Moataz Al-Alfi

Mr. Al-Alfi is the Chairman and CEO of EK Holding, a private equity and venture capital company focusing on strategic sectors such as utilities, petrochemicals, oil exploration and production and gas distribution; President of Americana Group, the largest food conglomerate in the Middle East operating in 24 countries with 65,000 employees. He serves as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American University in Cairo and established Al Alfi Foundation for Human and Social Development to help through education and training discover future leaders among Egyptian youth. He has effectively contributed in qualifying over 100,000 fresh graduates and helped them get employed through his role as the Vice Chairman of the Professional Development Foundation (formerly Future Generation Foundation “FGF”), one of the largest social foundations in the Arab world. He adopted several initiatives run by FGF that changed the work culture in both public and private sectors. As an advocate of entrepreneurship through franchising, he is the founder and chairman of the Egyptian Franchise Development Association – (EFDA), a non-profit organization formed in 2001.

Jamie Alcalde

Mr. Alcalde is the Rector of Instituto Profesional Duoc UC in Santiago, Chile. He is a graduate from the Universidad de Chile from which he has an Engineering BA degree in Industrial Foresting and a specialization in Forestry or Wood-based Industries. Since 1985 he has had a long and successful career in Duoc UC working in different strategic areas including; Duoc UC current Rector, Duoc UC Economic Vice Rector from October 1985 to June 2010. He is currently a member of the Ingresa Commission as a representative of the IP (Instituto Profesional or Professional Institute ) in Chile and is currently President of the Council of accredited IPs and CFTs (Presidente del Consejo de IP y CFT) in Chile. Furthermore he is a Business Director for various private companies in Chile.
Sandeep Aneja

Mr. Aneja is the Founder and Managing Director of the Kaizen Private Equity, India’s first education-focused private equity fund. He leads fund strategy, investment analysis, fund raising and relationship management with many of the Fund’s clients and investors. He has 17 years of professional experience, which spans from consulting, operations leadership and investment management. Mr. Aneja is a trained engineer having acquired his apprenticeship as a railway officer at Jamalpur Gymkhana and later on, graduated with a MS in Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware. During his undergraduate studies at Jamalpur, he designed, set up and operated an adult education program for factory workers and hospital staff for three years. Subsequent to an engineering consultancy stint, he moved to California and acquired an MBA from the Graduate School of Business of Stanford University. Post graduation, he joined the venture capital industry where he was involved in a variety of successful transactions and start-ups including Bridgestream, Lassologic, Reconnex, GraniteEdge Network, Clairmail, Xactly Corporation and others. He currently represents Kaizen on the Board of a company in distance education services segment in India.

Ahmed Badreldin

Mr. Badreldin is a Senior Partner at Abraaj Capital where he leads one of the group’s private equity investment teams and also oversees the firm’s operations in Egypt and North Africa. He is responsible for a number of Abraaj portfolio companies including AlBorg (medical laboratories), GEMS (K-12 education), GMMOS (offshore oil services) and Tadawi (pharmacy retail and wholesale). Mr. Badreldin has more than 15 years experience in investment banking, finance and consulting. Before Abraaj, he was a Senior Director in Leveraged Finance at Barclays Capital, the investment banking division of Barclays Plc in London, where he spent over 8 years. At Barclays, he completed several financing and equity co-investment transactions with leading global private equity firms including the Carlyle Group, KKR and Bain Capital. Key transactions he has completed include the leveraged buyouts of Northgate IS, Alliance Boots and Edcon, all of which had debt financing and equity co-investment components. Mr. Badreldin began his career with Baker Hughes, providing consulting and engineering services to the oil sector in the MENASA region. He holds a BSc in Industrial Management and Business Administration from the American University in Cairo and an MBA from the Cranfield School of Management in the UK.
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Michael Barber

Sir Michael Barber is the Chief Education Advisor to Pearson. In this role, he leads the company’s worldwide research and partnership on education policy, and learning methods, advise on and support the innovation and development of new products and services, and lead Pearson’s strategy for education in the poorest sectors of the world, particularly in fast-growing developing economies. In the past, he served as a partner and head of the global education practice at McKinsey, advisor to UK Prime Minister Tony Blair and a global expert on education reform and implementation of large-scale system change. He has worked for over 20 years in education and government reform and improvement. Barber served as partner and head of McKinsey’s Global Education Practice. While at McKinsey, he co-authored the education reports: How the world’s most improved school systems keep getting better (2010) and How the world’s best-performing schools come out on top (2007). He also served as co-chair of the Pakistan Education Taskforce and continues to work on education system reform in Pakistan as DFID’s Special Representative on Education for Pakistan and as an Advisor to Honorable Chief Minister of Punjab, Shahbaz Sharif. He is also a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Exeter. In 2008, Sir Michael Barber received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University from Nottingham Trent University in recognition of his leading contribution to reforms aimed at the modernisation of public management and services over the last 20 years, both nationally and internationally.

Carl Bistany

Mr. Bistany is a board member of SABIS® Holdings and the president of two education management companies, SABIS® Educational Services s.a.l. and SABIS® Educational Systems, Inc. These two companies manage schools within the SABIS® School Network, which currently serves Pre-K, K-12 schools, and a university located in fifteen countries on four continents. Since joining SABIS® in 1992, Mr. Bistany has led the fourth generation family-owned business and transitioned it into a globally-recognized, professionally-managed enterprise at the forefront of education management. He has been instrumental in the expansion of the SABIS® School Network into various countries as well as into the Public-Private-Partnership arena in the U.A.E, U.S., and Kurdistan. In addition to his active involvement as president of SABIS®, Mr. Bistany spends his time
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developing the network and overseeing the establishment of private and public schools around the world. Mr. Bistany holds two Masters’ degrees, one in Mathematics and the other in Computer Science from Syracuse University – NY. He serves as a board member of several organizations including the Advisory Board of the Institute of Family and Entrepreneurial Business at the Lebanese American University. He is a member of the World Bank Advisory Group Engaging the Private Sector. He is the Chairman of the World Presidents’ Organization (WPO) in Lebanon and an Area Vice President of the Chief Executives’ Organization (CEO). He has also served as a senior member of the Executive Board of the Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Paula Caleffi

Dr. Caleffi is the Chief Academic Officer for Duoc. She holds a degree in History from Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul and a Ph.D. from Universidad Complutense de Madrid. She holds various posts including Officer of Academic Reform Project in Estácio Participações, invited teacher in Fundação Dom Cabral, academicoOfficer in Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos (UNISINOS/RS) and Manager of Academic Development in Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos (UNISINOS/RS).

Warren Fox

Dr. Fox is Executive Director of the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA). Established by the Government of Dubai in 2006, KHDA works to improve the full spectrum of education in Dubai, from early learning to schools, higher education to training institutes that improve the capabilities of the workforce. Dr. Fox has witnessed firsthand the transformation of higher education across the UAE. Previously the Executive Director of the Office of Higher Education at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, he has a proven reputation in the UAE. An American, Dr. Fox holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California at Berkley and a PhD from the University of Southern California School of Policy Planning and Development. In addition to being a professor for undergraduates and PhD candidates at the University of Nevada, he was also a Campus Vice Chancellor. At a state-wide level, he was the Executive Director on the California Postsecondary Education Commission, playing an integral role in planning and supervision of higher education for California.
Jin Huang

Dr. Jin Huang, has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of board of directors of Ambow Education Group since its inception in August 2000. Dr. Huang has over 15 years of academic and industry experience in Silicon Valley. Prior to founding Ambow, she was a founding engineer at Avant!, where she was responsible for product design and engineering management. Dr. Huang holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, a master's degree in Computer Science and a Ph.D. in Electronic Engineering from the University of Electronic Science & Technology of China. From 1990 to 1993, Dr. Huang was doing research and completed her Ph.D. dissertation at the University of California, Berkeley.

Rashad Kaldany

Dr. Rashad Kaldany is IFC's Vice President for Global Industries, and a member of the Management Team. Prior to this assignment, Rashad was Vice President, Asia, Eastern Europe, Middle East and North Africa, based in Istanbul. Previously, he was Vice President for Middle East and North Africa, and Global Infrastructure Cluster, which included the Infrastructure; Information and Communication Technologies; Oil, Gas, Mining, and Chemicals; and Subnational Finance departments. Mr. Kaldany joined IFC in 1988 as an Investment Officer in the West Africa and Middle East Department and transferred to the Middle East and North Africa Department in 1990. From 1992 to 1994, he was Special Assistant to IFC's Executive Vice Presidents and in 1994 he became Manager, Capital Markets Division, of the Asia Department. In 1997, he was promoted to Director, South and Southeast Asia Department, and was based in New Delhi, India. Mr. Kaldany returned to headquarters in 2000 as the Director of the Oil, Gas, and Chemicals Department, a joint IFC-World Bank department, which merged with the Mining Department in July 2002. He also led the Bank Group's participation in launching the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and the Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership. From March 2007 until June 2008, Mr. Kaldany was Director of the Infrastructure Department. During this time, IFC's activities in infrastructure development more than doubled. Mr. Kaldany received a Ph.D. from Columbia University and an MBA from Stanford University.
Ayoub Kazim

Dr. Kazim is the Managing Director of the Education Cluster of TECOM Investments, a member of Dubai Holding. Dr. Kazim is in charge of both Dubai Knowledge Village (DKV) and Dubai International Academic City (DIAC). He is responsible for strategically steering all DIAC and DKV academic entities and further consolidating their statuses as leading centres of learning excellence in the region. Heading a proficient team of top-tier professionals across both campuses, Dr. Kazim has successfully ensured consistent growth in the number of business partners at both DKV and DIAC. DIAC is the world’s only free zone dedicated to international higher education, hosting 27 institutions from 11 different countries including the USA, UK, Canada, Australia, India, France, Russia, Pakistan, Iran, Lebanon and the UAE. With over 20 years of experience gained from working in TECOM, Dubai Municipality and UAE University in Al Ain. Dr. Kazim holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Alabama and a Master’s Degree from the Polytechnic Institute of New York University. He received his Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from University of Miami in 1998.

Jane Knight

Dr. Jane Knight from the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education, University of Toronto, is currently leading a comparative study on country and zone level education hubs around the world. Her work in over 65 countries with universities, governments, UN Agencies, and foundations helps to bring a comparative and development perspective to her research, teaching and policy work on international higher education. She is the author of numerous publication including Higher Education in Turmoil-The Changing World of Internationalization (author), Financing Access and Equity in Higher Education (editor), and Higher Education in Africa: The International Dimension (co-editor). She sits on the advisory boards of several international organizations and journals and was a Fulbright New Century Scholar 2007-2008. In 2010 the University of Exeter awarded her an Honorary LLD for her research and policy work and the European Association for Institutional Research honored her with their award for outstanding research on higher education research, policy and practice.
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Michael Latham

Mr. Latham has worked with the CfBT Education Trust since 1982. Over the past three decades he has worked in Asia, Africa and the USA/Caribbean in an operational and business development capacity. One of his key areas of work is in the role of the Non state sector in Partnerships in Education. He has presented papers and conducted training on behalf of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Institute for Development Studies, the World Bank Institute and Harvard University. He has been involved in the education sector in Hyderabad since 2003 and has been residing in the city since 2009. He has recently commenced work on the ADB’s Development Partnership Program for South Asia-Innovative Strategies for Accelerated Human Resource Development in Asia where one of the main outcomes is to develop a guideline that will focus on identifying good practices in PPP application in the education sector in each participating country, South Asia, and other regions of the world that are relevant to South Asia.

Charles Leadbeater

Charlie Leadbeater is an author, a leading authority on innovation, strategy and education, and one of the most influential creative people in the world. He has advised companies, cities and governments, and is former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair’s favourite corporate thinker. He is widely recognised as one of the world’s leading innovative thinkers on the future of learning, in the developed and the developing world. His renowned work, Learning from the Extremes, in conjunction with Cisco, looked at the demand for innovative approaches to low cost, mass forms of education in the developing world. He authored We-think, which chartered the rise of mass, participative approaches to innovation. It is one of several acclaimed books; Living on Thin Air, a guide to living and working in the new economy; Up the Down Escalator, an attack on the culture of public pessimism accompanying globalisation and In Search of Work which was one of the first books to predict the rise of more flexible and networked forms of employment. He has also written extensively and influentially on the case for more personalised, participative approaches to education, most recently a report entitled “What’s Next? 21 Ideas for 21st Century Education”. His latest book is: “Innovation in Education: Lessons from Pioneers Around The World”. In 2002 he was listed by GQ magazine as one of the Most Powerful Men in the UK. The New York Times anointed
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Charlie’s idea, The Pro-Am Revolution, as one of the biggest global ideas of 2004. In 2005 he was ranked by Accenture, the global management consultancy, as one of the 30 top management thinkers in the world. In 2007 the Financial Times ranked him the outstanding innovation expert in the UK, and in 2008, the Spectator Magazine described him as "the wizard of the web".

Leonidas Lopez

Mr. Lopez is the Rector of Uniminuto University in Bogota, Colombia. A private not-for-profit educational institution, Uniminuto began operations in 1992 with 240 students, and today more than 20,000 students are enrolled in the university. Prior to becoming Rector, Mr. Lopez served as Advisory General Rector at Uniminuto and was Rector at the University of Ibague for fifteen years before joining Uniminuto. An Electronic Engineer by training, he has his Master of Science and Technology from Aston University in the UK, and numerous leadership and innovation certifications from leading US institutions including Harvard and MIT. He is President of the Development Fund for Higher Education in Colombia and has also served as member of the Council of Founders University of Ibague, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Colombian Association of Universities and on the Board of Directors of Universia, Colombia. Mr. Lopez has received numerous public distinctions in recognition of his contributions to the community including the Order Combeima (2011) from the Mayor of Ibague and the Order of Dignity and Homeland (2009) from the Congress of the Republic of Colombia.

Francis Matthew

Mr. Matthew is Editor-at-Large of Gulf News, the Gulf’s largest newspaper, where he focuses on political and social writing. He talks regularly on UAE and Gulf issues on both local and international TV, including the BBC and others. He is a regular speaker at international conferences covering the Arab world, and he was a member of the Davos-based World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council. He regularly briefs corporates and institutions on how the major political, social and economic forces might play out in the future. He has worked in the Middle East as a journalist for more than 30 years. He has been based in Dubai for the past 17 years in his current position as Editor at Large, and previously for 10 years Between 1987 to 1995 Francis worked in London, Dublin and
Brussels, with Lafferty Group, EMAP, and the Economist Intelligence Unit, where he was responsible for developing a series of client-specific special briefings, and a range of newsletters focused on the European Union. Francis speaks Arabic and French, and has a BA from Exeter University in Arabic and Islamic History.

José Pereyra

Dr. Pereyra is Academic Vice President at the Peruvian Applied Sciences University – UPC. On July 2011 he joined to the UPC and is leading two strategic goals: the institutional accreditation and the academic quality assurance system -HEQAS. Previously, since January 2000 Mr. Pereyra worked at CENTRUM Catolica project, currently the Business School of the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru. He was responsible for the long range planning and Director of MBA Programs. Today this School is one of the most prestigious Schools in Latin America.

In 1985, sponsored by the International Atomic Energy Agency he enrolled at the University of Tennessee, USA for postgraduate studies in nuclear reactors design. He worked for 15 years for the national nuclear program at Peru being responsible for the design, construction and startup of the Huarangal Nuclear Research Center, near Lima. In 1990 after successfully finishing the project he became the first General Director. Later, he joined the Peruvian Naval Academy and served as Academic Director for two years and Chief Executive Officer for the next two years. He obtained his D.B.A. in Business Administration from the Maastricht School of Management, The Netherlands. He holds a Ph. D. in Strategic Business Administration by the Pontifical Catholic University, Peru. He has 35 years teaching at several universities.

Jamil Salmi

Dr. Salmi, a Moroccan education economist, is the World Bank’s former tertiary education coordinator. He is the principal author of the Bank’s Tertiary Education Strategy entitled “Constructing Knowledge Societies: New Challenges for Tertiary Education”. In the past eighteen years, Mr. Salmi has provided policy advice on tertiary education reform to many governments and higher education institutions all over the world. Mr. Salmi is a member of the Governing Board of the International Institute for Educational Planning, the International Advisory Network of the UK
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Anand Sudarshan

Mr. Sudarshan heads Manipal Global Education Services, a member of MEMG (Manipal Education & Medical Group), and is based in Bangalore. Manipal Global Education Services - MaGE is a pioneering global education entity headquartered at Bangalore, India. Mr. Sudarshan has been a recognised leader in the education sector since the last 5 years. He is a founder of EDGE (an education sector forum and think-tank) and the Vice-Chairman of its Vision Group. He is also a member of (Confederation of Indian Industry) National Group on Education. He has served on governing bodies of educational institutions, with particular focus on taking higher education beyond metro cities to other parts of India. Prior to his current position, he was President, Adea International (a wholly owned subsidiary of Adea Solutions, Inc, Dallas TX), responsible for all global businesses of the IT Services & Solutions company. He had taken on this position after successfully leading Netkraft Private Limited as CEO (where he took over as CEO in 2003) to a merger with Adea Solutions, Inc in July 2004. In 1989 he co-founded The Microland Group and for 14 years he was part of the team that built it into one of the leading privately held Indian technology companies. From 1985 to 1989, he served in several capacities at Computer Point India Limited. He has a Bachelor’s of Engineering degree in Electronics and Communications from the National Institute of Technology, Trichy, University of Madras (formerly known as the Regional Engineering College, Trichy), and a MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata.

Atul Temurnikar

Mr. Temurnikar co-founded the Singapore-headquartered Global Schools Foundation (GSF) in Sept 2002, and is the founding Trustee and Chairman for GSF operations worldwide. An entrepreneur and visionary, Mr. Temurnikar started Global Indian International
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Mr. Temurnikar is a Charter Member of TiE Singapore and Advisor to “Toonz Animation” educational initiatives, a leading animation production company based out of India. Mr. Atul Temurnikar is also a member of the National Integration Council (Working group for Schools) in Singapore.

Ashok Thakur

Mr. Thakur is the Special Secretary, Technical Education for the Ministry of Human Resource Development in India. He is a member of Board of Governors of several technical and management institutions including IITs and IIMs. He also looks after the AICTE and is the Vice-Chairman of Kendriya Vidyalaya, a network of a 1000 schools in the government sector. Prior to his current role, he joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1977, where he has held several posts including Principal Secretary for various sectors including tourism, culture, youth services and sport. He holds a Post Graduate Degree in History from Punjab University. He was part of a programme on Infrastructure Development in Market Economy from Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 2006. He has also been an alumnus of IDS Sussex University, UK where he did a programme on poverty reduction.

Dimitris Tsitsiragos

Mr Tsitsiragos leads IFC’s investments and advisory services across 52 countries with over 800 staff, and oversees an integrated strategy that aims to create jobs, plug infrastructure
gaps, increase access to finance, and tackle climate change. Prior to his role as Vice President, Mr. Tsitsiragos was the Director of the Middle East, North Africa and Southern Europe department in IFC, where he developed a strategy to support the region’s private sector in the wake of the Arab Spring. He oversaw several important initiatives, including the Education for Employment (e4e) program, which brings together public and private providers of education and private companies to improve the quality of education in the region. Mr. Tsitsiragos also helped launch the Arab Financing Facility for Infrastructure, which supports much-needed infrastructure projects and kick-started a program expected to channel over $500 million to smaller businesses in the Middle East and North Africa region. Mr. Tsitsiragos has extensive experience in several sectors including manufacturing and oil & gas. Prior to joining the Middle East and North Africa region, he directed the Global Manufacturing and Services (GMS). Before his South Asia assignment, Mr. Tsitsiragos served as Manager of New Investments for IFC’s Eastern/Central Europe region and Manager of IFC’s Oil & Gas division. Mr. Tsitsiragos, a Greek national, received the World Bank Group Diversity and Inclusion Award in 2009. He has served on the Board of Directors for both IDFC and Bank of Ceylon.

**Cecilia María Vélez**

Cecilia María Vélez, is an Economist, with a master’s degree in economics and specialized in planning. She is a consultant in Institutional Development and Visiting Professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Colombian Minister of Education for 8 years (2002-2010), and Bogotá’s Secretary of Education (1998-2002). Before, she was at the Colombian National Planning Department, first as Director of the Territorial Development Unit and then as Deputy Director from 1990 to 1994. This allowed her to be involved in the law development process regarding decentralization and transference of responsibilities to territorial entities in the social sector, particularly concerning health and education. The results obtained in this front led Bogota’s Mayors, Antanas Mockus and Enrique Peñalosa, to appoint and ratify her as the District’s Secretary of Education from 1998 to 2002. During this period she managed to organize the district’s educational system, increase coverage of basic education, promote schools in concession, establish the libraries’ network and transform the concept of quality in pro of its continued improvement, among other actions. From August 2002 and to 2010, she worked as the Colombian Minister of Education, the only government employee in history to hold that position for eight continuous years when the ministers’ average in office was only of twelve months. Likewise, her achievements have made her one of the leaders in the education sector in Latin America, where the system, programs developed and its transformation have become a point of reference and successful experiences to follow.
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Alex Wong

Mr. Wong heads the Center for Business Engagement at the World Economic Forum's Geneva headquarters with senior management responsibility for leading the development and implementation of the Forum's industry strategies. Since joining the World Economic Forum in 2000, he has additionally directed the IT and telecoms, media and entertainment, consumers, mobility, and currently since 2008, the basic and infrastructure Industries team. He additionally has responsibility across many of the Forum’s multi stakeholder institutional initiatives such as the Partnership Against Corruption Initiative (private public sector anti-corruption), the Disaster Resource Partnership initiatives (cross-sector collaboration between the private sector and humanitarian relief agencies), and the Global Education Initiative (partnerships in education at the country, regional, and global level to help countries achieve their national education sector objectives). Prior to joining the Forum, he worked for 12 years in a variety of professional roles at Accenture, General Motors, and the US National Parks Service. He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Toronto, and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Tarik Yousef

Dr. Yousef is Chief Executive Officer of Silatech, a new regional initiative promoting job creation, entrepreneurship, and access to capital for Arab youth. The organization has designed and funded programs in Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Syria and Yemen and will commence operations in Libya, Oman and Sudan in 2012. He served as the founding Dean of the Dubai School of Government between 2006 and 2011, and as Professor of Economics and Arab Studies at Georgetown University between 1998 and 2006. An expert on the economies of the Arab world, he received his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University. His current research interests include the study of youth inclusion and the political economy of policy reform. His policy experience includes working as Economist in the Middle East Department of the International Monetary Fund; Visiting Senior Economist in the Middle East and North Africa Region of the World Bank; and Senior Advisor for the Millennium Project at the UN. At present, he is nonresident Senior Fellow at Brookings and Chair of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Arab World in 2011-2012.