. She has worked as an English interpreter, is fluent in Turkish and knowledgeable in German and French.

#### Ali Kahlane

#### President, Satlinker

Ali Kahlane is President of the Algerian firm Satlinker, a cutting-edge Internet, video-conferencing, and Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol (VOIP) technology firm. Mr. Kahlane's vision and energy helped break Algeria out of its IT backwardness earlier this decade. Playing a leading role in TOUIZA, an association of 12 Algerian Internet Service Providers, Mr. Kahlane helped shape Algerian telecommunications and Internet policy, and promoted adoption of information and communication technology.

Mr. Kahlane studied in Algeria at the National Institute of Computer Science (Institut National d'Informatique) and the National College of Computer Science (l'Ecole Superieure d'Information) and received his Ph.D. in computer science from Uxbridge University in England. Mr. Kahlane has contributed in many ways to technology adoption in Algeria, including by introducing digital information technologies to the Algerian military, working as editor in chief of the Algerian computer science journal *L'Ordinateur*, serving as president of the

Association of Internet Service Providers, and sitting on the Ministry of Post's Committee of Research for the Development of Information Technologies.

#### Tim Kane

## Senior Fellow, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

Tim Kane is a senior fellow in Research and Policy at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. He is co-author of the Kauffman Foundation's www.growthology.org blog that covers growth research and policy. Prior to joining the Kauffman Foundation, Dr. Kane was a director and research fellow for The Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC, where he was the lead author and editor of the Heritage/Wall Street Journal *Index of Economic Freedom*. In addition, he wrote and published several opinion pieces, research papers, and essays, including two in the *New York Times* and three in *USA Today*. Dr. Kane also appeared more than 50 times as an economic analyst for CNBC, CNN, Bloomberg, FOX, ABC, CBS, MSNBC, and NBC.

Previously, Dr. Kane was a visiting assistant professor at Occidental College, where he developed a course on entrepreneurial economics. He also lectured at UC San Diego and San Diego State University. In 2002, Kane was a candidate for U.S. Congress. In addition, Kane cofounded enonymous.com with venture funding, an Internet firm that was recognized as San Diego's 1999 software startup of the year. He was also the founder and Chairman of Neocor Tech LLC. Dr. Kane also served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Kane earned bachelor's degrees in economics and political science from the United States Air Force Academy. He earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, San Diego.

#### Sherif H. Kamel

#### Dean, American University of Cairo School of Business

Sherif H. Kamel is dean of the School of Business at the American University in Cairo (AUC) (since 2009) and professor of management information systems at the Department of Management, where he served as associate dean for executive education (2008-09). Prior to that, he was the director of the Management Center (2002-08) and the director of the Institute of Management Development (2002-06). Before joining AUC, he was the director of the Regional IT Institute (1992-2001) and he co-established and managed the training department of the Cabinet of Egypt Information and Decision Support Centre-IDSC (1987-92).

Mr. Kamel is a co-founding member of the Internet Society of Egypt (1996). His research and teaching interests include management of information technology, information technology transfer to developing nations, electronic business, human resources development, and decision support systems. He has published widely in the field of management. Mr. Kamel serves on the editorial and advisory board of a number of IT journals and is the associate editor of the Journal of Cases on Information Technology, Journal of IT for Development and the Electronic Journal

of IS in Developing Countries. He is the editor of *Electronic Business in Developing Countries:* Challenges and Opportunities (2005) and Managing Globally with Information Technology (2003).

He holds a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics and Political Science (1994), an M.B.A. (1990) and a Bachelor's in Business Administration (1987) from The American University in Cairo; currently he is pursuing an M.A. in Islamic art and architecture.

# Shinta Widjaja Kamdani

Managing Director, Sintesa Group

Shinta Widjaja Kamdani was born in Jakarta, Indonesia. She graduated from Barnard College of Columbia University (USA) in 1989 with B.A. in psychology and dance. In 2000-02 she participated in the Executive Education (OPM) Program at Harvard Business School (USA).

Ms. Kamdani is currently the Managing Director of Sintesa Group (before known as Tigaraksa Group), a family business engaged in consumer products, industrial products, property development and energy. She has also held various positions in distinguished non-profit organizations such as chair for foreign investment in the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN Indonesia), Deputy Chairman of the Employers' Association of Indonesia (APINDO), and executive board member of the Indonesian World Wide Fund Foundation and YPO (Young Presidents' Organization) Indonesia. She is also involved in HIV/AIDS related issues on the executive board of the Indonesian AIDS Foundation and as president of the Indonesian Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS (IBCA).

# **Nurlan Kapparov**

President, Astana Group

Nurlan Kapparov is the President of Astana Group and 2009 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year. He is the founder of the Astana Group holding company, which comprises automotive sales, grain production and trading, and real estate development. In the early 1990s, he founded a car dealership that sells international automotive brands. Today, the company is a national leader with dealerships throughout the country. In the mid-1990s, Mr. Kapparov launched a new business and developed a vertically-integrated structure for grain production, processing, and trading on domestic and international markets. The company is now a leader in flour and pasta production in Kazakhstan, and one of the largest grain exporters in the country. Mr. Kapparov then invested in real estate development. The first Mega shopping mall began operations in 2006 in Almaty. Since then, the brand has expanded to other cities in Kazakhstan and provides an international-standard shopping experience for domestic consumers.

#### **Rehmah Kasule**

# Managing Director, Century Marketing

Ms. Rehmah Kasule serves as the Managing Director of Century Marketing, which she established in 1998. She possesses a wealth of experience in strategic planning, brand management and marketing, business and entrepreneur development, communication and public relations, motivational speaking, and business management. She has worked with local and international businesses as a strategic manager and business counselor.

In addition, Ms. Kasule started Century Entrepreneurship Development Agency International (CEDA), an organization which supports leadership, entrepreneurship, and personal and business development. She is a marketer and a certified enterprise development consultant with International Trade Center, Geneva, supporting competitiveness and sustainability through business management systems.

Ms. Kasule served as the national consultant who spearheaded the designing of the National Export Strategy Gender Dimension, a government initiative that supports women entering the export sector.

Ms. Kasule is the first Ugandan alumna of the Fortune/U.S. State Department Global Women's Mentoring Partnership, which she attended in 2009. She is a trained mentor with a passion for career planning, leadership and social entrepreneurship. She also works to empower girls and women through the Women Mentoring Women program.

# Theodore Kattouf President, AMIDEAST

Theodore Kattouf became President and CEO of AMIDEAST in 2003. Prior to entering the private sector he was nominated by President Bush as Ambassador to Syria in 2001. He also served as Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates under President Clinton. He has served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Baghdad, Sanaa, Damascus and then Riyadh. In the United States he served as Deputy Director and subsequently Director of the Office of Lebanon, Jordan and Syrian Affairs. He joined the Foreign Service in 1972.

From 1973 to 1975, Ambassador Kattouf served in Kuwait as an economic and commercial officer. Following Kuwait, he attended the Foreign Service Arabic Language Program in Beirut and Tunis before being assigned as a political officer to Damascus. Mr. Kattouf then returned to the United States to serve as a Middle East analyst in the State Department. From 1980 to 1982, he worked as an International Relations Officer in the Department's Near East Bureau. In 1982-83, Ambassador Kattouf was a State Department mid-career fellow at Princeton University.

During his career Ambassador Kattouf has received the Cobb Award for outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of U.S. companies abroad, two Meritorious Honor Awards, four Senior Performance Awards, and one Presidential Honor Award. He was also named runner-up as DCM of the Year for 1996. He speaks English and Arabic. He graduated from the Pennsylvania State

University in 1968, and served for 3-1/2 years in the United States Army infantry, attaining the rank of Captain.

#### Yadin Kaufmann

## Co-founder, Veritas Venture Partners

Yadin Kaufman co-founded Veritas Venture Partners, a venture capital company that leads investments in early-stage high-technology companies in Israel and the southeast United States in 1990. He has served on the boards of numerous high-technology companies, including several that had Nasdaq IPOs or were acquired (among them Mercury Interactive, Gilat Satellite Networks, Logal Educational Software, and Class Data Systems). He also co-founded an Internet company and a publishing company.

Mr. Kaufman is also co-founder, together with Saed Nashef, of The Middle East Venture Capital Fund, which is being raised to make investments in Palestinian technology companies. He is the founder and Chairman of Tmura - The Israeli Public Service Venture Fund, a leading not-for-profit organization in Israel's high-tech/venture capital sector that solicits donations of equity from early-stage companies and donates the proceeds from exit events to education- and youth-related charities in Israel. He received the Israel High-Tech Award from the Israel Venture Association in 2006 for his contribution to community service through his work with Tmura.

Mr. Kaufman is a native of New York and a member of both the New York and Israel bars. He has experience in commercial law and served as a law clerk to a justice of the Supreme Court of Israel. He received his B.A. from Princeton University, M.A. from Harvard University, and J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review.

#### Hazem Kawasmi

## President, Young Entrepreneurs of Palestine

Hazem Kawasmi is the president of the Young Entrepreneurs of Palestine, a non-profit non-governmental organization whose mandate is to promote entrepreneurship and engage Palestinians, especially youth and women, in economically productive activities. YEP seeks to enhance the active participation, involvement and contribution of young people to the growth and advancement of the Palestinian economy and society, through the establishment and development of small and medium enterprises in a variety of settings. Hazem Kawasmi helped organize the first annual Palestinian entrepreneurship conference in July 2009, along withcareer fairs, trade events, and capacity building activities for young entrepreneurs.

#### **Mubashir Kazi**

Executive Vice President, Softlead Inc.

Mubashir Kazi is the Executive Vice President of SoftLEAD Inc. He has over twelve years of professional international experience in the fields of engineering, business development, information technology management and consulting. Mr. Kazi has worked in prime management roles with the 3M Corporation, held various technical positions with 3M and with Exxon Corporation as well as served in a management consulting role with Xerox Corporation. In 1998, he was awarded with 3M's prestigious Global Marketing Professional award. Mr. Kazi has extensive experience in managing subcontractors and alliance partners, such as NCR Corporation, Compaq, Oracle, Xerox, and Microsoft Corporation for the on-time execution of high visibility time-sensitive technology projects. He received his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Engineering from McGill University, Montreal, Canada. In 2004, he obtained his Advanced Project Management Certification from Stanford University.

## **Randall Kempner**

Executive Director, Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs

Randall Kempner is Executive Director of the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE), a global network of organizations that propel entrepreneurship in emerging markets. The network's members provide critical financing and business support services to small and growing businesses (SGBs) that create significant economic, environmental and social impacts in developing countries. ANDE's 85 members have operations in 130 emerging market countries.

As executive director of ANDE, Randall oversees the implementation of ANDE's extensive program and policy agenda, including efforts to develop standardized social and environmental metrics for impact investment, training seminars on supporting and investing in emerging-market entrepreneurs and the ANDE Capacity Development Fund, a \$1m facility which supports capacity building and innovation within the SGB sector.

Randall has fifteen years of experience in the field of national and international economic development. Most recently, he served as Vice President for Regional Innovation at the U.S. Council on Competitiveness. Prior to joining the Council, Randall was co-founder of OTF Group, an international consulting firm that advises regions and nations on how to create competitive advantage. He is frequent speaker on entrepreneurship-based economic development strategies.

Randall graduated from the University of Texas with an M.B.A and an M.P.Aff. He earned his bachelor's degree in Government from Harvard College.

# Yusuf Keshavjee

Chairman, White Rose Drycleaners

Mr. Yusuf Keshavjee is the Chairman and co-founder of Honey Care Africa Ltd. (HCA), a multiple award-winning social enterprise.

Through its work in Kenya, Tanzania, Southern Sudan and Malawi, HCA has increased the income of thousands of small-holder farmers through training in commercial bee-keeping, start-up financing and establishing a market for their honey.

Mr. Keshavjee is an entrepreneur as well, serving as Chairman for his long-established family-owned dry cleaning business, White Rose, with over 45 franchises and outlets in Kenya and Uganda. White Rose was one of the first companies in East Africa to offer equity to its staff, assist company retirees who were establishing their own businesses, and provide training to new potential entrepreneurs to become franchisees.

# Mohamed Jawad Khaki Founder & President, IMAN

Mohamed Jawad Khaki is the President and a founding Director of IMAN (Ithna-asheri Muslim Association of the Northwest). IMAN, founded in 1997, is a community based organization that believes societal improvement starts within the community and expands outward. IMAN encourages individuals to reach out to their inner community as well as participate in larger contribution efforts, such as reaching out to the needy in the Seattle area and helping groups such as Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Khaki, a native of Tanzania, has been an active community worker since the age of 13 serving in different volunteering capacities in community organizations in Tanzania, Pakistan, United Kingdom, and now in the Greater Seattle area with IMAN.

As corporate vice president at Microsoft Corp., Mr. Khaki has managed groups of engineers and business leaders dedicated to delivering integrated communication and device technologies for the Microsoft® Windows platforms. Since the start of his career at Microsoft in 1989, Khaki focused his passion on always-available networks for Windows-based devices that empower people with information and make it easy to seamlessly work, play and communicate.

Trained and educated as a computer engineer in London, Mr. Khaki spent his early career as a hardware design engineer developing hardware and firmware for GEC Computers Ltd. in Great Britain, and as a UNIX development consultant for AT&T Bell Laboratories. He was nationally recognized with the sixth annual Walter Cronkite Faith & Freedom Award by the Interfaith Alliance Foundation.

#### **Amr Khaled**

## Founder, AmrKhaled.net

Amr Khaled promotes community development in the Arabic and Muslim nation based on what he terms "Faith Based Development." The idea is for people to develop their communities and countries with faith as their motivator and guide. Mr. Khaled's primary audience consists of Arabs ages fifteen through thirty-five who come from the upper middle class. He is noted for his understandable everyday language and his friendly approach, effectively utilizingmultiple media outlets—including television shows on Arabic satellite channels, audio sets, magazines, and the

Internet. Currently pursuing a doctorate in London, Mr. Khaled continues to broadcast speeches globally, directed towards the development of the youth of the *Ummah* (global Muslim community). Often called the first Islamic tele-evangelist, Khaled is considered one of the most influential in today's Muslim world. Amr Khaled has recently been chosen as number 13 of the world's most influential people by *Time* magazine and sixth most influential intellectual in the world by *Prospect* magazine.

Mr. Khaled graduated from the University of Cairo in 1988 with a degree in accounting. He began preaching in mosques in 1990 while still working as an accountant. In 1998, he moved to full-time preaching, primarily on satellite television. His main teachings remain the same as those before him in more modern media, talking about everyday actions to get closer to Allah such as honesty, humbleness, and being polite. He believes that for society to improve it must change from the grassroots (from the bottom up).

#### Shaban Khalid

## Director, Sales and Marketing at Ittehad Steel Industries

Shaban Khalid is the director of sales and marketing at Ittehad Steel Industries. Ittehad Steel is one of the largest private steel makers in Pakistan, with a combined annual capacity of 120,000 TPY at their integrated steel plants located at Islamabad and Hattar Industrial Parks. The Islamabad plant has integrated re-rolling and steel making facilities to produce steel re-bars and sections to cater to the ever-growing Pakistani demand for steel products. Ittehad Steel is also one of the largest Pakistani exporters of re-bars to Afghanistan to cater to the re-building efforts in that country. Mr. Khalid joined the business in 1999, after receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration from Pepperdine University. Mr. Khalid was also the Chairman of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce (ICCI) and Industry's Young Entrepreneurs Committee from 2009-2010, and was the vice president of the ICCI from 2008-09.

#### Mahmona Khan

Journalist, X-plosiv Magazine (website)

Mahmona Khan is a Norwegian-Pakistani journalist who started a multicultural youth magazine in 1995, when she was 22. She started this magazine because she felt that minority youth needed a venue to express themselves publicly. Today, *X-plosiv* works hard to provide role models for minority youth, annually recognizing a "Pakistani-Norwegian of the Year" and holding a festival on issues faced by minority women. Ms. Khan is a successful social entrepreneur who has used different innovative methods to provide Norwegian minority youth with role models. Through her book *Looking back: When the Pakistanis came to Norway*, she has given a whole generation of Norwegian-Pakistanis good reason to be very proud of their heritage.

In an op-ed in Norway's newspaper of record, *Aftenposten*, "Let's Face Reality," Ms. Khan urged Norwegians and immigrants alike to acknowledge the reality of Norway as a multiethnic country, and to stop thinking in terms of "them and us."

## Mohammed Khawaja

## Executive Director, Queen Rania Center for Entrepreneurship

Mohammed Khawaja is the Executive Director of the Queen Rania Center for Entrepreneurship and project manager for Queen Rania National Entrepreneurship Competition. The Competition is the first of its kind and considered the most outstanding national business plan competition in the MENA region.

Even before receiving his B.S. in communication engineering, Mr. Khawaja co-founded his first company, which successfully offered compelling content management services to hundreds of clients from different countries around the world during its first five years.

#### Mohamed Ali Khiari

## Director, Debt Collection Department, La Banque Nationale Agricole

Mohamed Ali Khiari has worked in the banking sector since 1995 and is currently the director of the Debt Collection Department, at the Banque Nationale Agricole (National Agricultural Bank) in Tunis, Tunisia. In June 2009, he set up BIO-MEDPRO to import and export organic Mediterranean agricultural products to Europe and the Gulf countries, with plans to expand to North America and Asia. Mr. Khiari received his law degree in 1990 from Mohamed V University in Rabat, Morocco. He is also a microfinance specialist and has led seminars for young entrepreneurs on business start-ups and entrepreneurship through the GANZ program financed by the German government from 1998 to 2003.

## **Nadim Khoury**

## Co-founder Taybeh Beer

Nadim Khoury is the co-founder Taybeh Beer, the only microbrewery in the West Bank. In 1995, Nadim returned to Taybeh village after 20 years in Boston and established a microbrewery with his brother David. Taybeh beer is currently being brewed and sold in Europe through Taybeh's franchisee in Germany, and exported to the United States, and Mr. Khoury has become one of the most successful entrepreneurs from the Palestinian Christian minority. Mr. Khoury has grown his business and, at the same time, sought to mentor young entrepreneurs from his community, by launching the annual Taybeh Oktoberfest. This festival brings together women's cooperatives, young Palestinian entrepreneurs, with participants from around the world and has become a large annual tradition that draws attendees from throughout the West Bank.

# Faridah Nambi Kigongo

Media/ NGO Leader, NTV

Ms. Faridah Nambi Kigongo is the founder and Managing Director of Nambi Children Initiatives and Nambi Talkshow.

Nambi Children Initiatives was established in 2006, and is aimed at uplifting the lives of vulnerable children and women in Uganda, especially children from slum areas. It also assists women and the elderly with education, healthcare, basic needs support and accommodation

In 2007, Ms. Kigongo started a local television talk show called Nambi Talkshow. It features elders sharing wisdom and knowledge on human values and life skills to push the young generation forward. It has a viewership of over 5,000,000 people on NTV and is the number one talk show in Uganda. This has earned Ms. Kigongo the title of "The Oprah of Uganda."

Ms. Faridah has an M.B.A.from Edinburgh Business School in Scotland. She writes articles for newspapers in Uganda aimed at social and personal development, as well as social and economic entrepreneurship. In addition, Ms. Kigongo pays the school fees for 82 orphans and provides medicines for those who have HIV/AIDS.

### James L. Koch

Co-Founder & Director, Center for Science, Technology and Society, Santa Clara University Bill & Jan Terry Professor of Management, Santa Clara's Leavey School of Business

James L. Koch is the Executive Director of the Global Social Benefit Incubator, the Bill and Jan Terry Professor of Management, and founding director of Santa Clara University's Center for Science, Technology, and Society. He received his MBA and Ph.D. from UCLA. From 1990-96 he served as dean of the Leavey School of Business. In 1995 the school achieved national recognition from U.S. News and World Report as the 12th ranked part-time program in America.

From 1981 to 1990, he was the founding director of Organization Planning and Development at PG&E, where his department was the recipient of the National Excellence Award for contributions to organizational development from the American Society for Training and Development. Prior to that he was associate professor of management and director of the MBA and Ph.D. programs at the University of Oregon. He serves on the editorial board for Health Care Management Review as a Trustee of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute.

He has published in a number of journals including: Journal of Applied Psychology, Academy of Management Journal, Journal of Vocational Behavior, and California Management Review. His research and consulting focus on socio-technical systems and high performance organizations. His current work examines social capital, and the role of technology in improving quality of life at the base of the pyramid.

#### Ali Yavuz Kuscu

## Owner, TVG Consulting GmbH

Ali Yavuz Kuscu was born in Istanbul, Turkey, and has been a resident of Austria for decades. He is the owner of TVG Consulting GmbH and TVG European Air Alliance. He is also the President of the Austro-Turkish Trade Association. TVG was established in 1974 and has

focused its services on international investment consultations. The company has strived to promote cooperation in investment opportunities between Austria and foreign partners for many years, especially in the emerging markets of Turkey and Russia.

# **Kevin Langley** *CEO, Ellis Construction*

Kevin Langley is CEO of Ellis Construction, which designs and builds everything from restaurants, condominium projects, residential homes, to hotel projects, office buildings as well as rehabbing dozens of structures in depressed neighborhoods. Mr. Langley is currently the President of the New Orleans chapter of Entrepreneurs' Organization, a dynamic, global network of more than 7,300 business owners in 42 countries that enables entrepreneurs to learn and grow from each other.

Ellis Construction sponsors an annual event called Christmas in October to help needy families restore their homes.

#### **Rick Little**

## Chief Executive Officer, Silatech

Rick Little is Chief Executive Officer of Silatech. Mr. Little is also the founder and CEO of the International Youth Foundation and more recently the founder of the ImagineNations Group, a global alliance of social entrepreneurs, thought leaders, investors, global brands, media, and organizations—all working together with young people to inspire positive change in society.

Mr. Little was co-chair of the United Nation's High Level Panel of the Youth Employment Network—advising the UN Secretary General on global youth employment issues. In addition, he serves on several boards, including the Nike Foundation, Mercy Corps and the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy. He was also Chairman of the 2nd Annual Middle East Summit on Corporate Social Responsibility held in Dubai in 2005. Additionally, he serves as co-chair of the newly established Global Partnership for Youth Investment—co-founded by the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation and the ImagineNations Group.

Mr. Little has received numerous awards for his life's work, including the Presidential Award of the International Association of Lions Clubs—the largest humanitarian service organization in the world. He was selected in 1996 as one of the world's 100 Global Leaders for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Little received an Honorary Doctorate degree from Anderson University in 2000. He was named an International Fellow in Applied Developmental Science at Tufts University in 2001. Mr. Little has written extensively, with articles and commentary appearing in the *New York Times*, *Foreign Policy, Time*, the *Financial Times* and other publications. He has contributed chapters to several books, and his life story has appeared in several publications, including the original *New York Times*' best-selling book *Chicken Soup for the Soul* (1993).

## **Gary Locke**

# Secretary of Commerce, Department of Commerce

Gary Locke was appointed by President Obama as the 36th Secretary of Commerce. At the Department of Commerce, Locke is charged with helping implement President Obama's ambitious agenda to turn around the economy and put people back to work. Locke is the first Chinese-American to hold this position in a President's cabinet. Prior to his appointment, Locke helped U.S. companies break into international markets as a partner in the Seattle office of the international law firm, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. There, he co-chaired the firm's China practice and was active in its governmental relations practice.

As the popular two-term governor of Washington, the nation's most trade-dependent state, Locke broke down trade barriers around the world to advance American products. He helped open doors for Washington State businesses by leading 10 productive trade missions to Asia, Mexico and Europe, significantly expanding the sale of Washington products and services. He also successfully strengthened economic ties between China and Washington State. His visits are credited with introducing Washington companies to China and helping more than double the state's exports to China to over \$5 billion per year.

As part of his considerable trade and economic development efforts, Locke launched Washington's Competitiveness Council with business, labor and civic leaders working together to effectively position Washington State for success at home and around the world. During the eight years of the Locke Administration, the state gained 280,000 jobs. Locke earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Yale University and a law degree from Boston University. He is married to Mona Lee Locke. They have three children: Emily, Dylan and Madeline.

# Maria Mahdaly Co-founder, YouthHub

Ms. Mahdaly was a co-founder of the YouthHub, along with Lamees Al-Mufti and five other young women of the U.S.-Saudi Women's Forum on Social Enterpreneurship. Ms. Mahdaly is the co-founder and manager of Fainak.com - an online social network seeking to connect and empower young creative thinkers in the region, specifically Saudi Arabia. It has become the go-to source for information on all things social in the Kingdom. Additionally, the parent company of Fainak.com (Rumman) was recently ranked #1 by the Saudi Fast Growth 100 listing. Ms. Mahdaly was recently named one of the top 30 student entrepreneurs in the world by the Global Student Entrepreneurship Awards. She is studying graphic design at Dar Al Hekma College.

## **Rafat Mahmood**

#### Investor

Rafat Mahmood, a Pakistani-American businessman serves a Pakistani ambassador-at-large with the status of a minister. Mahmood has been a resident of Washington since 1970. He has contributed immensely to charitable causes in Pakistan and the United States and has played an active role in promoting a positive image of Pakistan in the US. He and his wife, Shaista Mahmood, frequently use their Mount Vernon home as a venue of major events to promote Pakistan, interfaith harmony and civil rights of the Muslim community in the US.

## **Toni Maloney**

## **Bpeace Co-Founder and CEO**

Toni Maloney founded Bpeace, a non-profit international volunteer network of business professionals. In countries emerging from war, like Rwanda and Afghanistan, Bpeace's volunteers help women entrepreneurs expand their businesses, create employment, and build a peaceful future for their communities. The idea that Ms. Maloney has helped root is that business people have a role to play in peace building. As the leader of Bpeace since 2004, Ms. Maloney created a vision of Fast Runner entrepreneurs in conflict countries propelled by expertise shared generously by U.S. business professionals

Before focusing fulltime on Bpeace, in the for-profit world, Ms. Maloney served president of the Maloney group, delivering strategic marketing advice to executives from leading service companies including Booz Allen Hamilton, Bank of America Specialist and Price waterhouse Coopers.

Prior to founding The Maloney Group in 1991, Ms. Maloney held executive positions at several leading global firms including American Express, Ogivly and McCann-Erickson.

She is a graduate of the NYU Stern School of Business. Toni has been quoted in publications including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, and on CNN. She has been a guest speaker at the NYU Stern School of Business, The New School, and Penn State.

# Nasra Weheliye Malin

### Executive Director, Nationlink Telecom

Nasra Weheliye Malin is a founder and Executive Director of Nationlink Telecom, one of the leading telecommunications operators in Somalia. The company provides telecommunication services to all regions of Somalia.

This high-profile position has never before been filled by a Somali woman. The company's focus is in the core areas of mobile telephony, fixed lines, Internet and mobile satellite services. The overall objective of NationLink Telecom is to provide telecommunication services to all

Somalis and, by doing so, positively change their lives. The company employs over 1,500 people, 183 of whom are women.

Born to a family of entrepreneurs, Ms. Malin holds one of the top management positions in Somalia. She is well-respected across clan, region, and community, a unique achievement for a woman in Somalia's conflict-ridden environment. Ms. Malin's family owned many businesses, with significant multi-million dollar interests across sectors, in Mogadishu before the civil war. During the civil war, Ms. Malin sought new and innovative ways to provide basic services to the war-torn population.

Ms. Malin was educated in Somalia and the United States. She studied at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, where she received a B.A. in business administration and finance.

## Yerzhan Mandiyev

President, Asia Auto

Yerzhan Mandiyev, of Ust-Kamenogorsk, East Kazakhstan, joined the automotive industry after working in Kazakhstan's banking sector. Asia Auto was established in 2002 and Mr. Mandiyev became president of Asia Auto in November 2003. He began with an ambitious plan to establish a domestic automobile industry capable of producing competitive vehicles locally, to meet consumer demand in Kazakhstan and neighboring countries.

At first, Asia Auto only assembled cars, but under Mr. Mandiyev's leadership, the company began producing ornamental rings and harnesses, and opened branch offices throughout Kazakhstan. Mr. Mandiyev also rapidly expanded the range of cars assembled by Asia Auto, starting with the Niva in 2003, the Skoda Octavia in 2005, and a range of Chevrolet products in 2007. Today, Asia Auto assembles the Chevrolet Lacetti, Epica, and Captiva automobiles, and has produced sample units of the Cadillac Escalade, Cadillac CTS, and Hummer H2 and H3 vehicles. Mr. Mandiyev plans to build a new plant with a design capacity of 120,000 cars a year, which will provide jobs to 4,000 residents in East Kazakhstan Oblast.

The development of Kazakhstan's domestic automobile industry under Mr. Mandiyev's supervision has had a multiplier effect, as it promotes adjacent industrial sectors that manufacture auto components, spare parts, tires, auto glass, and electronics. Mr. Mandiyev is an active promoter of entrepreneurial values and represents the interests of domestic entrepreneurs as a member of the management board of the Atameken Union of Entrepreneurs and the Presidential Council of Entrepreneurs.

# Mian Muhammad Mansha

Chairman, Nishat Group

Mian Muhammad Mansha is the head of the Mansha family and the Chairman of the Nishat Group. He is regarded as one of the richest men in Pakistan, with a net worth somewhere

between \$4-5 billion. Born in Lahore to a wealthy Chinioti family, he enjoyed an early business education as part of one of Pakistan's most prominent industrialist families. He formally joined the family business after his studies in the U.K.

# Mansour Mansour CEO, Javna

Mansour Mansour is the CEO of Javna and has over 20 years of experience in planning, developing, building and implementing business and information technology solutions. His expertise has been applied across telecommunications, utilities, financial services, consumer products, manufacturing, retail, and government sectors.

### Jim Manzi

## Chairman, Thermo Fisher Scientific

Jim Manzi is Chairman of Thermo Fisher Scientfic, a world leader in serving science, which has customers across pharmaceutical, and biotech companies, hospitals and clinical diagnostic labs, universities, research institutions and government agencies. Thermo Fisher offers customers a complete range of high-end analytical instruments as well as laboratory equipment, software, services, consumables and reagents to enable integrated laboratory workflow solutions.

Mr. Manzi previously served as the company's Chairman from December 2003 through November 2006, the closing date of the merger of Thermo Electron and Fisher Scientific, which created Thermo Fisher Scientific. He is currently Chairman of Stonegate Capital, through which he manages his personal investments in technology start-up ventures in the U.S. and abroad. Previously, he was Chairman, president and chief executive officer of Lotus Development Corporation from 1984 until 1995, when the company was acquired by IBM.

#### **Steve Mariotti**

### Founder, Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship

In 1987, Steve Mariotti, founded the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) whose mission is to provide entrepreneurship education programs to young people from low income communities. It is frequently used as a model for other programs to teach business knowledge and the resulting business formation. The NFTE has reached over 230,000 young people since its founding and has programs in 21 states and 12 countries.

Mr. Mariottti changed career paths in 1982, when he decided to move from the corporate sector and become a special education teacher in the New York City school system, Mr. Mariotti gained insight into how to successfully motivate his tough students – teaching them how to run a business. His perceptions and learning inspired him to create NFTE to bring entrepreneurial education to low-income youth.

Mr. Mariotti is the recipient of numerous awards including an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and has been the subject of many national media profiles on programs including *ABC Evening News* and *20/20*. In addition, he is the co-author of 28 books on entrepreneurship that have sold over half a million copies. NFTE is an active member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Mariotti has attended The World Economic Forum and has been a frequent speaker at Davos as well as other business forums.

Mr. Mariotti received his B.B.A in business economics and his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He has also studied at Harvard University, Stanford University, and Brooklyn College. He started his professional career as a treasury analyst for Ford Motor Company before founding his own company, Mason Import/Export Services.

#### **Shaffi Mather**

Owner, Mather Estate

Shaffi Mather was a successful young entrepreneur, who brought a family-run real estate business to the forefront of the local market before moving on to take major positions at two of India's largest communication corporations -- Essel Group and Reliance Industries. However, after a perilous ride to the hospital with his mother, he was forced to confront India's need for a dependable ambulance service. He left his career at Reliance and founded 1298 for Ambulance, a for-profit service with a sliding scale payment system that has revolutionized medical transport in Mumbai and Kerala.

Today, Mather is also a co-founder of Moksha-Yug Access, a microfinance institution that operates in rural India, and The Education Initiative, which is involved in e-learning and in creating schools across India. In addition, Mather is a lawyer focusing on litigation in public interest -- battling for transparency in governance and use of public funds, human rights, civil rights and the primacy of the constitution. He is a TEDIndia Fellow.

# Feitemat Mint Sid Ahmed Megueya

President of UMAFEC (Mauritanian Union of Female Entrepreneurs)

Ms. Megueya is a leading Mauritanian businesswoman and the president of her own company, "L'etablissement Lemat Mint Megueya," which imports and distributes a wide variety of products in Mauritania. She is the founder and president of the UMAFEC (Mauritanian Union of Female Entrepreneurs), an organization with over 500 Mauritanian women as members. After making a proposal to the president of Mauritania, Ms. Megeuya led the development and construction of a prominent market containing stores owned and operated by female Mauritanian entrepreneurs. Ms. Megeuya was also a participant in the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership program.

#### Vish Mishra

## President, The Indus Entrepreneurs

Vish Mishra serves as the president of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), a Silicon Valley networking group with 12,000 regular members and 2,000 charter members.

Mr. Mishra has chaired TiE's annual conference of entrepreneurs, TiEcon, in 2002, 2003 and 2004, involving thousands of delegates and hundreds of world-class leaders as speakers. In September 2003, he was one of 35 U.S. business leaders selected to participate in a CEO Summit hosted by India's President to advise him on India becoming a fully developed nation by 2020.

Mr. Mishra also serves as Venture Director at Clearstone Venture Partners, a VC firm with nearly \$500 million under management. Clearstone is a top-performing fund which has created economic value worth several billion dollars. Vish actively evaluates and manages investments in communications and software companies and also provides board oversight and executive coaching. He sits on boards of IntegriNautics and Quantros.

Vish's previously served as co-founder and board member of Telera, a voice-web infrastructure company, founding VP of Operations/COO of Excelan, an internet and networking company and EVP of iPlanet( a unit of AOL/Sun Microsystems) and CEO of four start-ups.

Mr. Mishra has been honored by the California Senate as one of the 25 prominent Indo-Americans who have contributed to the State's development. Mr. Mishra holds a BSEE (1967) from the Institute of Technology at Benares Hindu University, India and an MSEE from North Dakota State University and MBA work from the University of Minnesota.

# **Munqeth Mehyer**

# Chairman and Jordanian Director, EcoPeace/ Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME)

Munqeth Mehyer is Chairman and Jordanian Director of EcoPeace/ Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME). FoEME is a unique regional organization that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli environmentalists to promote sustainable development and advance peace efforts in the Middle East. The organization has its head office in Amman, employs over 40 paid staff, and actively involves hundreds of volunteers. It is a member of Friends of the Earth International, the largest grassroots environmental organization in the world.

As a founder, Chairman and Jordanian director, Mr. Mehyar leads FoEME activities concerning the Jordan River, the Dead Sea and the Good Water Neighbors Project. His responsibilities include supervising international project development and management, serving as a liaison to governmental and private sector figures and organizations on major regional policy issues relevant to environmental protection, and developing international contacts and functional partnerships with international environmental and development institutions. Mr. Mehyar has organized dozens of regional conferences, workshops and study tours, supervised regional

research on shared ecosystems, co-authored reports and policy papers and speaks regularly on water, peace and security issues.

In addition to his role as Chairman and Jordanian FoEME director, he serves as vice president of the Jordan Society for Sustainable Development. He is also a founding member of both the Jordan Sports Federation for the Handicapped and the Jordan Royal Ecological Diving Society. Mr. Mehyar has been an active member of the Amman West Rotary Club since 2001, and has been elected to serve as its in-coming president.

#### **Andre Luis Lara Mello**

#### Journalist, Muslim Federation

Mr. Mello studied journalism at the Universidade Anhembi Morumbi. After his university studies, Mr. Mello became interested in Islam and converted to the faith. One project he undertook was the production of a book, *Mosques of Sao Paulo*. In looking for a publisher, Mr. Mello presented his project to Sao Paulo's Muslim Federation, a group of Sunni Muslims led by Mohammed El Zoghbi, a successful Halal foods business person in Brazil. The Muslim Federation then hired Mr. Mello to head their press and communications office, which he does to this day.

Along with this work for the Muslim Federation, Mr. Mello works as a free lance journalist, as an on camera reporter. He recently traveled to Sudan and developed an extensive series of video reports and photos from that experience.

# **Alamine Ousmane Mey**

### General Manager, Afriland First Bank

Mr. Alamine Ousmane Mey serves as the General Manager of the Afriland First Bank, one of the largest banks in Cameroon. Under Mr. Mey's leadership, Afriland First Bank has facilitated access to banking services and finance to develop business in the Cameroon Muslim community. Afriland Bank created the Islamic Deposit Account, aiming to facilitate access to financial operations by the Muslim community with Sharia-compilant solutions.

Afriland Bank also assists the Cameroonian National Hadj Commission and offers Muslims a savings plan to finance travel to the holy places in Mecca.

### Donika Mici

## Owner, Donianna

Donika Mici started in the private sector in 1992, following the fall of the communist regime.

In 1992, Ms. Mici started her own business in assembling shoe parts for Italian companies. Her first company, Donianna, employed 120 workers, employing many engineers, professors, doctors, dentists who were left jobless by the collapse of the state-run business sector. Within a few years, Donianna was producing hundreds of thousands of pairs of shoes a year. In March 2009, during the worst global economic downturn, Ms. Mici decided to enter the international market with her own brand of shoes under a new "Made in Albania" label. Donianna today has an enviable client list of customers, from mass-market chains like Macy's and Bata to specialty chains like Aldo and Kenneth Cole.

The company employs 1,400 workers, exports to a dozen countries and had sales of more than \$20.4 million, in the first half of 2009 alone. Donianna also outsources to other domestic companies which employ almost 3,000 people. Donianna is also among the largest exporters in an import-based economy.

The company's factories are located in the poorest areas near the capital and this has helped to ease the poverty and provide economic opportunity in these hard hit areas. Thanks to its achievements and quality, Donianna has received many national and international awards.

## Karen G. Mills

## Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration

Karen G. Mills is the 23rd Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Ms. Mills directs a federal agency with more than 2,000 full-time employees, and a leading role helping small business owners and entrepreneurs secure financing, technical assistance, training and federal contracts. SBA also plays a leading role in disaster recovery by making low interest loans for businesses and residents. With a portfolio of direct and guaranteed business loans and disaster loans worth more than \$90 billion, SBA is the nation's largest single financial backer of small business.

As the president of MMP Group, Ms. Mills invested in and took a leading role in companies involved in the consumer products, food, distribution, textile and industrial components sectors. Prior to that, in the late 1990s, she was a co-founder and a managing director of Solera Capital. Ms. Mills has spent much of her career working with small manufacturing firms, including producers of hardwood flooring, refrigerator motors and plastic injection molding. During the recession of the early 1990s, her hands-on management and commitment to innovation is credited with helping several small manufacturers increase efficiency and competitiveness, and ultimately survive in a tough economy.

For several years Ms. Mills has been a leading voice in the U.S. competitiveness discussion and is author of an influential Brookings Institution paper on the federal role in regional economic development clusters – geographic concentrations of interconnected businesses that share knowledge and resources to spur innovation, economic growth and higher wage employment. Ms. Mills' work with boat builders in Maine in using composite materials to increase global

competitiveness is one of the leading examples of the success of economic development clusters.

#### **Hind Ben Miloud**

## Senior Partner, Ben Miloud and Partners

Hing Ben Miloud is the single most important female business lawyer in Algeria. For the past 20 years, she has run her law firm, Ben Miloud and Partners, which now has nine other lawyers. Ms. Ben Miloud has played a leading role in pressing for adoption of business-friendly franchising laws and procedures in Algeria. She also advises dozens of leading companies in Algeria in other areas of business law including banking law, maritime law, intellectual property rights protection, fraud prevention, and media relations. Ben Miloud and Partners is the only firm in Algeria that specializes in law covering information technology.

Ms. Ben Miloud provided extensive consultations in the adoption of business-friendly laws in Algeria. Ms. Ben Miloud is an articulate and engaging expert in her field, and she has played a major role in supporting business during challenging times in Algeria.

#### **Shaheen Mistri**

### Founder, Akanksha

Shaheen Mistri is a social entrepreneur whose tireless efforts to impact the underserved through primary and secondary education have thrived due to her dedication, persistence, and indefatigable networking.

In 1989, Ms. Mistri began teaching ten kids in a slum as a part of a social work project in college. That effort blossomed into Akanksha ("Aspiration"), an education project that reaches out to 3,500 under-privileged children in Mumbai and Pune. Ms. Mistri established 65 centers to provide after-school tutoring to disadvantaged children so they would not lag in English, math, and life skills. Akanksha schools now also offer competitive exams for college and technical school admission. The program has won national and international honors for its innovation.

Following several years as an Ashoka Fellow, Teach for America asked Ms. Mistri to establish Teach for India (TFI). She started TFI in 2007 and has over 100 fellows now teaching in government and semi-private secondary schools in Pune and Mumbai. The program is slated for countrywide expansion over the next four years. Under Ms. Mistri's leadership, TFI's teacher intake has tripled in two years. The organization conducted a comprehensive campaign to recruit India's top college graduates and corporate partners to make a significant impact to improve primary and secondary school teaching in the country.

In 2009, Ms. Mistri was chosen as a prestigious TED Fellow when the conference moved from California to Mysore, India. She has also been honored as a World Economic Forum Fellow and was one of the entrepreneurs featured in the 2008 book *Stay Hungry*."

### Fatima Aliko Mohammed

## Editor-in-Chief, Draftbill Magazine

Fatima Aliko Mohammed serves as Editor-in-Chief of Draftbill Magazine Company. Frustrated that Nigerians generally did not know who represented them in the National Assembly or what bills and issues were debated, Ms. Mohammed created a list of the bills initiated since 2006 and their status.

Ms. Mohammed financed the first edition of *Draftbill Magazine*, where she published this information with a photographic directory of representatives and articles about pending legislation. Ms. Mohammed has since published several editions.

#### Kenneth P. Morse

## Founding Managing Director, MIT Entrepreneurship Center

Ken Morse joined the MIT Entrepreneurship Center (E-Center) in 1996, which provides content, context, and contacts that enable entrepreneurs to design and launch successful new ventures based on innovative technologies. Mr. Morse helped build the MIT Entrepreneurship Lab Course from 6 to over 100 students per semester. The number of students taking entrepreneurship courses at MIT has grown from about 200 to over 1500 per year. The number of E-Center-related courses has grown from 2 to 21, and has a faculty of over 30 members.

Mr. Morse has been encouraging new ventures to think globally from the outset since he started his first company in China in 1972. Mr. Morse went on to help launch six MIT-related startups including 3Com, AspenTech, and a biotech company.

#### Ahmadou Moussa

## General Manager, Complexe Avicole de Mvog Betsi

Mr. Ahmadou Moussa serves as the General Manager of the Complexe Avicole de Mvog Betsi in Yaoundé, a private company which specializes in the reproduction of chicks using artificial incubation with vials imported from Iowa. Mr. Moussa has extended his business to all three regions of the Grand North, employing almost one hundred people in Garoua, Maroua and Ngaoundéré. Recently, he extended his business to N'djamena, Chad.

His ambition for next year is to create an industrial chain of slaughtering which will enhance his ability to export chicken. Mr. Moussa is also working on a project to create a training school in the Grand North aimed at encouraging the Muslim community into professional poultry farming.

Mr. Moussa is the president of the Inter Professional Poultry Sector Union of Cameroon and president of the Inter Professional Poultry Sector Union of Central Africa. He is also a member of the Cameroon Chamber of Commerce.

## Tri Mumpuni

## Environmental Entrepreneur

Tri Mumpuni, by creating economic incentives and financing programs to unlock the power of hydro, is helping rural Indonesia realize its best option for a reliable power supply. Aside from local ownership of the off-grid system, the sustainability of the system is very much influenced by market forces and many local micro-hydropower operations have trouble surviving competition with the state-owned electricity company, PLN. Mr. Mumpuni has been able to connect the community-based off-grid system to PLN's grid, providing a crucial link that allows local communities to sell their power supply to the PLN and gain revenue from deals facilitated by Mr. Mumpuni.

#### Radik Musin

## Director Genera, Uralfinance Bank

Radik Zikafovich Musin is director general of a regional bank in Sverdlovsk Oblast. Having started his career as a bank clerk in the late 1990s, he progressed up the career ladder to the position of the head of administration of Uralfinance Bank by 2002. Since then Mr. Musin has been in charge of strategic development for one of the strongest small-scale financial institutions in the Urals market.

Mr. Musin is an alumnus of the Center for Social Initiatives. In 1997 he visited the United States as part of an entrepreneurship development program led by the CSI.

Mr. Musin is an active promoter of corporate responsibility ideas. Following his initiative, Uralfinance Bank became a partial sponsor of construction of the mosque, Ramazan, in Yekaterinburg. Musin himself is also involved in charity projects, targeting mainly the local Muslim community. In 2009, he supported the regional contest on Muslim youth awareness of the Koran and funded a local Muslim Women's Society's participation in the national contest of Muslim dress-makers. On a regular basis, Musin supports Muslim students desiring to study in Islamic educational institutions overseas.

# Goris Mustaqim

### Founder and Director, PT Resultan Nusantara

Goris Mustaqim is the director and owner of the IT company PT Resultan Nusantara, based in Garut Indonesia. Mr. Mustaqim has an entrepreneurial spirit that has merged with his environmental concerns. He is passionate about helping young people turn business ideas into workable plans so they can determine their own professional journeys.

In 2006, Goris Mustaqim founded Asgar Muda, a foundation that empowers youth in his hometown of Garut to become involved in educational and cultural issues, with the intent of improving the welfare of the local people. In 2008, Asgar Muda launched the entrepreneurship

movement program bringing together local entrepreneurs ages 18-30 to develop solid business plans and giving them the opportunity then to sell their ideas to investors.

Mr. Mustaqim has been recognized with numerous awards for his achievements in the areas of leadership and community development, including a nomination in 2009 for Business Week magazine's Asia's Best Young Entrepreneur honor. Mr. Mustaqim was also a delegate to the COP 15 at Copenhagen in December 2009.

## Iman Mutlaq

### Owner & CEO of Sigma Investments

Iman Mutlaq is the owner and CEO of Sigma Investments. In 2005, she embarked on many successful business ventures and she currently owns a number of business ventures spread over three continents. She also owns a chain of restaurants.

She is currently working on a regional leadership training program entitled "Lead without Title: High Performance Leadership in Turbulent Times." Another important venture is Ingot Brokers, a financial services company based in Geneva with capital of three million euros and regulated by ARIF. Ms. Mutlaq holds an M.B.A. from the New York Institute of Technology and is a certified Arts of Living Teacher, the first Jordanian to hold this title.

## **David Munir Nabti**

### RootSpace & Hibr.me

David Munir Nabti is co-founder of RootSpace, a non-profit that organizes training and events in the area of technology for social change and social entrepreneurship, such as the 4SITE Forum event held this past November (Investing in Sustainability, Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship). He oversees the RootSpace, a shared office in Beirut which currently houses 10 local and international non-profits and social enterprises. He is also an advocate for youth/citizen journalism and is co-founder of *Hibr* ("Ink" in Arabic; www.hibr.me), a youth-powered citizen media outlet in Lebanon that works online (using new tech and social media tools), in print (current monthly circulation of 20,000 copies), and in person (organizing events and workshops).

He is a strong advocate for social entrepreneurship and technology for social change, with a focus on Lebanon and the WANA (West Asia/North Africa region). He is also a firm believer in open source, open licensing, open collaboration, open media, and open systems.

Currently David Munir Nabti is conducting research on barriers to and opportunities for entrepreneurship (especially social entrepreneurship) and innovation in post-conflict and developing countries, with an emphasis on projections to the year 2020 and human resource challenges in the West Asia/North Africa region. He grew up in Silicon Valley and spent two years in Beirut in the early 1990s. He studied at the University of California at Berkeley

(political economy), worked for brief periods at Google, Cisco, and a startup company, and then moved back to Lebanon in 2004. David alsoHe worked as a consultant to the UN/FAO in Damascus on a project to establish a policy reform and applied economics research center, and conducted research on the connection between regime interests, the education system, and economic development in Egypt.

## Dalila Nadjem

## Founder/Owner, Maison d'Edition DALIMEN

Dalila Nadjem is the founder and owner of the publishing house Maison d'Edition DALIMEN. She first moved to Algeria from France in 1984 to pursue what she viewed as wide-open opportunities. In 1994, she became president of the non-governmental organization EL AZHAR, which assists needy Algerian families. In 1996, during the height of Algeria's domestic conflicts, she founded the company PCCOM (Communications Agency, Publishing, Layout, and Design), where she is currently the CEO with 22 employees. Major clients of her firm include companies in the hydrocarbon and transportation sectors.

Building on her success, in 2001, Ms. Nadjem founded la Maison d'Edition DALIMEN, a publishing house focused on cultural heritage topics and children's books, now with approximately 85 titles in print. She also has established two bookstores in the greater Algiers region. In recognition of her success and influence in the publishing and arts communities, in 2008, the Algerian Ministry of Culture tapped her to help rejuvenate the arts and named her commissioner of the annual Algiers International Comics Festival. Under her leadership and with the close cooperation of international partners, Algiers has hosted two highly successful festivals and drawn attention from around the world to the Algerian artistic community.

## George Khalil Najjar

## Dean, Olayan School of Business American University of Beruit

George Khalil Najjar has been Professor and Dean at the Olayan School of Business at the American University of Beirut (AUB) since 2000. He has simultaneously held the position of Vice President for Regional external programs, in charge of AUB's consulting and entrepreneurial area.

Prior to that, he served through an AUB assignment as VP for planning and Dean of the Business School at the University of Bahrain. Dr. Najjar received his undergraduate and master's degrees from AUB and his Ph.D from the University of Southern California. His interest is in general and strategic management as an interdisciplinary and cross-functional domain of theory and practice. He is active in teaching, research, training and consulting in these areas throughout the Middle East.

Dr Najjar has led over 50 integrated management and consulting and executive education teams on varied assignments: strategic audits, corporate restructuring, human resource management

systems, service delivery, business process reengineering, and quality management systems design and delivery, in a wide range of sectors including financial services, airlines, oil and gas companies, family businesses, public agencies, and others. He also designed and delivered over 120 executive education workshops at the senior management level.

Dr. Najjar has many refereed academic publications in leading management journals; he also wrote chapters in edited academic publications. He is the recipient of several honors and awards, including the Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award (USC, 1975) and the Teaching Excellence Award (USC, 1975-1976 and University of Bahrain, 1996). Dr. Najjar is a Member of the Board of Trustees of: Dhofar University, the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance, and the University of Sharjah. He is a member of the American Management Association and of the Lebanese Management Association, and Chair of the Lebanese Executive Forum.

#### Saed Nashef

### Partner, Middle East Venture Capital Fund

Saed Nashef is a partner in the Middle East Venture Capital Fund, which is being established to make investments in export-oriented, high-growth software companies and start-ups originating in the Palestinian Territories. He is the founder and CTO of Equiom, Inc., a 70-person software consultancy and project outsourcing firm with operations in Washington and Colorado, and founder and managing director of Equiom-MENA, which provides offshore software outsourcing services from the West Bank to companies in the United States and Europe. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors at GHOST (Global Hosted Operating SysTem). Saed Nashef has worked in a consulting role with incubation teams at companies, including Microsoft, to help validate technology and analyze the competitive landscape for new products. Prior to founding Equiom, he worked closely with the founders of Fidesic, a venture-backed Internet startup, where he led delivery of key service infrastructure. Before that, he spent six years with Microsoft in various software engineering and leadership roles in the development organization. He studied computer science at California State University, Long Beach.

#### Zahra Ben Nasr

## President, Center for Young Entrepreneurs, Bizerte Chapter

Ms. Ben Nasr is the President of CJD-Bizerte chapter. She has organized Internet training to ensure the effective use of ICT in small entrepreneurs in Bizerte and has organized the first export development training for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in the whole region. In addition, she led the participation of Bizertian young entrepreneurs in the CJD's national research on administrative reform. Finally, she recruited and promoted an entrepreneurship exchange program with the U.S.

As a member of the executive board at the Bizerte Chamber of Commerce she is in charge of developing training programs for members. Ms. Ben Nasr is also a member of the Lions Club of Bizerte and has led fundraising aimed at improving the social status of Bizerte's most needy. She

has a master's degree in management sciences from the University of Manar II, School of Management.

#### Kader Nasri

## President, Scarface Energy Drink

A former professional soccer player for Monaco and a teacher, Kader Nasri is always on the move, spawning new firms and leaving them in the hands of friends. After setting up his first enterprise, Innova Creation International, which fostered the use of web video as a communications tool, he became president of enterprises in the urban free zone of Avignon ("Président de la Zone Urbaine d'Avignon"). He left a year ago to start another adventure, launched with two friends from his hometown of Avignon, to produce and market a new energy drink with the brandname of The Drink of Champions - Scarface Energy Drink.".

#### Laila Nassim

## Head of Youth and Minority Outreach, 100,000 Entrepreneurs

100,000 Entrepreneurs is a French non-governmental organization dedicated to forging ties between schools and businesses. Laila Nassim has worked to organize events between U.S. businessmen and French students (from grades 9-12) through the U.S. Embassy's two-year relationship with 100,000 Entrepreneurs. Under Laila's stewardship, the number of total events organized yearly by 100,000 Entrepreneurs in Paris area schools has multiplied almost tenfold, from 170 two years ago to 1,500 today.

## Arif Masood Naqvi

## CEO, Abraaj Capital Limited

Mr. Arif Naqvi is the founder and Group Chief Executive Officer of Dubai-based Abraaj Capital Limited. Abraaj is the largest private equity group in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia (MENASA) and has capital of more than U.S. \$ 1 billion. Since inception in 2002, it has raised about U.S. \$ 7 billion and distributed about U.S. \$ 3 billion to its investors. Abraaj has won numerous awards, including "Middle East Private Equity Firm of the Year" from London-based Private Equity International (PEI) in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Mr. Naqvi is a member of the Young Presidents Organization, where he was the Emirates Chapter Chairman from 2002 to 2003. He was designated a New Asian Leader by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in 2003 / 2004 and is a member of numerous think-tanks and policy groups, such as the WEF Arab Business Council. He is also a board member of the Pakistan Human Development Fund, the King Abdullah II Award for Youth Innovation and Achievement in Jordan and the Dubai Government Education Endowment Fund. Mr. Naqvi is also on the advisory council of the Emerging Markets Private Equity Association.

In 2007 and 2008, PEI identified Mr. Naqvi as one of the 50-most influential people in the global private equity industry. In 2006, he was awarded the highest civilian honor in Pakistan, the Sitari-e-Imtiaz, by the republic's president. Mr. Naqvi was educated at the London School of Economics and previously worked with Arthur Andersen, American Express Bank, Saudi Arabia's Olayan Group and The Cupola Group, which he founded in 1994.

# **Craig Alexander Newmark**

Founder, Craigslist

Craig Alexander Newmark is an Internet entrepreneur best known for founding San Francisco-based website craigslist and shaking up the classified advertising business. In 1995, he started craigslist which serves as a non-commercial community bulletin board with classifieds and discussion forums. Using a common sense, down-to-earth approach, craigslist strives to make the 'net more personal and authentic, while advocating social responsibility through the promotion of small, non-profit organizations. As a senior Web-oriented software engineer, he has become a leader in online community by virtue of running www.craigslist.org for over 9 years. He's compiled extensive experience evangelizing, leading and building, including work at Bank of America and Charles Schwab. He attended college at Case Western Reserve University.

## Ibrahim Moukouop Nguena

Founder and CEO, Megasoft Cameroun

Ibrahim Moukouop Nguena is the founder and CEO of Megasoft Cameroun, an information technology company in Cameroon.

After graduating from the National Polytechnic Institute in Yaoundé with an engineering degree in computer sciences, Mr. Moukoup created Megasoft Cameroun in 2000. A lecturer at the Polytechnic Institute, he directs the Polytech-Valor project which promotes entrepreneurship among young engineers.

As a young entrepreneur from a Muslim-influenced community in West Cameroon, Mr. Moukouop encourages young Muslims into entrepreneurship and assists graduates in the difficult job market of Cameroon. He is also a consultant for the International Labor Organization and for the National Social Insurance Company in Cameroon.

# Papa Yusupha Njie

CEO, Unique Solutions

Mr. Papa Yusupha Njie is the founder and CEO of Unique Solutions, one of the leading information and communication technologies (ICT) service and solution providers in The Gambia.

One of Mr. Njie's achievements was launching Unique Solutions' groundbreaking broadband Internet and data services network in 2008. The network provides wireless and fixed Internet and data connections to corporations, schools, non-governmental organizations, government institutions and homes well beyond the greater Banjul area. With this expanded network, Unique Solutions became the private Internet and VPN service provider offering the farthest reaching rural connectivity coverage in The Gambia.

Mr. Njie serves as the First Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Regional ICT Employers' Organization in West Africa. In 2006, The Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry selected Mr. Njie as Young Entrepreneur of the Year, and nominated him again for this award in 2008. Mr. Njie was also nominated for The Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 2008 Business Man of the Year. He was nominated for the 2009 Entrepreneur of the Year and Unique Solutions was nominated for 2009 Small and Medium Enterprise of the Year.

Mr. Njie is a graduate of Middlesex University with a degree in electronic engineering and management.

# Vivian Labib Noeur CEO, Charisma Arts

Ms. Labib graduated from the Egyptian Fine Arts College in 1997 as an interior designer. Having a passion for both arts and marketing, Ms. Labib started marketing handmade crafts that were made by Egyptian artisans, locally through exhibitions and internationally through the Internet. She created her first (free hosting) primary site (www.charisma-arts.4t.com) in 1997.

In 2002, she was selected by the Egyptian Women's Council in Egypt to receive a six-month scholarship to study Internet web mastering which was part of the Egyptian government's plan to select leaders among Egyptian women to develop awareness of e-commerce applications. After she completed this program in 2002, she started her second online site, www.charisma-arts.net.

# **Jacqueline Novogratz**

Chief Executive Officer, Acumen Fund

As Acumen Fund's Founder and CEO, Jacqueline Novogratz is responsible for the vision behind Acumen Fund's unique approach to using philanthropic capital to invest in scalable businesses that serve the poor with life-changing goods and services. She has led the Acumen Fund team since its launch in 2001, and under her leadership the Fund has invested \$40 million in over 35 companies serving 25 million low-income customers in the developing world (as of April 2009).

Prior to Acumen Fund, Ms. Novogratz founded and directed The Philanthropy Workshop and The Next Generation Leadership program at the Rockefeller Foundation. She began her career in international banking with Chase Manhattan Bank and she founded Duterimbere, a microfinance institution in Rwanda. Ms. Novogratz currently serves on the Board of the Aspen

Institute as well as the advisory councils of Stanford Graduate School of Business and MIT's Legatum Center. She is an Aspen Institute Henry Crown Fellow, a Synergos Institute Senior Fellow and has received honors including Ernst & Young's 2008 Entrepreneur of the Year Award, the 2009 CASE Leadership in Social Entrepreneurship Award and AWNY's 2009 Changing the Game Award. Ms. Novogratz is a frequent speaker at international conferences, including the World Economic Forum, the Clinton Global Initiative and TED. Jacqueline has an MBA from Stanford and a BA in Economics/International Relations from the University of Virginia. She is the author of the bestselling memoir, The Blue Sweater: Bridging the Gap Between Rich and Poor in an Interconnected World, published in early 2009.

# Milena Novy-Marx Program Officer, MacArthur Foundation

Dr. Novy-Marx joined the MacArthur Foundation in 2003 and co-led a two-year effort to develop the Foundation's Initiative on Global Migration and Human Mobility. She also manages the Foundation's work on international development, where she has led an effort to create the new, interdisciplinary Master's in Development Practice degree at universities worldwide. She previously worked for the World Bank, USAID, and as an economic consultant on anti-trust issues. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a former board member of the African Economic Research Consortium. A Fulbright Scholar, she earned her B.A. in political science from Yale University, and her M.P.A. in economic policy and her Ph.D. with a focus on economics and development from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

# **Omowale Ogunrinde**

## Executive Director, Foundation for Skills Development

Ms. Omowale Ogunrinde serves as the Executive Director of the Foundation for Skills Development (FSD), a vocational and technical training center for unemployed adults, youth, the physically challenged, and others.

The Foundation's training center aims to empower 5,000 people annually with skills for self-employment. Training, which can be offered to up to 200 individuals at a time, covers business management and practical vocational training. The Africa Leadership Forum (a partner of the Central Bank of Nigeria) nominated the FSD to run training for small and medium scale entrepreneurs to learn the necessary skills to access loans, set up viable businesses, and grow existing businesses.

Ms. Ogunrinde participated in the United States Department of State International Visitors Leadership Program. She used knowledge gained from her trip to employ self-help funding as seed money to turn FSD into a self-sustaining business. FSD provides skills training in one of the poorer areas of Lagos State and serves as a model business for vocational skills training programs.

#### Slim Othmani

## CEO, New Algerian Can Company

Slim Othmani is CEO of New Algerian Can Company – Nouvelle Conserverie Algerienne - NCA, a family business. He was born in 1957 in Algeria but grew up in Tunisia where he received his higher education and graduated in computer science from the faculty of Sciences of Tunis. He also has a degree from the South Mediterranean School of Business in Tunis. After several years in Canada, he returned to Algeria in the mid-1990s. In 1999, he took over from his father as CEO of NCA.

Mr. Othmani is working to develop partnerships with entrepreneurs from Tunisia and Morocco to cut through government impediments and achieve cross-border private investment in the Maghreb - across Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya. He is also an active member of the business entrepreneurs' think-tank Center for Enterprise Action and Thought (CARE). He chaired the government task force that drafted the Algerian Corporate Governance Code. Mr. Othmani is an active member in the premier Algerian Forum of Heads of Enterprises (FCE) and is driving the FCE to deepen relations between universities and the corporate world.

Mr. Othmani brings to the summit the perspective of an entrepreneur working to form networks of entrepreneurs across borders. From his work in CARE, he also brings to the table his experience in promoting good corporate governance and corporate social engagement.

#### **Jonathan Ortmans**

President, Global Entrepreneurship Week Senior Fellow, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

As President of Global Entrepreneurship Week on behalf of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Jonathan Ortmans has worked to align more than 85 countries to inspire, connect, mentor and engage the next generation of entrepreneurs. He has helped assemble an informal coalition of more than 500 organizations dedicated to stimulating entrepreneurial activity in emerging economies as well as economic powerhouses. During the 2009 Entrepreneurship Week Campaign more than 10 million people participated in over 35,000 activities. Ortmans serves as a senior fellow at the Kauffman Foundation where he advises the Foundation on its global footprint and its interface with policymakers through the Policy Dialogue on Entrepreneurship (hosted on entrepreneurship.org), a public policy initiative to focus attention on the importance of entrepreneurship to the economy and society. He started his first business at the age of 19 in his native United Kingdom and his second at 34 after a career on Capitol Hill working for the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee focusing on trade policy.

Previously, Mr. Ortmans served as executive director of the Columbia Institute for Political Research, concentrating on health care economic policy. Currently, he also serves as president of the Public Forum Institute, an independent, nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization that enjoys strong bi-partisan congressional support in fostering public discourse on major issues of the day.

## Sally Osberg

## President, Skoll Foundation

Sally Osberg is a recognized leader in the social sector for her work in advancing the field of social entrepreneurship. The Skoll Foundation drives large-scale change by investing in, connecting, and celebrating social entrepreneurs and other innovators dedicated to solving the world's most pressing problems. As President and CEO of the Skoll Foundation, she leads the foundation's team in identifying and supporting innovators who are pioneering effective, sustainable solutions to global challenges.

Ms. Osberg sits on the boards of the Oracle Education Foundation and Partners for Sustainable Development. She formerly served as a member of the board and as President of the Association of Children's Museums, on the boards of the American Association of Museums and Women and Philanthropy and on both the Silicon Valley chapter and national boards of the American Leadership Forum.

As the inaugural Executive Director of the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, Ms. Osberg guided the museum from its inception to national recognition as a model in the museum field and the broader arena of informal learning. Sally has held adjunct faculty positions at Hamilton College and Utica College of Syracuse University, where she was also co-director of the Writing Center. As Managing Editor for the Center for California Public Affairs, she oversaw the publication of reference works in consumer and environmental affairs.

Ms. Osberg earned her M.A. in literature from the Claremont Graduate School and her B.A. in English from Scripps College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1998 she received the John Gardner Leadership Award from the American Leadership Forum, and in 1999 the San Jose Mercury News named her as one of the "Millennium 100."

## Cem Özdemir

## Co-Chairman, German PartyAlliance'90/The Greens

Cem Özdemir is a German politician who was born in 1965 in Bad Urach/Baden-Württemberg. He has been the co-Chairman of the German Party Alliance '90/The Greens since 2008 and has been a member of the German Green Party since 1981. From 1989 to 1994, he was a member of the Party's regional council for the federal state of Baden-Württemberg. He was elected to the Bundestag (German Parliament) in 1994, making him the first German-born second-generation immigrant to be a representative in the Bundestag. From 1998 until 2002, Mr. Özdemir was the Green Party's Parliamentary Spokesman on Domestic Affairs and Chairman of the German-Turkish Parliamentary Group. In 2003, worked as a Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, where he researched transatlantic relations. Mr. Özdemir is a founding member of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR).

#### **Farah Pandith**

## Special Representative to Muslim Communities, State Department

Farah Pandith was appointed Special Representative to Muslim Communities in June 2009. Her office is responsible for executing Secretary Clinton's vision for engagement with Muslims around the world on a people-to-people and organizational level. She reports directly to the Secretary of State.

Prior to this appointment, she was Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs. In this role she was focused on Muslim communities in Europe where she was responsible for policy oversight for integration, democracy, and Islam in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. She also worked on issues relating to countering violent Islamic extremism.

Before joining the Department of State, she served as the Director for Middle East Regional Initiatives for the National Security Council. Special Representative Pandith served on the staff of the National Security Council from December 2004 to February 2007. Prior to joining the NSC, Special Representative Pandith was Chief of Staff for the Bureau for Asia and the Near East for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). She received a Master's degree from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, where she specialized in International Security Studies, Islamic Civilizations and Southwest Asia, and International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution. Special Representative Pandith received an A.B. in Government and Psychology from Smith College, where she was president of the student body. She has served as a Trustee of alma maters Smith College and Milton Academy. She is currently a member of the Board of Overseers of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. She was born in Srinagar, Kashmir, India.

#### Hassan Parsa

Managing Director, Silkroad Ventures

Mr. Parsa is the Managing Director of Silkroad Ventures, an accelerator for business initiatives in Turkey and other developing countries in the region, including the Balkans, FSU and the Middle-East. Based in Istanbul and with liaison offices in New York, London, Moscow and Dubai, SRV provides a full range of business development services in order to ensure successful kick-off, sustainable growth, international roll-out and sustainable financing.

Mr. Parsa is a seasoned hi-tech business development executive who is an effective leader with a strong strategic focus and an excellent track record of investing in and growing successful companies. Mr. Parsa has substantial experience in communications and semiconductors industries in both public and private companies. Expertise in corporate strategy, business development, strategic partnerships, M&A and venture capital with over 25 transactions with

aggregate consideration exceeding \$1B. Experienced in leading companies in strategic transformation, new market penetration and growth acceleration.

### **Eboo Patel**

## Founder and Executive Director, Interfaith Youth Core

Named by US News & World Report as one of America's Best Leaders of 2009, Mr. Patel is the founder and Executive Director of Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a Chicago-based institution building the global interfaith youth movement. Author of the award-winning book Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation, Mr. Patel is also a regular contributor to the Washington Post, National Public Radio and CNN. He is a member of President Obama's Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship.

Mr. Patel serves on the Religious Advisory Committee of the Council on Foreign Relations, on the Board of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the National Committee of the Aga Khan Foundation USA. He has spoken at the TED Conference, the Clinton Global Initiative, the Nobel Peace Prize Forum and universities around the world, and has written for the Chicago Tribune, the Review of Faith and International Affairs, and the Sunday Times of India. Mr. Patel is a Young Global Leader in the World Economic Forum and an Ashoka Fellow, part of a select group of social entrepreneurs whose ideas are changing the world. He was named by Islamica Magazine as one of ten young Muslim visionaries shaping Islam in America; was chosen by Harvard's Kennedy School Review as one of five future policy leaders to watch; and along with IFYC was honored with the Roosevelt Institute's Freedom of Worship Medal in 2009.

## **Robert Pepper**

Senior Managing Director, Cisco

Robert Pepper is the Senior Managing Director of the Global Advanced Technology Policy unit at Cisco Systems Inc. He leads a team driving Cisco's global agenda for advanced technology policy in areas such as IP enabled services, broadband, wireless and security.

Dr. Pepper joined Cisco in July 2005 from the FCC where he served as Chief of the Office of Plans and Policy and Chief of Policy Development beginning in 1989 where he focused on issues cutting across traditional industry and institutional boundaries as a result of new technologies and convergence. He also has served as Director of the Annenberg Washington Program, Acting Associate Administrator at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), worked at the National Science Foundation, and has held academic appointments at the Universities of Iowa, Indiana, and Pennsylvania, and was a research affiliate at Harvard University. He serves on the board of directors of the U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI), the advisory boards for Columbia University and Michigan State University, is a Communications Program Fellow at the Aspen Institute and a non-resident

Fellow at the Annenberg Center at the University of Southern California. He also is a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Spectrum Management Advisory Committee. Dr. Pepper received his BA and PhD from the University of Wisconsin.

#### **Shervin Pishevar**

## Co-founder & CEO, Social Gaming Network

Shervin Pishevar is the CEO and co-founder of the Palo Alto, CA based Social Gaming Network or SGN as it's known throughout the industry. SGN is the developer of iGolf, iBowl and the recently-released iBaseball. He is an active angel investor or advisor in such companies as Aardvark, LaunchboxDigital, Kissmetrics, Medialets, Handmedowns, Hotprints and Fotomoto. Mr. Pishevar was a member of the Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) policy working group that helped create the Obama Technology and Innovation Plan. He has an extensive track record for technology innovation and his achievements have been highlighted by the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, New York Times, LA Times, CNN and CNBC.

Mr. Pishevar received his B.A (Interdisciplinary Studies) from the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Pishevar completed over a year of graduate course work in Health Economics at the University of California at Berkeley School of Public Health. Mr. Pishevar's research accomplishments include co-authoring a seminal article in JAMA when he was 21 years old that helped lead to the Istanbul Protocol, the first set of international guidelines for documentation of torture. It became a United Nations official document in 1999. Mr. Pishevar independently invented a patented new method for lysing Malaria-infected erythrocytes while an undergraduate at UC-Berkeley (Patent Number 6,384,015) along with 3 other allowed patents. His malaria research was a continuation of his high school research project on the magainin peptide.

#### Mirlinda Kusari Purrini

#### President, Women's Business Association

Mirlinda Kusari Purrini is an economist by profession, having earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Pristina in 1991. In 1999, following the establishment of peace in Kosovo, she took the initiative to establish a local non-governmental organization which would engage in humanitarian and development work. During the course of her work with the NGO "SHE-ERA," she has been involved in many projects, studies and research. She was instrumental in setting up the Kosovo Women's Business Association.

With 15 years of international experience, Ms. Purrini strives to improve her managerial competencies constantly. She maximizes her opportunities through high energy, creativity and a capacity to make things happen. She has collaborated closely with the U.S., the E.U., and others. Ms. Purrini travels overseas frequently to attend economic forums and sees herself as an economic ambassador for her country--a point of reference for potential international donors and a consultant for governmental and non-governmental agencies.

## Iqbal Z. Quadir

## Founder and Director, Legatum Center

Professor Iqbal Z. Quadir is the founder and director of the Legatum Center for Development and Entrepreneurship at MIT and Professor of the Practice of Development and Entrepreneurship at MIT. Mr. Quadir is an accomplished entrepreneur who writes about the critical roles of entrepreneurship and innovations in improving the economic and political conditions in low-income countries. He is often credited as having been the earliest observer of the potential for mobile phones to transform low-income countries. His work has been recognized by leaders and organizations worldwide as a new and successful approach to sustainable poverty alleviation.

Mr. Quadir was a founder of GrameenPhone Ltd., which is Bangladesh's largest telephone company. His childhood exposure to the conditions in rural Bangladesh combined with his later venture capital experience in New York led him to recognize that the ensuing digital revolution could facilitate the introduction of telephony to 100 million people living in rural Bangladesh.

Mr. Quadir appeared on CBC, CNN and PBS and was profiled in feature articles in The Economist, Boston Globe, Financial Times and The New York Times, and in several books. The World Economic Forum, based in Geneva, Switzerland, selected him as a "Global Leader for Tomorrow." In 2006, Mr. Quadir was awarded the prestigious Science, Education and Economic Development (SEED) award in Bangladesh. In spring 2007, Wharton Alumni Magazine selected Quadir for its list of 125 Influential People and Ideas on the occasion of the 125-year celebration of the Wharton School. His work is referred to in 20 books and is prominently featured in the 2007 book, You Can Hear Me Now, by Nicholas Sullivan (Jossey-Bass).

Earlier in his career, Mr. Quadir served as a vice president of Atrium Capital Corp., an associate of Security Pacific Merchant Bank, both in New York, and a consultant to the World Bank in Washington DC. He received an MBA and an MA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and a BS with honors from Swarthmore College.

## **Lubna Qassim**

# Legal Reform Specialist

Lubna Qassim recently headed the Legal and Regulatory Affairs Department and was the former Executive Director at the Dubai Economic Council. She has worked on comprehensive legislative reforms and advised both the local and federal UAE government on legislation, such as the Foreign Investment Law, Companies Law, Labor Law, Competition Law, where she advocated legal policies and legislation on insolvency and entrepreneurship. Earlier, she worked for the law firm Clifford Chancein the corporate and commercial departments of both its Dubai and London offices. She at present sits on the Global Economic Symposium Fellows Advisory Committee of the Kiel University of the World Economy.

Ms. Qassim, a UAE national, graduated from Brunel University, United Kingdom, with an Honours Degree in law and gained a Distinction Postgraduate Degree in law from Leeds

University, United Kingdom. She is a pioneer in her field and the first UAE national to have read law in the U.K. and completed the English solicitor's exams, on both of which she received honours. She has written many publications and is a member of the Law Society of England and Wales.

She speaks fluently in five languages and at present is learning Mandarin

## **Ibrahim Quershi**

## Founder and Director, Raffles Pvt Limited

Ibrahim Quershi is the founder and Director of Raffles Pvt Limited. Raffles is the first locally assembled Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) branded computer system. All the computer parts of Raffles Branded System are being manufactured by leading manufacturers of Southeast Asia. Today Raffles is an Intel Premier Partner in Pakistan, Intel Preferred Education Partner and Microsoft Gold Certified and Named Account Partner, the first company to attain this title in Pakistan. In 2006, a joint venture between Raffles and Apple Computers was established. Today the Apple brand and all its services are available across Pakistan. The Apple and Raffles partnership grew its market segment by 300 percent. Raffles represents Apple as an Authorized Distributor for Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In 2008, during a very difficult investment period, Mr. Qureshi took on the challenge of opening the First Apple Premium Store in South Asia. U.S. Ambassador Anne Patterson inaugurated this Apple Premium store and called it a "historic day between Pakistan and America for business Partnership." Mr. Qureshi also established the American Business Forum in Pakistan. Today, the Forum boasts over 40 American companies as members and is focused on protecting the interest of American companies on the ground, helping usher in more investment, and developing good liaisons with the government. Mr. Qureshi is the vice president of the American Business Forum, president of the Pakistan Computer Association, was awarded "Business Man of the Year" in 2008, and sits on the board of directors of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

## Sirajuddin Qureshi

### President, India Islamic Cultural Center

Sirajuddin Qureshi is a well known industrialist and community leader based in New Delhi. Founder and president of the influential India Islamic Cultural Center (IICC), Mr. Qureshi has worked to improve the economic situation of the Muslim community in India. To this end, Mr. Qureshi has introduced English language courses at IICC, as well as training seminars and networking events. Hehas championed the cause the poor and downtrodden segments of Indian society, irrespective of their faith or caste.

Mr. Qureshi is the Chairman and mManaging director of the Hind Group of Industries. After a distinguished academic career at Delhi University, Mr. Qureshi could see that the poverty and

illiteracy are the biggest obstacles for the Muslim community, and decided to get into business. Now, he is reputed to be one of India's largest exporters of fresh and frozen meat to 45 countries with a turnover of over 5,000 million rupees. His two Delhi-based companies, the Hind Industries Ltd (HIL) and the Hind Agro-Industries Ltd (HAIL) market their products under brand names "EATCO" and "SIBACO," which have become household names in Gulf countries. Mr. Qureshi was instrumental behind the current Indian government policies to modernize the slaughterhouses all over the country. His companies have won several export excellence awards.

## **Amy Rosen**

## President and CEO, Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship

Amy Rosen is the President and CEO of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE, formerly The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship), a non-profit organization that provides entrepreneurship education programs to young people from low-income communities Ms. Rosen is also currently Chairman of the Board of TEAM SCHOOLS, a group of highly successful KIPP charter schools in Newark. She previously served on the Board of SEEDS, a nonprofit organization that identifies and provides high-achieving, low-income students with academic enrichment opportunities, and on the Board of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center.

Ms. Rosen has spent more than 25 years in positions of leadership in both the private and public sectors, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that to NFTE. She is a nationally recognized expert in comprehensive urban school-system-reform strategies where she has worked to close the achievement gap by providing all young people with high quality educational opportunities. For the past ten years, Ms. Rosen has been an active participant in public education reform where she has applied her management skills and experience with complex constituencies to urban school districts challenged with the task of closing the achievement gap.

Before joining NFTE, Ms. Rosen was a founding partner of Public Private Strategy Group (PPSG), a privately held management consulting and financial advisory firm. She has also served as an advisor to Mayor Bloomberg's team and as COO for New Visions, a large non-profit committed to systemic reform of New York Public Schools. She currently is on the faculty at Columbia Business School where she teaches Education Leadership to MBA students.

Ms. Rosen completed an Executive Management Program at Harvard Business School, and received her B.A. in political studies from Pitzer College. She was a 2004 Fellow at the Broad Urban Superintendents Academy.

#### Harold Rosen

## Executive Director, Grassroots Business Fund

Harold Rosen is GBF's executive director. In May 2004, Harold founded IFC's Grassroots Business Initiative (GBI), which he managed until 2008, when it was restructured and spun off to become the Grassroots Business Fund (GBF). GBF provides investment capital and capacity building to high impact social enterprises in several developing countries across the globe.

Prior to his work with GBI and GBF, Mr. Rosen worked at with the World Bank Group for over 30 years. He served as an investment officer in IFC's Latin America and Africa Departments; as manager for IFC Financial Planning and Policy; as a member of the task force that started the World Bank Group operations in the former Soviet Union; as manager of IFC's Asia Department; and as director of IFC's Central and Southern European Department. He has both funded and managed large IFC investment portfolios and has played a major role in starting IFC's microfinance and SME activities; this included the creation and management of the Mekong, South Asia and Southeast Europe Small Enterprise Facilities. Mr. Rosen has helped IFC move into a number of new approaches, geographic markets, products and services. In March 2000, Harold created and served as director of the Small and Medium Enterprise department, a joint IFC/World Bank department. He worked with this group until creating GBI in 2004.

Mr. Rosen joined the World Bank Group in 1978 through the Young Professionals Program. He holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, as well as bachelors and master's degree in regional science from the University of Pennsylvania.

#### Wissam Rabadi

# Director, iPark Technology Incubator and Director

Wissam Rhabadi is currently the Director of the iPark Technology Incubator and Director of the Jordan Office of the Arab Science and Technology Foundation. He was the director of research and business development at KADDB-Electronic Systems Group; he worked also as professor of computer engineering at American University in Dubai and director of strategy development at the Zakroff Group. He has over 15 years experience with U.S. Fortune 500 companies, start-ups and SMEs, and universities. The HCST initiative to establish iPark ICT Business Incubator stems from the belief that incubators offer a great added value for Jordan as resources of support for start-ups and early-stage companies.

## **Kavil Ramachandran**

#### Associate Dean, Indian School of Business

Kavil Ramachandran has taught at two of the most prestigious business schools in India: the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (1986-2001), and the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad (since 2001). He specializes in the interface of family business, entrepreneurship,

and strategic management. Dr. Ramachandran has been able to develop deep insight into resource building and competitive strategies of new and growth firms and family businesses. He has designed, developed, and taught courses applying different combinations these research areas in M.B.A., doctoral, and executive programs. Dr. Ramachandran has been published extensively in national and international journals and has served as a consultant to business families, firms, and national and international organizations.

Dr. Ramachandran has served on several prestigious committees, such as the Program Committee, Family Business Network (FBN) Summit (2008); the National Advisory Committee on Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Parks/Technology Business Incubators, Government of India (since 2003); the National Advisory Committee on Entrepreneurship Development, Government of India (since 2004); the Editorial Board, Venture Capital, UK (1999-03); the External Management Review Panel of ICRISAT of the World Bank Group (2003); the Union Public Service Commission, Government of India (2000); the Vision for Venture Capital Industry, Committee of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (1999) and the Task Force on Information Technology, Confederation of Indian Industry, Gujarat (1999).

Dr. Ramachandran received his Ph.D. in business management from Cranfield University and his master's degree in commerce at the University of Calicut, India.

# Dato' Sri Edmund Santhara Kumar a/l Ramanaldu Executive Director & Group CEO, Masterskill Education Group Berhad

Dato' Sri Santhara Kumar a/l Ramanaldu is the Executive Director and Group Chief Executive Officer of Masterskill Education Group Berhad. He purchased a stake in the ailing Masterskill School of Nursing and Healthcare in 2004 and has transformed it into the largest nursing and health college in the Asia-Pacific region. He was the first to make study loans accessible to potential students, a paradigm shift from the traditional pathway via government or hospital sponsorships. Within three years, he escalated Masterskill's revenue from \$600,000 in 2004 to \$17.5 million in 2006, becoming an award winning college with a 10,000-student capacity. In 2008, Masterskill was upgraded to university-college status and plans are underway to make it one of the largest health institutes of its kind with a capacity of 25,000.

Dato' Sri Edmund Santhara was awarded the Brand Personality Award by the Asia Pacific Brands Foundation and The Brand Laureate in 2009. He was named Malaysia's Ernst & Young Emerging Entrepreneur Award of the Year 2007 and simultaneously won the Malaysian Entrepreneur of the Year Award to represent Malaysia in Monte Carlo at the Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He was also selected to receive the 2007 National Youth Award from the Prime Minister of Malaysia on the National Youth Day. In November 2008, Dato' Sri Edmund Santhara represented Malaysia in the Creative Young Entrepreneur Award competition at the Junior Chamber International World Congress in New Delhi and won the award.

He graduated in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Universiti Kebangasaan Malaysia. He subsequently obtained an MBA from the University of Strathclyde,

Scotland, in 1998. He also obtained a postgraduate diploma in marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, Malaysia, in 1999. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in business administration at the University of Newcastle, Australia.

# Issad Rebrab CEO, Civital Group

Issad Rebrab is one of Algeria's industrial titans. Mr. Rabrab is CEO of the Civital group, Algeria's largest manufacturer, which has 12 subsidiaries involved in food processing, construction materials, prefab housing, and electronic appliances. Now employing 15,000 people, his group plans to expand and invest \$12 billion by 2012 and create 10,000 new jobs.

Issad Rebrab's other holdings are the French-language daily newspaper *Liberte* and the Hyundai Motors branch in Algeria, of which he is the president. In addition, Mr. Rebrab is the executive representative of Korean Samsung Electronics in Algeria with his subsidiary Samha. He is the major participant in the Desertec project for the production of solar energy in the Algerian desert with German and other European companies, including ABENGOA Solar, Deutsche Bank, HSH Nordbank, MAN Solar Millennium, Munich Re, M+W Zander, and SIEMENS. He is also the Algerian representative of car rental company Europear.

Mr. Rebrab has plans to develop a \$20 billion project in Cap Djenet in Boumerdes called Cap 2015, which is to include a large industrial zone with a deep-water container port.

#### **Abdul-Monem Rifai**

### Investment Banker, CI Capital Holding

Abdul-Monem Rifai has been a Senior Analyst and Investment Banker with CI Capital Holding since 2003. As investment banker, Mr. Rifai efficiently reallocates capital; from those who have it to those who need it. By filling this gap, Mr. Rifai has brought investors together and provides opportunities. As a Senior Analyst with CI Capital, Mr. Rifai's duties include carry out financial modeling to develop valuation ranges for target companies and conducting investor profiling.

CI Capital Holding is one of the leading investment banks in Egypt, with LE 550 million of paid in capital. In July of 2008 the group was acquired by the Commercial International Bank (largest private bank in Egypt) to create the largest fully integrated banking & financial services group in the country.

CI Capital places great stress on relationship management. We believe that the success of our business, as financial advisors lies within integrity, perseverance and a commitment to our obligations. Based on these foundations, CI Capital works closely with our affiliate, partners, and entrepreneurs who approach us to help them fulfill their goals and maximize returns. Over the years, CI Capital has had a direct hand in supporting firms that have become today industry sector leaders. CI Capital has also recently set up a Private Equity division aimed at targeting

potential industrial and venture capital projects locally in Egypt and internationally. CI Capital's newest fund LE 250 million is 30% invested to date.

#### **Ennis Rimawi**

## Managing Partner for Catalyst Private Equity (Cleantech)

Ennis Rimawi is Managing Partner for Catalyst Private Equity (Cleantech). Catalyst is the Arab region's first specialized Energy and Water Technology (Cleantech) Fund. Catalyst's current portfolio ranges from solar solutions companies to specialized oil/gas efficiency tools companies. Catalyst has also provided advisory services to Saudi Aramco in R&D commercialization. Over the past 18 years Mr. Rimawi's focus has been on technology business building, turnarounds, manufacturing, and investment structuring in the U.S. and the Arab region.

He is the founder of ONEWORLD Software Solutions and led the subsequent turnaround of Estarta Solutions, which is partially owned by Microsoft and Cisco. During this period Mr. Rimawi also led several private equity investment transactions from both the "sell side" and the "buy side." Additionally, he is the executive Chairman of Millennium Energy Industries, Chairman of X3M International, and a director of Omni Oil Technologies. Mr. Rimawi is a founder of NetCorps (NGO) and the MIT Arab Alumni Association, and a member of the YPO, YAL, and Young Global Leaders.

Ennis Rimawi is a graduate of MIT's Leaders for Manufacturing Fellows Program. He holds a B.S. in engineering systems ('91) from MIT, an M.S. in environmental ngineering ('96) from MIT, and an M.B.A. from the MIT Sloan School of Management ('96).

## **Linda Rottenberg**

# Co-founder & CEO, Endeavor

Linda Rottenberg is the CEO and Co-founder of Endeavor, a global non-profit that is transforming emerging market countries by establishing High-Impact Entrepreneurship as the leading force for sustainable economic development. Headquartered in New York, Endeavor has 10 country affiliates in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, Jordan, Mexico, South Africa, Turkey and Uruguay. In the past decade, Endeavor has screened more than 20,000 entrepreneurs and certified 486 with High-Impact potential. Of these, 409 created more than 100,000 jobs and generated more than \$3.15 billion in revenues in 2008 alone.

In 2008, Ms. Rottenberg was named by US News & World Report as one of "America's Best Leaders." Last year Dell named her one of America's "heroes" in their "Take Your Own Path" campaign. New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman called Linda a "mentor capitalist" in his bestseller The World Is Flat 2.0. She has won numerous awards, including Veuve Clicquot's Woman of the Year, is the subject of three Harvard Business School and Stanford Graduate School of Business case studies and has been profiled in Time, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Forbes, Fast Company, Inc. and The Economist.

Ms. Rottenberg is a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Entrepreneurship, YPO Manhattan and the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2007, she became the first female chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School and B.A. magna cum laude in Social Studies from Harvard University.

### Nicolas Rouhana

## Director, Berytech Technological Pole

Nicolas Rouhana has been the director of business incubation at Berytech Technological Pole since 2002. Berytech is the first facility in Lebanon offering scientific research, technological innovation, economic dynamism, and business expertise at a single facility. Since opening in 2002, Berytech has significantly contributed to economic growth in Lebanon by providing new work opportunities to young professionals, keeping them from seeking careers abroad.

Mr. Rouhana is also an Associate Professor on the Faculty of Engineering, University Saint-Joseph (Lebanon) where his focus is on projects in networking systems and telecom networks for undergraduate engineering classes. Internet He has published more than 15 articles and publications for international conferences and IEEE symposiums.

### Nadia Roumani

## Director, American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute

Nadia Roumani is the Director of the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute, a faith-based leadership training and civic engagement program that strengthens young leaders in the Muslim community who are working towards the full participation of Muslims in American public life. In addition to her work with AMCLI, Ms. Roumani is the consultant program officer for the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art's Building Bridges Program, which aims to improve understanding between the U.S. and Muslim societies through the use of arts, media, culture, education and cross-cultural exchanges.

Ms. Roumani is also the Principal of Roumani Consulting LLC and she consults regularly for several international organizations, foundations, and nonprofit organizations. She has consulted for the World Bank, United Nations Development Program, UN Alliance of Civilizations, the Brookings Institution, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Four Freedoms Fund, the Rothschild Foundation, and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

Ms. Roumani was the interim director for the Women Leaders Intercultural Forum, and a Senior Associate at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, where she co-founded the Global Policy Innovations Program. Between 2000 and 2004, Ms. Roumani was the Assistant Director of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue, a project directed by Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz, and a junior associate in Stiglitz's office at the World Bank from 1999-2000. Ms. Roumani is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, and a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Ms. Roumani received her master's degree from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, and her bachelor's degree in economics and international relations from Stanford University.

#### **Daniel Runde**

## Head of Philanthropy Relations

Daniel Runde works as s senior strategist in long-term sustainable solutions through collaborative efforts. He is Head of Philanthropy Relations for the Department of Partnerships & Advisory Service Operations at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group. He has positioned IFC as a partner of choice for private and corporate philanthropy and works with global, private and corporate foundations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Kauffman Foundation, Visa International among others. Previously, Mr. Runde was the Director of the Office of Global Development Alliances (GDA) at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID.

Mr. Runde received a Masters in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and holds a B.A., Cum Laude, from Dartmouth College.

### **Mariem Mint Mohamed Saleh**

Director, Mohamed Abbas Foundation (NGO)

Since January 2010, Ms. Mohamed Saleh has been the the director of the newly established Mohamed Abbas Foundation, which aims to educate young Mauritanians in business practices and then finance their business proposals with small business loans from BMCI Bank. The goal of this organization is to find young and creative Mauritanians interested in developing businesses in the technology and creative fields, which are currently under-represented in Mauritania.

Prior to working with the foundation Ms. Mohamed Saleh worked for BMCI Bank and established her own import/export company in Mauritania. Ms. Mohamed Saleh studied economics at The University of Nouakchott and business management and market strategy at Nanterre University in France. She also holds a master's degree in economic management.

## Taleb Salhab

## Program Director, Rockefeller Brothers Program

Taleb Salhab is program director for the Peace and Security program at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. The Rockefeller Brothers Fund's grantmaking program is organized around three themes: Democratic Practice, Sustainable Development, and Peace and Security and three pivotal places: New York City, Western Balkans, and Southern China.

Mr. Salhab has a broad range of experience working on policy issues related to U.S. global engagement, with particular emphasis on the Arab and Muslim worlds. He has also worked to improve and broaden U.S. public understanding of Arab Americans, Muslim Americans and Middle Eastern societies. Most recently, he served as director of the National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC), a program of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services. Under his leadership, the network grew from nine to 22 members in 11 states, and greatly expanded the scope and effectiveness of its programs, particularly in the areas of civic engagement, advocacy, policy, and national service.

Fluent in Arabic, Mr. Salhab has worked to bridge domestic and international institutions and constituencies throughout his career. He has been a resource to government and civic groups, serving as a speaker and facilitator for the National Democratic Institute, the Global Philanthropy Forum, the White House Fellows Program, and the U.S. Department of States' Foreign Service Institute and Bureau of International Information Programs. He also has served as an analyst and commentator on domestic and foreign policy issues on Arabic language satellite television, and a range of domestic and international media.

Mr. Salhab holds a Master of Arts in International Affairs and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Florida State University.

## Y.Bhg. Dato' Nadzmi Mohd. Salleh

Executive Chairman, Nadicorp Holdings Sdn Bhd

Mohd. Nadzmi took over Nadicorp Holdings in 1996. In less than two years he successfully turned around the company with his innovative management style. After the revamping of its corporate and operational structure, Nadicorp is today Malaysia's biggest Malay (Bumiputra) conglomerate and is at the forefront of the land transportation industry serving 60 million customers a year with 1,200 buses plying 234 routes throughout Peninsular Malaysia. He has been inducted into the prestigious membership of the "Global Leaders of Tomorrow" at the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland.

## Soraya Salti

Senior Vice President, Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Junior Achievement Worldwide

Soraya Salti is Senior Vice President, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) for Junior Achievement Worldwide, the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. Their Middle East program is called INJAZ Al Arab and Soraya Salti's mandate is to bring together the private and public sectors to help develop those in upcoming generations become successful entrepreneurs and corporate leaders for the region.

INJAZ is an independent, not-for-profit organization focused on youth development under the patronage of Queen Rania of Jordan that started its life as a Save the Children project funded by USAID. Under Ms. Salti's leadership INJAZ has expanded into 12 new countries, reaching an additional 500,000 young people.

Ms. Salti holds a B.A. in economics and accounting and is a member of Northwestern University's international executive M.B.A. program. A champion of social entrepreneurship, Soraya Salti's work has been recognized internationally - she is the 2009 winner of the Skoll Foundation Social Entrepreneurship award, as well as a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, and the 2006 winner of the Schwab Social Entrepreneur of the Year honor.

## Putera Sampoerna

Owner, Mansion

Putera Sampoerna served as the Chairman of PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna Tbk, a publicly listed tobacco company in Indonesia, from 2001-2005. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the company from 1980 and its president director through 2001. Mr. Sampoerna also served as president director and Chairman of a number of the company's subsidiaries. It was during his leadership that the family's Indonesian tobacco business succeeded inbecoming one of the "big five" tobacco companies in Indonesia and was built into the second largest listed company in Indonesia in terms of market capitalization.

Mr. Sampoerna studied internationally, including at the University of Houston, Texas. He founded the Sampoerna Foundation in 2001, which later changed its name to Putera Sampoerna Foundation, and he has been involved in philanthropic works throughout ASEAN countries for over 25 years. He serves with passion on the Board of Patrons of the foundation as Chairman. Putera Sampoerna Foundation is a professional philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the quality of and access to education in Indonesia; and constantly strives to innovate and improve in order to bring education to the forefront of the development agenda in Indonesia.

In March 2005, the Sampoerna family sold their controlling interest in the tobacco business to Philip Morris. Mr. Sampoerna has since taken a strategic decision to reinvest a substantial portion of the proceeds from the sale with a focus on his home market of Indonesia, to which end he established the Sampoerna Strategic group of companies. Currently, the Sampoerna Strategic Group through PT Sampoerna Strategic and other investment vehicles is investing in a number of affiliated companies which carry out businesses in palm oil, forestry, and telecommunications.

## **Ashar Saeed**

Managing Director, Inleva

Ashar Saeed is a founding management board member of CEDAR, Europe's first Muslim professionals' network, which was developed out of a series of trans-Atlantic workshops and seeded in Salzburg in November 2008. Here, Ashar Saeed heads the web development

committee that is responsible for creating an informative, interactive and resourceful online networking platform. He also plays a key role in setting up various community-based organizations both in the U.K. and Scandinavia to promote cultural and religious cohesion between communities. He is also a founding board member of DYT, a Swedish cooperative that offers consultancy services & educational courses to public sector organizations including government and local authorities as well as to the private sector in all matters relating to Muslims. DYT has to date educated and trained over 4,000 Swedish officials.

Mr. Saeed regularly takes part in public debates and has on various occasions been interviewed by BBC, CNN, Al-Jazeera, Islam Channel, the *Financial Times* and *The Guardian*, among others. He has also been featured in various publications and websites such as: *Techcrunch*, *Wired, Emel, The Virtual World News*, and *Dinar Standard*.

In his professional capacity, Ashar Saeed is the managing director of a Swedish medical and health care company. Mr. Saeed has also worked as senior vice president at the world's largest social media channel, Muxlim.com, where he headed the global sales and marketing operations from London. In addition, having launched his career as a stockbroker, he became a pioneer on the Islamic finance scene in the U.K. He developed the U.K.'s leading Islamic finance company operating within the ethical investments marketplace, offering Shariah-compliant investment products. Ashar Saeed has also held senior management positions in renowned organizations such as Swedbank, IslamiQ Financial Services, and AON.

Brought up in Sweden, Mr. Saeed obtained a degree in human and organizational psychology and political science, after which he took postgraduate courses in business management from IHM Business School, Sweden. He recently completed an M.A. in international relations.

# Ferit Şahenk

## Chairman, Doğuş Holding

Ferit Şahenk is the Chairman of Doğuş Holding, the parent company of the Doğuş Group of Companies. The Group operates mainly in service industries, including: financial services, automotive distribution, construction, tourism and leisure, media, real estate and energy. In addition to his position as Chairman of the Group, Mr. Şahenk currently chairs the board of Garanti Bank.

Mr. Şahenk joined the Group operations in the financial sector in 1991 by founding Garanti Securities. In three years under his management, Garanti Securities became one of the largest of over 100 brokerage houses in Turkey. In 1994, Mr. Şahenk restructured Garanti Securities into an Investment Bank of the Group where he acted as the Executive Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Şahenk is a member of the Advisory Committee of Ambrosetti Forum, the Advisory Board of MIT Sloan School and World Economic Forum (WEF) Young Global Leaders Program. He was selected "Businessman of the Year 2004" by *The Economist* magazine in Turkey. Mr. Şahenk is the former Chairman of the Turkish U.S Business Council and member of the board of the umbrella organization, Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK) in Turkey. He is also a

member of the board of the Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association (TUSİAD) and president of the Economic and Financial Affairs Commission under TUSIAD. Mr. Şahenk received his bachelor's degree in marketing and human resources from Boston College in 1987. He also participated in the Owner / President Management Program at Harvard University in 1997.

### Rajaa Sarghali

Owner, Al-Fajr TV station, Tulkarem

Rajaa Sarghali is the owner of Al-Fajr TV station in Tulkarem, the city's most popular local TV station. She is also the owner of a well-known kindergarten. She holds a degree in pharmacology from the University of Alexandria and she and her husband own one of the city's largest pharmacies. Ms. Sarghali embodies the challenge of being a successful businesswoman living in a city where being a businesswoman is not at all common. Tulkarem is located in the northern West Bank, and suffers from critical economic conditions and rising unemployment. Ms. Sarghali is active in women's issues and provides a strong role model to her community.

#### **Naguib Sawiris**

#### Founder, Orascom Telecom

Mr. Sawiris has been a board member of the GSM Association, representing Orascom Telecom Holding since January 2003. He is a member of the newly formed International Advisory Committee (IAC) of the New York Stock Exchange Board of Directors. He is a member of both the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of the Arab Thought Foundation, a Board of Trustees member and head of the Financial Committee of the French University in Cairo, a board member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs, the Consumer Rights Protection Association, and the Cancer Society of Egypt. Mr. Sawiris was also appointed to jointly chair the Italian-Egyptian Business Council for 2006-07.

Since his appointment with Orascom in 1979, Naguib Sawiris has continuously contributed to the growth and diversification of the company into what it is today – one of Egypt's largest and most diversified conglomerates with the largest market capitalization. Mr. Sawiris established and built the railway, information technology, and telecommunications sectors of Orascom. The extraordinary success of these ventures as well as the other sectors of the company led to the management decision to split Orascom into separate operating companies. Hence, in late 1997 Orascom Telecom Holding S.A.E. (OTH) and Orascom Technology Systems (OTS) were established and chaired by Mr. Sawiris.

As Chairman and CEO of OTH, Mr. Sawiris led the growth of the company at a rapid pace, to become the leading regional telecommunications player. OTH operates GSM networks in seven different countries in the Middle East, Africa, and India, with over 30 million subscribers, and Internet service providersInternet (ISPs) and satellite service providers that serve over 500 million people.

Mr. Sawiris holds a diploma in mechanical engineering with a master's degree in technical administration from the Swiss Institute of Technology, ETH Switzerland. He speaks Arabic, English, German and French.

## Leonard A. Schlesinger

## President, Babson College

Leonard A. Schlesinger became the 12th president of Babson College in 2008. Dr. Schlesinger is well known for his pioneering research and publications on the "Service Profit Chain." He is the author or co-author of nine books and has written more than 40 articles for academic audiences as well as for *The New York Times*, *Fast Company*, and *Harvard Business Review*.

Dr. Schlesinger came to Babson from Limited Brands, where he served in executive positions, most recently as Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer at Au Bon Pain. His academic career includes 20 years at Harvard Business School where he served as the George Fisher Baker Jr. Professor of Business Administration, leading MBA and executive education programs. He also was architect and chair of Harvard Business School's MBA Essential Skills and Foundations programs.

President Schlesinger currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), a board member of the BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., a member of the corporation of the Winsor School, and is on the Board of Managers for StriVectin Holdings, LLC. He also serves as an Advisory Council Member of The 10,000 Small Businesses Initiative, as well as a member of the World Entrepreneurship Forum and the Council on Competitiveness. President Schlesinger earned a Doctor of Business Administration from Harvard Business School, an MBA from Columbia University, and a BA in American civilization from Brown University.

#### Robert N. Schmidt

#### Founder and Chairman, Cleveland Medical Devices and Orbital Research

Mr. Robert N. Schmidt is the Founder and Chairman of Cleveland Medical Devices Inc. and of Orbital Research Inc. Both Orbital Research and Cleveland Medical Devices (CleveMed) have been named to the Inc. 500 list. As a principal investigator, Mr. Schmidt supervised programs for the US Army, Navy, and Air Force, DARPA, the National Institutes of Health, NASA, Dept. of Education, Dept. of Transportation, and the National Science Foundation. These companies have completed over \$50 million of research for the US Government.

Prior to starting his companies, Mr. Schmidt was a consultant to the Center for Materials for Space Structures, a NASA Center at Case Western Reserve University. Mr. Schmidt also served as Director of Technology and Program Development at Life Systems, Inc. He managed many different programs including a Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) program, helping

paraplegics to walk, and other medical programs; as well as working on water recycling and regenerative fuel cell programs.

Mr. Schmidt has published over 30 papers, and has 27 US patents in the areas of medical devices, flight control, radio design, electrophysiology, pressure measurement, chemical defense, and Braille displays. He serves on the Visiting Committees for the Biomedical Engineering Departments for the University of Southern California and Washington University St. Louis, and previously served for six years at Cleveland State University Law School.

Mr. Schmidt is on the national Board of Directors of both the NSBA and the Small Business Technology Council (SBTC). He received his BS degree in Mechanical Engineering and his MS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in; his MBA from the Univ. of Utah, and his Juris Doctor from Cleveland State University. He is a licensed professional engineer and an attorney.

#### Kamela Sediqi

#### President, Kaweyan Business Development Services

Kamela Sediqi started her current business, Kaweyan Business Development Services, a consulting firm in 2004. Since that time Kaweyan has grown from a one-person operation and Ms. Sediqi now heads a firm employing more than 25 men and women, part and full time. This is not Ms. Sediqi's first experience as an entrepreneur. During the Taliban era she started a tailoring business in secret to support her mother and brother and it eventually provided income for more than 100 women. Ms. Sediqi travels a great deal and has plans to expand her business on an international scale.

#### Nasim Shaheen

## Researcher, Palestinian Legislative Council

Nasim Shaheen currently works as a researcher for the Palestinian Legislative Council. She cooperates closely with non-governmental organizations on advancing human rights issues – specifically empowering Palestinian youth and women. Ms. Shaheen is a founding member of the Palestinian Wildlife Society, the only Palestinian-based non-governmental organization promoting eco-awareness and preservation of natural habitat and wildlife. She is finishing a master's degree from Al Quds University in Jerusalem in institutional building and human resources management. She earned a B.A. in management and entrepreneurship from Al Quds University in 2000 and a diploma from Al Oma College in secretarial management in 1995.

## Dr. Rajiv Shah

Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Dr. Rajiv Shah is the 16th Administrator of USAID, a U.S. Government agency, has provided economic and humanitarian assistance worldwide for almost 50 years.

Previously, Dr. Shah served as Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics and as Chief Scientist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he was responsible for safe, sustainable, competitive U.S. food and fiber system, as well as strong communities, families, and youth through integrated research, analysis, and education. At USDA, he launched the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, a new scientific institute that elevated the status and funding of agricultural research to be more in line with other major scientific groups. He also produced innovative initiatives in bioenergy, climate, global food security, childhood obesity, and food safety.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Shah served as director of Agricultural Development in the Global Development Program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In his seven years with the Gates Foundation, Shah served as the Foundation's director of Strategic Opportunities and as deputy director of policy and finance for the Global Health Program. In these roles, he helped develop and launch the foundation's Global Development Program, and helped create both the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, and the International Finance Facility for Immunization-an effort that raised more than \$5 billion for child immunization.

Prior to joining the Gates Foundation in 2001, Shah was the health care policy advisor on the Gore 2000 presidential campaign and a member of Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell's transition committee on health. He is the co-founder of Health Systems Analytics and Project IMPACT for South Asian Americans. In addition, he has served as a policy aide in the British Parliament and worked at the World Health Organization.

#### **Sonal Shah**

Head of the Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation, White House Domestic Policy Council

Sonal Shah heads the White House Domestic Policy Council's Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation (SICP). She also served on President Obama's Transition Board overseeing the Technology, Innovation, Government Reform working group. Prior to joining the White House, Shah led Google.org's global development efforts, focusing on transparency, openness, civic participation, and entrepreneurship development, especially financial access. Before joining Google, she was Vice President at Goldman Sachs, Inc, where she developed and implemented the firm's environmental strategy.

Shah also co-founded a non-profit, Indicorps which offers fellowships for Indian-Americans to work on development projects in India. Prior to that, she worked at the Center for American Progress, and developed and managed policy and advocacy programs for the Center for Global Development. She previously worked in the federal government from 1995-2002, at the Treasury Department and the National Security Council.

### **Nabil Shalaby**

#### Manager, Entrepreneur & SME Developer

Dr. Shalaby is the founder and Chairman of Arab Entrepreneur House (ARENHO). He is the author of six books, including the two major Arabic books *Start Your Own Business, Don't Hesitate*, (five editions) and *Golden Ideas of the Best Arab Companies*. He has 20 years experience on small and medium enterprise (SME) development and capacity-building projects. His expertise ranges from on-the-ground experience as a SME development consultant at a Canadian small and medium enterprises support project, to serving as the director of the Mansoura Technology Incubator in Egypt, and as an expert, helping Gulf countries establish small business centers and incubators and foster entrepreneurship. He is currently the manager of the Entrepreneurship and SME Development Department, Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Shalaby's work includes providing thousands of consultations to Arab entrepreneurs, designing the first technology incubator, organizing annual SME forums and awards for the best performance SMEs in Saudi Arabia, designing special diagnosis software for manufacturing SMEs, and designing and implementing an entrepreneurship training program for young Arab males and females. He has authored a number of books, research papers pertaining to SME development, information-and communications technology and industrial and technology incubators. He holds a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering, an M.Sc. degree in engineering, and two Ph.D. degrees in entrepreneurship and SME development from universities in the United States and Egypt.

#### Rana Shanawani

#### Managing Director, BIDAYA

Rana Shanawani established and managed a training/microloan pilot program of the Youth Business International. She then transitioned the pilot program BIDAYA from a small incubated project into a licensed national association, opening offices in three different cities, raising funds for sustainability of the organization, and managing daily administrative activities (www.bidaya.org.sy).

She has also worked for UNDP Agency for Combating Unemployment as a community development officer where she managed the department, trained staff, and developed community projects. She has worked as a consultant to UNIFEM where she composed National Gender Sensitive Guidelines for Small and Micro Enterprises in Syria. Ms. Shanawani attended Cornell University, and Johns Hopkins Graduate School for Epidemiology.

#### Frederic Sicre

#### Executive Director, Abraaj Capital

Frederic Sicre has over 19 years of experience in global issues, regional development agendas and community building. In the early 1990's, he established the activities of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Africa and the Middle East. He then managed the Forum's Centre for Regional Strategies and was promoted to WEF Managing Director in June 2000. As Managing Director at WEF, he was responsible for the move of the 2002 Annual Meeting in Davos to New York City as a sign of support to New Yorkers after 9/11. In June 2003, he was responsible for the Extraordinary Annual Meeting in Jordan following the Iraqi conflict.

Mr. Sicre has initiated dialogue and reconciliation initiatives during South Africa's transition to democracy and between Palestinians and Israelis. He has also initiated the first Africa and Arab World Competitiveness reports. He oversaw the creation of the Arab Business Council and is editor of *South Africa at Ten* - a book celebrating the ten years of democracy in the country.

Mr. Sicre brings a vast network of decision makers from around the world in all fields of activity such as government, private sector, media, and culture.

### Asim Siddiqui

#### Chairman, The City Circle

Asim Siddiqui is Chairman and a founding trustee of The City Circle, a network of young British Muslim professionals established in 1999. In addition to running local educational and welfare projects, The City Circle organizes weekly public discussion forums providing a grassroots outlet for debate on issues of mutual concern between British Muslim communities and the wider society. Asim Siddiqui is responsible for the strategic direction of The City Circle. All of The City Circle projects are committed to inculcating constructive citizenship and building bridges between communities.

Mr. Siddiqui is a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies and has spoken at numerous think tanks including the Royal United Services Institute, Demos and the Fabian Society. He was appointed to the Iraq Commission by the Foreign Policy Centre. Mr. Siddiqui is regularly interviewed by the BBC, Sky News and various radio stations. He also contributes to *The Guardian* and *New Statesman* web blogs. *Time* magazine placed Mr. Siddiqui on its front page in 2008 as part of a cover piece on "Europe's Muslim Success Story."

Asim Siddiqui is a member of the Prime Minister's U.K.-Indonesia Islamic Advisory Group. He has participated in Foreign & Commonwealth Office international delegations projecting British Muslims. He has been nominated to take part in the United States International Leadership Visitor Program. Mr. Siddiqui graduated at University College London and qualified as an accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He is now a fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a qualified member of The Securities & Investment Institute. He works full time for a major Arab bank in the City.

### Najmul Siddiqui

CEO, President, TriVision International Ltd.

Najmul Siddiqui founded Tri-Vision Electronics Inc. in 1986 with a total investment of \$6,000 (its 2007 company market-cap was listed at close to 200 million dollars). Tri-Vision's mission statement clearly defines its goals to serve the community-at-large through the development of technology. Based on this founding principle, Mr. Siddiqui made it his priority to establish a comprehensive research and development center at Tri-Vision. By 1993, Tri-Vision had grown to become a public corporation and a leader in the cable television industry, selling products to more than 30 countries around the world. When Tri-Vision became a public company, Mr. Siddiqui was appointed as the Chairman and CEO.

In 1996, Tri-Vision started promoting and marketing V-chip technology at higher levels, it was demonstrated at two G-7 conferences, at the White House, and to numerous high-level, government officials in a number of several other countries in Europe, Asia and South America. On the commercial front Mr. Siddiqui was able to develop partnerships with several multi-billion dollar corporations to market V-chip products and technology on a worldwide basis. In 2007 Tri-Vision merged with Wi-LAN Inc., a technology company based in Ottawa. Today Mr. Siddiqui continues as president of the V-chip division and remains optimistic about the future of patents and the V-chip technology. Using commercial negotiations, over one hundred companies selling products in the USA and Canada have been licensed.

## **Ananda Siregar**

Founder and CEO, Graha Layar Prima (Blitzmegaplex),

As the founder and CEO of Graha Layar Prima (Blitzmegaplex), Mr. Siregar obtained US\$17 million in start-up venture capital to start a movie theatre chain and movie distribution company in Indonesia. He was an investment manager at Farindo Investments, a Jakarta-based investment management joint venture between San Francisco-based hedge fund Farallon Capital and Djarum Group, Indonesia's second largest tobacco group. He has also worked as the Group Head (Assistant Vice President) of the Indonesian Bank Restructuring Agency (IBRA), where he focused on management and disposal of a portfolio of 108 companies transferred to IBRA by the Salim Group, Indonesia's largest private-sector conglomerate. Mr. Siregar holds a B.A. degree in economics and psychology from Northwestern University.

# **Benjamin Soemartopo**

Managing partner, McKinsey & Company

Benjamin Soemartopo is the managing partner of McKinsey & Company's Jakarta Office. Benjamin has deep experience in performance transformation programs with a focus on changing middle manager and frontline behaviors and mindsets. He has assisted clients in Indonesia, India, Denmark, and the United States with their change programs. He has also led a number of cost-reduction, purchasing and marketing programs.

Prior to joining McKinsey & Co., Benjamin was the office manager for the largest Western Australian building construction company's office in Jakarta, and during university established a logistics and tour company in Perth, Western Australia for Indonesian tourists and medical patients traveling there for treatment.

Benjamin graduated with First Class Honors in law from Murdoch University, Western Australia, together with a B.A. in political economy, and has completed postgraduate work assessing the role of capital in technology transfer to Indonesia.

# Faysal A. Sohail Managing Director, CMEA Capital

Faysal Sohail joined CMEA Capital in 2002 as Managing Director. He also serves on the Board of Directors of AirTight Networks, Applied Wave Research, Danotek Motions Technologies, Evolution Robotics, Multigig, Pyxis Technology, and Symwave. He previously served on the board of Alien Technology and A123 Systems. Mr. Sohail brings with him more than a decade of senior executive experience in engineering, marketing and business development. He was CEO of Cadabra Design Automation and managed its acquisition by Numerical Technologies where he served as Sr. Vice President of Worldwide Field Operations. Prior to Numerical Technologies, Mr. Sohail was Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy for Synopsys Inc. In 1990, he co-founded Silicon Architects, which was acquired by Synopsys in 1995.

Mr. Sohail holds a Bachelor of Science degree in computer engineering from the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), where he also served on the College of Engineering Advisory Board (CEAB), and is Chairman of the Board of the Silicon Valley Education Foundation.

## Nihat Sorgeç

### Founder, Bildungs Werk Vocational Training Center

Nihat Sorgeç is a dynamic entrepreneur who arrived in Germany 30 years ago with his Turkish parents and overcame cultural barriers to learn German and integrate successfully. He was born 1958 in Antakya and went to school in Turkey. His parents immigrated to Germany in 1972 when he was a teenager. He continued high school in Berlin and later studied mechanical engineering; he started his professional career by working for Siemens and other German companies as a mechanical engineer.

In 1997, he founded the BildungsWerk vocational training center in Kreuzberg (BWK), a state-supported vocational training institution for disadvantaged immigrant and German youth in Kreuzberg which he still manages today. Nearly 800 trainees attend the center each year. In 2000, he founded a job center focusing on minority youth for the federal states of Berlin and Brandenburg.

He is the vice president of the Turkish-German Chamber of Commerce in Germany, a full member of the National German Chamber of Commerce, and a board member of the Turkish-German Businessmen's Association. This association has 380 members and is the voice of approximately 9,000 Turkish business establishments in and around Berlin. He is also a member of the Lions Club Cosmopolitan.

Mr. Sorgeç has received many awards in Germany including the "Berliner Tulpe," one of the most important German-Turkish integration awards, and the Federal Cross of Merit, the German Government's highest award. Mr. Sorgeç frequently writes articles for German and Turkish newspapers such as *Hürriyet*.

# Laurie J. Spengler President, Shore Bank

Laurie J. Spengler is President and CEO of Shore Bank International Ltd. (SBI). Ms Spengler's professional experience and interests are focused on supply and demand-side solutions to extend "access to capital" to individuals, small businesses and low income households through the delivery of financial resources, business solutions and professional support designed to achieve sustainable economic development. She has over 20 years of experience as a strategy and transaction services professional, with significant experience in capital raising, M&A, and private equity transactions.

Over the past decade, she has developed a particular focus on access to capital for double and triple bottom line organizations. Prior to joining Shore Bank, Ms. Spengler was the founder and CEO of Central European Advisory Group. Previously, she worked as an attorney with the New York, Brussels and Prague offices of White & Case. Ms. Spengler has a JD from Harvard University and an undergraduate degree from Stanford University.

# Rawnak Natour Svendsen

Project Manager, JCI News Network

Ms. Svendsen is the Assistant Program Officer for International Media Support with the JCI News Network of the Junior Chamber International, Denmark. She has been with JCI since 2005 starting as a project manager. Prior to joining JCI she worked as a project assistant for the International Federation for Human Rights in Brussels, Belgium, and as a project manager responsible for development of special education projects for the Palestinian minority in Israel. She earned a M.A. in early childhood education from Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 2000, and holds a bachelor's degree in community social work and community organizing. She speaks Arabic (native), Hebrew, English and Danish (fluent).

### Jahan Taganova

General Director, Ak Enar

Jahan Taganova is the General Director of the Ak Enar chain of supermarkets owned by her family. Currently, the chain includes four supermarkets in Ashgabat. It has received financing from the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to open twelve new supermarkets throughout Turkmenistan. Ms. Taganova assumed the position of General Director in 2008 immediately after her graduation from the American University in Dubai. She is fluent in Turkmen, Russian, and English.

#### Mustafa Tameez

#### Founder, Managing Partner, Outreach Strategists

As founder and managing director of one of Texas' leading public affairs firms, Mustafa Tameez is widely regarded as a pioneer in ethnic marketing, advertising and political consulting. With an unparalleled understanding of global challenges and an ability to tailor and implement effective local solutions, he has positioned Outreach Strategists as a recognized leader in global public affairs and strategic communications. At a time when cross-cultural communications are as crucial as ever, Mustafa is uniquely qualified to help organizations, individuals and corporations overcome the barriers standing before them and their goals.

Mr. Tameez has advised members of Congress, big city mayors and federal agencies on how to fight and win political battles. And in the private sector his bottom-up approach and keen insights have led to victories for both corporate and non-profit institutions. He has a track record of skillfully guiding clients through the most perilous of communications challenges in a manner that is as quick, effective and efficient as his clients need.

Mr. Tameez's numerous successful campaigns in the south have garnered accolades from both regional and national publications. Texas Monthly has dubbed him one of the most influential new political players in Texas. His work as an advisor and senior consultant combines an indepth understanding of world affairs with long-range vision. Mustafa brings his unique perspective to bear on issues ranging from contemporary South Asian and Middle Eastern policy to emerging population shifts in the developing world. He also remains a strongly rooted pillar of the Houston community, having served on the Board of the Houston Zoo, as current President of the South Asian Chamber of Commerce, and as a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Sustainable Peace.

# Abdulrahman bin Ismail Tarbzouni

CEO, Mubadiroon

Mr. Tarbzouni is the CEO of Mubadiroon, a hybrid venture capital fund and incubator for tech start-ups. He is also the managing director of aitech, a technology development and consulting firm focused on knowledge management systems, enterprise social networking solutions and

consumer web applications, the co-founder of a stealth-mode MIT-based start-up, and a founding member of the Mohammed Bin Rashed Foundation's Sawaed ICT initiative.

Named a Young Arab Leader, Mr. Tarbzouni was the youngest so honored. At Saudi Aramco's 75th anniversary, he performed as the Master of Ceremonies, delivering the opening speech in front of His Majesty King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz and leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council. He spoke in front of 70 world leaders and heads of nations and was tasked with initiating and facilitating the ministerial and corporate sessions at the Jeddah Energy Meeting.

## Shane Tedjarati

#### President, Honeywell-China

Shane Tedjarati is the president of Honeywell China, based in Shanghai. Appointed in September 2004, he is responsible for Honeywell's entire business portfolio in China, one of the company's chief strategic markets.

Mr. Tedjarati has more than twenty years of experience in consulting and has worked in China since 1992. Previously he was the regional managing director for greater China at Deloitte Consulting, where he helped Chinese state-owned enterprises and multinational corporations formulate and execute strategies for sustainable growth. He has also served as managing director for China at James Martin & Co., a global consultancy and IT services provider, and has held management positions with Unisys, Oracle, and Air Canada. A popular speaker on business and social issues in China, and the author of numerous articles on business practices, Mr. Tedjerati is working on a book dealing with the social and cultural ramifications of the sweeping changes underway in contemporary China. He obtained his bachelor's degree in computer science and mathematics from McGill University in Montreal, and his M.B.A. from the University of Surrey in the United Kingdom.

# Sheila Tiwan

CEO, Carsurin

Sheila Tiwan has had the opportunity to truly experience a life that has crossed national borders. Though born and raised in Indonesia, she completed her primary and secondary education in Australia and then moved to Tokyo, Japan to master the Japanese language. In 1990, Ms. Tiwan commenced her U.S. experience and then graduated from the University of San Francisco with a B.S. business administration in 1994.

Ms. Tiwan's professional career began in the hotel real estate sector with Colliers International as an analyst. Thereafter she had the opportunity to reconnect with her home city of Jakarta when she was posted by Jones Lang LaSalle's Hotel Advisory Group as a senior manager responsible for advising major international hotel organizations and investors on their investments and acquisitions. In 1998 she returned to San Francisco and was a portfolio

manager with State Street Research where she was responsible for managing a real estate portfolio valued at \$500 million.

Sheila Tiwan's entrepreneurship skills began at a dot-com in San Francisco, where she was responsible for sales and business development. The experience gained eventually led her to become the director of global marketing and business development at a financial software company.

In 2003, Ms. Tiwan returned to Jakarta to take up the reins of the family business, CARSURIN. As Indonesia's largest private marine and surveying consultancy, Carsurin has over 431 employees located throughout its ten branch offices in Indonesia, with clients such as oil majors, shipping companies and energy houses. As its CEO, Ms. Tiwan has devoted much of her time to developing Carsurin's pool of human capital, renewing its culture, ethos, and executing strategies in the areas of quality assurance improvement, customer satisfaction improvement and business development.

In recognition of the changes and improvements she had made to Carsurin, Ms. Tiwan was awarded the Ernst & Young's "Indonesia's Young Entrepreneur of the Year" honor in 2007.

## Samih Toukan CEO, Jabber Internet Group

Samih Toukan is the CEO of Jabber Internet Group. He obtained a B.Sc. in electrical and electronics engineering at a UK university in 1990, followed by an M.A. in business administration and management in 1992.

The story of Mr. Toukan's impact on the use of Internet technology does not begin or end with the acquisition of Maktoob by Yahoo. Instead it begins with Samih Toukan's path to becoming the CEO of Jabbar Internet Group, the company that comprises his remaining online businesses. The range of Jabber's products and services speaks to the foresight that Mr. Toukan has with regards to the potential impact of the Internet for the Middle East.

## **Jacques Toureille**

### General Manager, Aga Khan Agency

Jacques Toureille is the general manager of the Aga Khan Agency for Microfinance, based in Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Toureille was seconded from the World Bank in January 2001 to manage the development and institutionalization of the microfinance practice within the Aga Khan Development Network. As head of the Agency, he is responsible for overseeing the implementation of microfinance, microinsurance, and small business development programs, through fifteen financial institutions operating in thirteen different countries (Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Pakistan, Syria, Tajikistan, and Tanzania), with assets of over US\$250 million and employing

over 3,500 staff. At the World Bank, Mr. Toureille had been responsible for designing and overseeing the implementation of major financial sector reforms successively in Sub-Saharan Africa, in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, and in South Asia.

Prior to joining the World Bank in 1985, Jacques Toureille held the position of Chief Executive Officer at the Oman Bank for Agriculture and Fisheries in the Sultanate of Oman, and prior to that was a management consultant with Arthur D. Little. Mr. Toureille is a graduate of Ecole Centrale de Lyon (1970), and holds an M.B.A. from INSEAD (1973). He is a member of the UN Advisors Group on Inclusive Financial Sectors.

### **Evelyne Aouad Turk**

## Program Manager, Lebanese League for Women in Business

Evelyne (Eva) Aouad Turk is the Program Manager of the Lebanese League for Women in Business (LLWB). Ms. Turk plans the yearly programs of the League. She works in close coordination with LLWB members to improve their capacity as businesswomen by organizing seminars and workshops. She also coordinates fundraising, public outreach, and communications for LLWB and supervises the work of the LLWB communication committee. Ms. Turk began her career with LLWB in 2008 as the manager of the Lebanese Hub of the MENA BWN.

Prior to joining the LLWB, Eva Turk was manager and partner in Sport Evasion s.a.r.l. (Lebanon), a travel agency specializing in Sports Tourism and Event Management. As an event organizer, she planned and executed all sorts of events from easy sampling campaigns to corporate events, launchings, parties, and shop openings for the most prestigious brands in the country. Ms. Turk also contributed to the marketing of major events via local, regional and international coverage (TV and magazines), increasing the company's visibility in the business community and strengthening its relationships with different parties involved on all levels (media, advertising companies, sponsors, government officials, production professionals, etc).

Ms. Turk has holds a bachelor's degree in political ccience and public administration from USJ, Faculty of Law and Political Science.

## Faaez Ul Haq

#### Partner, Community-owned waste-to-energy venture

Faaez Ul Haq is a senior at Princeton University and is part of the team that presented business plans at the annual TigerLaunch Business Competition, which pitted prospective proprietors head-to-head. The plan, titled, Em [Power] is designed to transform landfill waste in Karachi, Pakistan, into energy.

### Sandiaga Uno

## Managing Director, Saratoga Captial

Sandiaga Uno is the founding partner of Saratoga Capital, a private equity firm that he cofounded with Edwin Soeryadjaya in 1998. Saratoga Capital focuses its investments in natural resources and infrastructure opportunities in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. Mr. Uno currently holds a directorship at PT Adaro Energy Tbk, the largest single coal mine in Indonesia. He also co-founded a boutique investment firm, PT Recapital Advisors, in 1997. Mr. Uno has been serving as the Vice President for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Cooperatives of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin) since 2008. He was also the Chairman of the Indonesian Young Entrepreneurs Association (HIPMI) from 2005-08.

Mr. Uno graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Wichita State University (USA) in 1990 and obtained an M.B.A.from The George Washington University in 1992. He was selected as the Indonesian Entrepreneur of the Year by Enterprise Asia in 2008 and was selected as one the Asia Society's 2008 Asia 21 fellows. He was the team manager for the Indonesian Women's National Basketball Team for the 2005 Southeast Asia Games in Manila.

## Bert van der Vaart Co-founder, SEAF

Bert van der Vaart is one of the two co-founders of Small Enterprise Assistance Funds (SEAF) in 1989, when it was known as the CARE Small Business Assistance Corporation (CARESBAC). SEAF is a global investment firm focused on providing growth capital and operational support to businesses in emerging markets and those underserved by traditional sources of capital. Mr. van der Vaart negotiated the establishment of CARESBAC/SEAF's first fund in Poland in 1992.

In 1997, Mr. van der Vaart became SEAF's CEO and President, where was been involved with the establishment and supervision of each of SEAF's 19 funds globally, including in Sichuan, China, Vietnam, India, Central Asia, Afghanistan, Georgia, Peru, Colombia, and virtually every country in Central and Eastern Europe. He sits on every SEAF fund's Investment Committee, and has been involved in managing each exit achieved by SEAF. As of June 2008, SEAF had more than USD 450 million under management from a wide range of international financial institutions, socially responsible investors, local pension funds, insurance companies, and foundations.

Prior to SEAF, Mr. van der Vaart was a Partner and Associate with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Washington, D.C, Brussels and Belgium, where he specialized in corporate law, primarily with respect to corporate financings and mergers and acquisitions. From 1983 through 1984, he was a management consultant with Bain & Company in London and Munich. Mr. van der Vaart has practiced law in Washington, Brussels, Paris, New York, and Frankfurt. He holds a J.D. from Yale Law School, where he also studied Finance at Yale School of Management; a B.A. in Politics and Economics and a M. Phil. in Economics from Oxford University, where he was a

Rhodes Scholar; and a B.A. from the University of North Carolina, where he was a Morehead Scholar. A Dutch national and dual citizen of the Netherlands and the United States, he speaks Dutch, English, German, French, and some Polish and Russian.

# Aaron S. Williams

Director, Peace Corps

Aaron S. Williams is the Director of the Peace Corps. Mr. Williams is the fourth director in the Peace Corps' history to have served as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Mr. Williams served as a Volunteer from 1967 to 1970, first in a training program for rural school teachers in the small town of Monte Plata, Dominican Republic, and extended his service for a third year to work as a professor of teaching methods at the Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra in Santiago.

Mr. Williams has pursued a career in the development and implementation of worldwide assistance programs. Mr. Williams was a Vice President for International Business Development with RTI International. He was a senior manager at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he attained the rank of Career Minister in the U.S. Senior Foreign Service. He also served as executive vice president of the International Youth Foundation. As USAID Mission Director in South Africa, Mr. Williams led a billion dollar foreign assistance program during President Nelson Mandela's administration. In addition, he has extensive experience in the design and management of assistance programs in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He was awarded the USAID Distinguished Career Service Award, and was twice awarded the Presidential Award for Distinguished Service.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and he was a member of the USAID Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid. He served on the Obama-Biden transition team, the advisory board of the Ron Brown Scholar Program, the board of directors of CARE, and the boards of the Institute for Sustainable Communities, the Pan American Development Foundation, and the National Peace Corps Association.

#### James D. Wolfensohn

Founder, Chief Executive Officer & Chairman, Wolfensohn & Company

Mr. Wolfensohn is the Chairman at Wolfensohn Partners, L.P. and Citigroup International Advisory Board; an Honorary Trustee at The Brookings Institution; and Chairman Emeriti at The Carnegie Hall Corporation. He was the Chairman at The World Bank Group. Mr. Wolfensohn is also the Chairman of the advisory group of the Wolfensohn Center and Chairman Emeritus of Carnegie Hall. In 1990, he became Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. On January 1, 1996, Mr. Wolfensohn was elected Chairman Emeritus. He serves as a Trustee at Carnegie Corporation of New York. He has been the President of the International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies, Director of the Business Council for Sustainable Development and served as a Director of the Rockefeller

Foundation and of the Population Council, and as a Member of the Board of Rockefeller University. Mr. Wolfensohn is an Honorary Trustee of the Brookings Institution, a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Century Association in New York. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Fellow of the American Philosophical Society.

Mr. Wolfensohn has been the recipient of many awards for his volunteer work, including the first David Rockefeller Prize of the Museum of Modern Art in New York for his work for culture and the arts. In May 1995, he was awarded an Honorary Knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II for his contribution to the arts. Mr. Wolfensohn has also been decorated by the Governments of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, France, Japan, Germany, Georgia, Mexico, Morocco, The Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Pakistan and Russia. He holds a B.A. and an LL.B. degree from the University of Sydney and an M.B.A. from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

#### Sakena Yacoobi

President and Executive Director, Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL)

Professor Sakena Yacoobi is President and Executive Director of the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), an Afghan women-led non-governmental organization she founded in 1995. The organization was established to provide teacher training to Afghan women, to support education for boys and girls, and to provide health education to women and children. Under Ms. Yacoobi's leadership AIL has established itself as a groundbreaking, visionary organization which works at the grassroots and empowers women and communities to find ways to bring education and health services to rural and poor urban girls, women and other poor and disenfranchised Afghans. Using their grassroots strategies, AIL now serves 350,000 women and children each year through its Educational Learning Centers, schools and clinics in both Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In addition to her work with AIL, Ms. Yacoobi has been a panelist and speaker on education for women and children at a number of international conferences, including the California Governor's Conference on Women and Families, the Central Eurasian Studies Society conference at Harvard University, the One World Forum at Warwick University in England, Association for Women in Development in Bangkok, and the International Institute for Peace Education in South Korea, Turkey, Greece and Costa Rica. She has been instrumental in focusing attention on the urgent need for women's rights and education and healthcare in Afghanistan.

Sakena Yacoobi is also co-founder and vice-president of Creating Hope International, a Michigan based non-profit organization. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Global Fund for Women. She is advisor to the Ms. Women's Learning Partnership (WLP) and a member of WLP's Roaming Institute for Women's Leadership. She is a member and past steering committee member of the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief.

Born in Herat, Afghanistan, Yacoobi came to the United States in the 1970s, earning a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from the University of the Pacific and a master's degree in public

health from Loma Linda University. Before returning in 1990 to work with her people, she was a professor at D'Etre University and a health consultant.

# Jerry Yang Co-founder, Yahoo

Jerry Yang, a Taiwanese native raised in San Jose, Calif., co-created the Yahoo! Internet navigational guide in April 1994 with David Filo and co-founded Yahoo! Inc. in April 1995. He served as chief executive officer of the company from June 2007 to January 2009.

Mr. Yang has been instrumental in building Yahoo! into the world's most highly trafficked Web site and one of the world's most recognized brands. Since the company's founding, Mr. Yang has been a key member of the executive management team. His focus at Yahoo! over the years has included corporate strategy, Yahoo!'s technology vision, strategic business partnerships and international joint ventures, and recruiting key talent. In addition to serving on the Yahoo! Board of Directors, Mr. Yang currently serves on the board of directors of Cisco Systems, Yahoo! Japan, and Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., and is also on the Stanford University Board of Trustees. Mr. Yang holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from Stanford University and is currently on a leave of absence from Stanford's electrical engineering Ph.D. program.

### Tarik M. Yousef

### Dean, Dubai School of Government

Dr. Tarik M. Yousef is the founding Dean of the Dubai School of Government. He joined the School from Georgetown University, where he held the positions of Associate Professor of Economics in the School of Foreign Service, and Sheikh Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah Professor of Arab Studies at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies.

A leading authority on the economies of the Arab world, he received his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University with specialization in development economics and economic history. His current research interests include the dynamics of labor markets, the political economy of policy reform, and development policies in oil-exporting countries.

Dr. Yousef's research and policy experience includes working as an economist at the Middle East Department of the International Monetary Fund, as Visiting Professor in the Middle East and North Africa Region of the World Bank, and as Senior Advisor for the Millennium Project at the United Nations. At present, he is a Senior Fellow in the Wolfensohn Center for Development at the Brookings Institution and the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

#### Raushan Sarsembayeva

### President, Association of Business Women of Kazakhstan

Ms. Sarsembayeva is the President of the Association of Business Women of Kazakhstan, Chairman of the non-governmental organization "Alliance of Women's Organizations in Kazakhstan" and a member of the Political Council of Nur Otan. In 2005 she defended her doctoral dissertation on "Gender and the system of social-economic reforms in Kazakhstan: a sociological perspective" for her Ph.D. in sociology. She has over 40 publications and she is also the publisher and editor in chief of the business -pPublication *Businesswomen.kz*. She was a member of the national delegation for the 2008 Annual Session of the UN Economic and Social Councilin New Yorkand also participated in the organization of the Eurasian Women Summit (EWS-2) held in Astana, Kazakhstan, in 2008.

#### **Muhammad Yunus**

## Managing Director, Grameen Bank

Muhammad Yunus is a Nobel Peace Laureate and Managing Director of Grameen Bank. Grameen Bank has transformed the lives of millions of poor women in Bangladesh through microcredit. Grameen currently has 8 million borrowers and has lent \$8 billion since its inception in the 1980s. The father of microcredit, Professor Yunus has also pioneered the concept of social entrepreneurship. In Bangladesh, Grameen has partnered with Danone, Inc. to produce high-quality, low-cost yogurt that is distributed throughout Bangladesh and has become an important dietary supplement for many rural Bangladeshis. Grameen is developing other social enterprises with multi-national corporations, including Adidas shoes.

#### Mazrina MD Yussof

#### Funder, Zainab Utama Enterprise

Ms. Yussof has been managing director for Cool Cupz@Saffron since June 2009. She has also worked as the assistant manager for Saffron Sdn Bhd and general manager for Zainab Utama Enterprise since 1999. She co-chaired the first meeting for the ASEAN China Young Entrepreneurs Workshop, held in Brunei Darussalam in 2008. In 2007, she served as the head of delegation for the Young Entrepreneurs Association of Brunei (YEAB) at the first ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Symposium (A-YES) Program, held in Malaysia.

Ms. Yussof is a very active participant in the Young Entrepreneurs Association of Brunei (YEAB) and has a degree in interior design from the Singapore School of Arts.

#### Naeem Zafar

### Lecturer, Entrepreneurship Program University of California Berkeley

Naeem Zafar teaches Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the MBA program at the Haas business school at the University of California Berkeley. Mr. Zafar is the founder of Concordia Ventures and focuses on educating and advising entrepreneurs on all aspects of starting and running a company. Mr. Zafar's entrepreneurial experience includes working directly with six startups, and he has extensive experience in mentoring and coaching founders and CEOs. He is now starting his next venture: the Institute for Service Organization Excellence (ISOE).

Most recently, Mr. Zafar was the president and CEO of Pyxis Technology Inc., a company specializing in advanced chip design software for nanometer technology. Mr. Zafar has also been president and CEO of two other high tech startups (Silicon Design Systems and Veridicom, a Bell Labs spin-off that invented the silicon fingerprint sensors today found on most laptops). Mr. Zafar has held senior marketing and engineering positions at several companies including Quickturn Design Systems that had an IPO in 1993 and grew to \$125M in revenues.

Mr. Zafar is a charter member of TiE (The Indus Entrepreneurs www.TiE.org). He is also a charter member of OPEN (www.OPENSiliconValley.com) where he serves as a member of the executive committee. Other board positions Mr. Zafar holds include Numetrics Ltd., Brainstorm Pvt. Ltd and Aanukaa Inc. He also serves on advisory boards for five other companies. As a part of his global entrepreneurial practice, Mr. Zafar is also involved with microfinance ventures in Pakistan (Rural Asia) and Mexico (CREA).

Mr. Zafar holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Brown University (magna cum laude), Rhode Island, and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota.

#### Roshaneh Zafar

#### Roshaneh Zafar, Founder and Managing Director of Kashf Foundation

Roshaneh Zafar is the founder and Managing Director of the Kashf Foundation based in Pakistan. The organization has grown from a mere 15 female clients in 1996 to 301,000 clients today. It is one of the fastest growing microfinance institutions in the country; it is the first one to achieve financial self-sufficiency and has demonstrated the business case for investing in women's economic empowerment. Kashf was also the first non-governmental organization and microfinance institution to broaden the scope of microfinance by introducing insurance services. It has recently started pilot research for introducing individual lending in order to target the "missing middle" in the microfinance market.

In 2002, Kashf Foundation was awarded the Microfinance Excellence Award by the Grameen Foundation-USA for its groundbreaking innovations in the field of microfinance in Pakistan, while in 2005 it won the AGFUND International Prize for Microcredit 2005 out of 98 countries. Kashf Foundation and Ms. Zafar were also awarded the Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship in March 2007. Kashf Foundation has been ranked 34 out of the top 50 MFIs by Forbes. Ms.

Zafar has also spearheaded and led the team to establish the Kashf Microfinance Bank, which received its license in October 2008 and will be the first in Pakistan to mobilize deposits from low income households especially women. In 2009, Kashf Foundation was also awarded the One Women Initiative Award by the U.S. State Department in a ceremony in Islamabad by Deputy Secretary of State Jacob Lew.

#### Sonia Ziamni

### Project Manager, Algerian Medina Project

Sonia Ziamni is Project Manager for the Algerian Medina Project, a billion-dollar sea-front real estate development project. She obtained her bachelor's degree with honors and majored in accounting and finance at the Algiers School of Commerce and the University of Economic and Management Science of Algiers. Upon completion of her studies, Ms. Ziamni worked in a variety of fields, including for Air Algerie, for a medical association called l'Ordre des Medecins, and for the construction company Arabian General Engineering.

In her current capacity as Medina Project Manager, Ms. Ziamni has key responsibilities in executing commercial partnerships, coordinating production of architectural plans for the project's commercial center, and ensuring the timely progress of construction of the project. As one of the most successful young women entrepreneurs in Algeria, Ms. Ziamni brings big-project organizational and drive that highlights the energy women entrepreneurs can provide when given the opportunity.

#### Wafa Zerrouki

### President, Association for Women's Traditional Handicraft in the High Atlas Mountains

Wafa Zerrouki works to provide local employment opportunities for women in rural Morocco to solve the problem of migration due to poor economic conditions, which has disrupted traditional patterns of village life. In 2003, Wafa Zerrouki established the Association for Women's Traditional Handicraft in the High Atlas Mountains to encourage women to form cooperatives based on their expertise in carpet weaving and handmade products, and to share profits from income-generation projects.

Ms. Zerrouki's association provides vocational and technical training that develops the capacity of women in business management to help them market their products more effectively for sale to national and international markets. Ms. Zerrouki connects women's cooperatives together to form a network of local and international associations to help improve their capabilities, share their knowledge and expand the market for their products.

To date, Wafa Zerrouki's project has helped to empower women in rural Morocco by turning their tradecraft into a profitable enterprise, breaking the cycle of poverty and raising their economic and social status in their communities.