

Mr. Mu'taz Sawwaf
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Mu'taz Sawwaf graduated from the American University of Beirut, Class of 1974, with a bachelor's degree in architecture. With great perseverance and determination he was able to successfully achieve an extensive network of both private and public projects in the Middle East, and the Gulf. In 1980, he established Arabian Roots in Jeddah Saudi Arabia, which specializes in construction and trading in building materials, and in 1986, he started his involvement with the Saudi Binladin group.

Today, Mr. Sawwaf serves on the board of several companies, such as Construction Products Holding Company (CPC), Mimar Invest, Roots Group Arabia, Growth Gate, Saudi Binladin Group (SBG) and Al Wared Logistics. He is the Managing Director for SBG Architecture and Building Construction Division. Mr. Sawwaf also dedicates time and funds to give back to society. He is involved in many charities and not-for-profit organizations, but mainly he has embraced the concept of microfinance services and has established, in collaboration with the Arab Gulf Program for Development (AGFUND) and other philanthropists, the Ibdaa company that operates today in Syria, Lebanon and Sierra Leone and soon in Palestine, Sudan, Morocco and Senegal.

He also serves on the Board of Trustees of International College, Beirut; the boards of Ibdaa microfinance companies worldwide; the steering committee for the American University of Beirut capital campaign; the advisory board of the School of Arts and Design at the Lebanese American University; and the Board of the Wassef Souad Sawwaf Family Foundation.