

## **Varouj Nerguizian**

### **Executive Director and General Manager**

#### **Bank of Sharjah, UAE**

Varouj Nerguizian is the Executive Director and General Manager of Bank of Sharjah, UAE, and the Chairman and General Manager of Emirates Lebanon Bank- Lebanon. He serves as Executive Chairman of BOS Real Estate LLC, BOS Capital LLC, Borealis LLC and EL Capital LLC.

He is a Board Member and Chairman of the Audit & Compliance Committee of Dana Gas and a Board member of Growthgate Capital LLC.

He is a Director of Lycée Libanais Francophone Privé and Chairman of the Lebanese Educational Fund SA; Board Member of The Pearl Initiative (United Nations Office of Partnerships) ; Member of the Conseil Stratégique de l' Université Saint Joseph- Lebanon, and member of the Board of Trustees of the American University of Sharjah.

Nerguizian was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1954; He received his secondary education at College Notre Dame de Jamhour des Peres Jesuites in Lebanon. In 1976, Nerguizian graduated from Univeristé St. Joseph - Lebanon (University of Lyon Lumière- France) in Economics.

His Academic Background contributed to Nerguizian's professional life where he started his career in 1972 with Bank G. Trad- Credit Lyonnais Beirut, followed by a move to Bank of Sharjah in the UAE in 1977, an affiliate of Banque Paribas.

A Member of Banque Paribas (BNP Paribas) international staff, Nerguizian was appointed as General Manager of Bank of Sharjah on January 1, 1992.

To date, Nerguizian is still leading Bank of Sharjah and was instrumental in the growth of the Bank, its success and its promotion not only in the UAE but in the region. His leadership of the team for the 2008 acquisition of the operations of BNPI in Lebanon through a Lebanese subsidiary, Emirates Lebanon Bank s.a.l., was instrumental.

Nerguizian – after serving as member of the board of trustees of Lycée Georges Pompidou in Sharjah for 12 years, of which four years as Chairman, – led in 2003 a team that established the Lebanese Educational Fund SA and the Lycée Libanais Francophone Privé in Dubai, a nonprofit private school that serves the needs of the Lebanese and Francophone Communities in Dubai and the Northern Emirates. LLFP entered into an academic cooperation agreement with College Notre Dame de Jamhour in 2009, and is accredited by AEFÉ.

Besides his professional life, Nerguizian is actively involved in, and a prominent figure of, the Lebanese, French, and Armenian communities.

In 1996, Nerguizian was discerned the Insignia of the Knight of the Order of Merit (Chevalier Dans L'ordre National du Merite) by the Republic of France for his contributions to the interests of France in the UAE.

In 1999, Nerguizian was discerned the Insignia of the Knight of the Holy See of Cilicia, by the Armenian Apostolic Church for his efforts in leading the team that built the Armenian Church in Sharjah.

In 2004, Nerguizian was discerned the Insignia of the Knight of the Order of "Mekhitar Heratsi" by the Republic of Armenia for his efforts in leading a team that built the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia in Abu Dhabi, followed upon completion of the Embassy in 2007 by the Insignia of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia.

In 2010, Nerguizian was discerned the Insignia of the Knight of the Order of Saint Gregory the Illuminator from the Armenian Catholic Church for his contributions to the community in Lebanon.

In 2013, Nerguizian was discerned the Insignia of The Knight of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great by His Holiness Pope Benedictus XIX.