

Abir Leheta

CEO – Egyption Transport & Commercial Services CO. S.A.E. "Egytrans"

Abir Leheta was elected as CEO of Egytrans, the leading national transport and logistics provider, in 2015, thereby becoming the first woman chair in the 45-year history of the company. Recognized by Forbes as one of the Middle East's 100 Power Businesswomen in 2020, Abir's record of transformative leadership is demonstrated through successfully implementing programs and services that have significantly changed the company. Under her leadership, Egytrans continues to grow, with the aim of building a transnational Transport and Logistics enterprise recognized within the region. Leheta joined the family business upon graduation, spending her earlier career days rotating through various departments and learning the business operations. She first joined in 1996 as Head of Software Development, followed by several managerial and executive positions, reaching Chief Strategy Officer responsible for the development and implementation of the strategic direction of the Company. Abir Leheta dedicates significant time to civic organizations and is a vocal advocate of women's empowerment.



Amal Mowafy

Chief of party USAID scholars activity at the American University in Cairo

Mowafy is an Egyptian development professional with more than 20 years of experience. She was the Chief Technical Advisor at the International Labour Organization (ILO), managing the ILO/Canada flagship project on Decent Jobs for Egypt's Young People (DJEP). She works with the Egyptian Government and the people to deliver results at national, governorate, community policy, and administration levels through interventions that tackle the supply, intermediation, and demand aspects of the labour market to achieve Decent Work (Sustainable Development Goal 8) for all.



Amal Saad Eldin

CEO of Riva Pharma S.A.E

Amal Saad El Din is the CEO of Riva Pharma. Under her management, the company has managed to open new markets for Egyptian pharmaceutical industry in some African countries. Prior to this, she served as Vice Chair and a Board Member at Riva Pharma. Saad El Din earned her bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Commerce – Accounting Division a Cairo University in 1995 and a Diploma in Quality Management from the American University in Cairo in 2008. She also received a master's degree in Business Administration in 2013.



Amina Ghanem

Executive Director of the Egyptian National Competitiveness Council (ENCC)

Amina Ghanem has been appointed in 2012 as Executive Director of the Egyptian National Competitiveness Council (ENCC) – a non for profit policy advocacy group that supports government policies aimed at enhancing Egypt's competitiveness. Ghanem has 32 years of long and diverse experience which combines 11 years of civil society service, and more than 22 years of advising on macro and micro-economic policies and strategies in the Egyptian government. As Executive Director, she is mandated to implement ENCC's mission as a forum for public-private policy dialogues on priority challenges to Egypt's long term competitiveness and inclusive growth.



Asmaa Hosny

Former Chief Executive Officer of the Information Technology Industry Development Agency. Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

With over 37 years of accumulated experience in various sectors of communications and information technology, from developing policies and strategies for Egyptian companies with Egyptian youth, to changing companies' origins from local to international operating in the Arab region and the United States of America. Despite the challenges and difficulties, her goal was to open markets for young people after qualifying them and building their competencies to meet global needs by incorporating innovation and entrepreneurship as their philosophy of work and productivity. Over the past few years, she established alliances with the world's largest companies working in the ICT industry, supporting youth after preparing them for the labor market, and implementing projects in most sectors inside Egypt and other projects abroad.



Dalia El Baz

Deputy Chairperson of the National Bank of Egypt (NBE)

Dalia El Baz has been appointed as the Deputy Chairperson of the National Bank of Egypt (NBE), one of the biggest state-run banks in Egypt, in September 2017. She is the first Egyptian women ever to serve this position. El Baz started her banking career in 1995 in Barclays Bank Egypt in the Corporate Banking. El Baz joined the NBE in December 2008 as part of the team that contributed to the development of the bank's business by activating the role of the Operational Risk Group, spreading the culture of its business and establishing the business continuity plans and sites.



Dalia Khorshid

Chairwoman and CEO of MASAR

Dalia Khorshid was the first female Minister of Investment serving between 2016 and 2017. She is currently Chairwoman and CEO of MASAR, a private-sector financial advisory firm founded in 2018 to provide financial services to the Egyptian and regional markets. As a minister, Khorshid established three new free trade zones. She has over 24 years of finance experience in various fields: Corporate Banking, Investment Banking, Corporate Treasury and Private Equity. Khorshid worked in Orascom Construction Industries (OCI) from 2005 to 2016, most recently Group Corporate Treasurer. She began her career at the Commercial International Bank (CIB), followed by eight years as Vice President of Citibank prior to joining OCI.



Dina EI-Mofty

Mena Regional Ambassador at Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization "WEDO", Founder & former Board member at Injaz Egypt.

Dina El-Mofty is the founder of Injaz Egypt, an organization which has a strong educational focus on entrepreneurship as well as work readiness and is part of the Junior Achievement worldwide network. She has started Injaz Egypt project in 2003, to become an independent institution under the Ministry of Social Solidarity in 2004. El-Mofty has recently founded Inspo, a company focused on delivering leading global programs on personal and professional development in Egypt and the Middle East. El Mofty was nominated as one of the world's most influential young Arabs under 40 by Arabian Business for 2016.



Dina Sherif

CEO and Founding Partner, Entrepreneur & Investor – Ahead of the Curve

Dina Sherif is committed to building sustainable societies through the application of a more conscious form of capitalism and she founded Ahead of the Curve (ATC) in 2012 to further that goal. ATC is a social enterprise promoting responsible and sustainable management practices, more inclusive and equitable economies, and the development of socially-innovative business models in growth markets to support both economic growth and social change. Sherif is the lead author of several key publications such as the book: From Charity to Social Change: Trends in Arab Philanthropy and key reports, including a 7 country study on trends in responsible business practice in the Arab region and the 2015 UNDP Business Solutions Report.



Fatma Lotfy

Chairperson of EFG Hermes.

Fatma Lotfy is a renowned Banking and Investment Expert, with more than 30 years of commercial and investment banking experience She is currently Non-Executive Chairperson of EFG Finance and Chairperson of EFG Hermes Factoring. She is also a Board Member of Acumen Holding. She began her career in the late 1980s and since then she has held senior and key executive positions in a number of renowned international and local banks and sits on the boards of several large-scale financial institutions.



Ghada El Bialy

Chairperson of Industrial Development Bank

Ghada, former CEO for Treasury, Foreign Relations and International Financial Services at the National Bank of Egypt, has 30+ years of Banking experience. Among the main positions she held within Citibank were Oil and Gas Unit Head (04-07), Deputy Treasurer & Head of Treasury Sales and Derivatives Marketing (93-04) and Citibank Egypt Country Treasurer (88-93). Recently she has participated in several events, including but not limited to: Member in the First Panel in the International conference entitled "Arbitrating Banking and Finance disputes: A new Paradigm" Member in the "Gender-Smart Investing: Integrating Women Into the Investment Value Chain for Better Returns" organized by the AmCham`s Women in Business Committee.



GHADA HAMMOUDA

Chief Sustainability & Marketing Officer, Qalaa Holdings

Ms. Hammouda has 30-plus years of experience in market development, strategic planning, sustainable development and reputation management. Ms. Hammouda is an advocate and frequent speaker on issues related to responsible investing, sustainability, crisis communication, gender equality, youth empowerment and education, and is very active in community development. During her 20+ years career journey in the US, Ms. Hammouda served as a senior executive and strategic consultant to top New York and European blue chip and start-up firms including IBM, AT&T International, Mars, Philip Morris, Procter & Gamble, Reciprocal, Inc., WPP's Ogilvy & Mather, N.W. Ayer & Partners, and Backer Spielvogel Bates; in categories ranging from FMCG to private equity and IT, and gained wide experience in creating value and shared prosperity in both mature and emerging markets.



Dr. Ghada Howaidy

Associate Dean for Executive Education and External Relations at (AUC) and Founder of the Egyptian Women on Boards Observatory

Ghada Howaidy has been Executive Director for Office of Strategic Alignment at the School of Business and Adjunct Faculty of Core Curriculum at the American University in Cairo since 2016. Her expertise is in Organizational Change and Strategic Management with experience in local, regional and international development organizations in the areas of Higher Education, Human Rights, Management Development, Information Technology, and Export Promotion. Before joining AUC in 2008, Howaidy was the Founding Director of International Relations at the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology in Egypt. In 2015, Howaidy was awarded the DProf from Middlesex University after completing the Ashridge Doctorate in Organizational Change.



Ghada Makady

Partnerships and Generation Unlimited Lead at the United Nations.

Ghada Makady has a strong experience in the Middle East and North and West Africa Region given her corporate life career with Coca-Cola. She has a very solid experience in the Community Development and the Corporate Social Responsibility, Corporate Communications, Stakeholder's Management, and Crises Resolution. She has led a wide range of successful mega flagship programs in the region. In Egypt, Makady led the 100 villages development programs in partnership with the government, several United Nations, and other local and international NGOs. She is an expert on the area of Women Development, Community Development through leading the development of water stations, schools, and medical centers. She led projects that connected water to around 60,000 people and supported projects that benefited more than 25,000 women in Egypt only and still continuing her journey to benefit her country.



Hadeer Shalaby

Managing Director at Talabat Egypt Company

Hadeer Shalaby former Regional Director of Careem Bus.She has joined Careem in November 2014, as General Manager of Careem Egypt and later served as Director of Category Management from September 2017 till September 2018. For the love of entrepreneurship and youth organization, Shalaby was the first to introduce car reservation service in 2015 at the North Coast by Taxi El Sa7el, which was later acquired by Careem in summer 2014. Then joining AIESEC Global expansion operations in the Netherlands where she worked on expanding AIESEC teams all around the world. AIESEC is one the largest organizations managed by youth aiming to develop youth leaders through programs in 125 countries around the world. Under her leadership of AIESEC Lebanon, the team won the Leadership Award sponsored by ING, one of the largest banks in Europe.



Hala Hashem

Non-Executive Board member at Al Arafa for Investment in Garments Manufacturing.

Hala Hashem has more than 20 years of experience in Garments industry. She joined Swiss Garments Company (SGC) in 1994, held a number of positions in sales and export management before being appointed Deputy General Manager in 2007. She was appointed CEO of the Apparel and Tailoring Segment in addition to that she joined the Board of Arafa Holding in 2006. In addition, she is also Board Member of Group Local Retail Arm – Concrete for Ready Made Garments and Euromed for Trading and Marketing and of Group UK subsidiary -Baird Group. She currently serves as a Member of Ready Made Garments Export Council in Egypt. She has a bachelor degree from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University and an MBA from the Maastricht School of Management, the Netherlands.



Halla Sakr

Board member at ODIN Investments Company

Halla Sakr has a proven track record that spans over 31 years in the banking industry across Egypt and the Middle East. Sakr, former non-executive chairperson Attijariwafa Bank, was the first women to serve as the Managing Director of Barclays Bank Egypt in January 2016 until the bank was later acquired by Attijariwafa Bank in May 2017. Prior to this, Sakr spent over 22 years in HSBC Egypt, where she had held a variety of leadership positions. In 2013, she was appointed the Deputy Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer before leaving the bank. AHalla's vast experience is spread across the banking industry from Personal Financial Services and Branches to Credit Risk Management, Corporate Banking, Strategy, Marketing, and Communications. She holds a bachelor degree in Business Administration from the American University in Cairo (High Honors).



Hanan Nayel

Strategic communications & public affairs consultant.

Hanan Nayel is a communications and public affairs professional with over 21 years of local and international experience across different sectors such as Health, Chemicals, Education, Cement, Broadcast, and Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG). Former General Secretary Director – North East Africa (Corporate Affairs-internal & external communications-, Legal, Regulatory) of Danone Egypt, leading stakeholder engagement through the corporate functions of Public affairs, Communications, Legal and Compliance, and Regulatory Affairs, to pave the way for sustainable growth.



Hania Sadek

IFC nominee director at Globaltronics and Non-Executive Director at Export development bank.

Hania Sadek has over 30 years of banking experience in in areas of Branch Management, Banking Technology, Procurement and Vendor Risk Management, Program and Project Management, Corporate Real Estate, Crises Management, and Strategic Planning. Moreover, Sadek has ranked 37th in Forbes Middle East for the Top 200 Most Powerful Arab Women 2014, 42nd for the Top 100 Most Powerful Arab women 2016, and 44th by Forbes Middle East, among the Top 100 Most Powerful Arab Businesswomen in 2017.



Heba Iskandar

Board Secretary & Corporate Development Director at Orascom Construction Limited (OCL)

Heba Iskander is Board Secretary and Corporate Development Director at Orascom Construction. She also sits on several Boards including those of ENACTUS (Egypt), and the Littlest Lamb. Ms. Iskander holds an MBA from the University of Chicago and a B.A. from the American University in Cairo.



Heidi Kamal

Executive Board Member at Abu Dhabi Islamic bank (ADIB)

Heidi Kamal joined ADIB-Egypt as Chief Risk Officer in 2009. She is responsible for Wholesale Bank Credit Risk along with Operations, Market, ADIB capital, ADI Lease risks, and ADIB Holding. Her banking career began in 1989 as an Officer at the Bank of Credit and Commerce- Misr's Corporate Bank, Trade, and Customer Service departments. Her professional journey then led her to join Citibank where she held a variety of progressively responsible roles over the course of nearly 15 years before joining the NBD Bank of Dubai/ADIB-Egypt. Her expertise lies in planning business and portfolio strategies based on clear analyses of market conditions and risk assessments.



Laila Sedky

CMO and Founder of NOLA Cupcakes

Siblings Adel and Laila Sedky discovered a penetrable gap in the Egyptian dessert market and introduced the first local cupcake store, NOLA. Despite growing up in the same family, the siblings could not be more different. Adel skillfully manages operations and logistics. Laila, on the other hand, drives brand and product development. Interested in business, both Adel and Laila attended the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University, receiving degrees in Marketing and Finance respectively. The pair opened NOLA Cupcakes after graduation in 2010. NOLA offers customers trendy affordable luxuries through its variety of freshly-baked delicious desserts.



Maha Abdel Razik

CEO Misr Real Estate Assets Management co.

She started her professional career in the USA at Citibank, Vanguard Financial Institution and Washington Mutual, working in the primary and secondary mortgage market as well as managing several branches in Southern and Northern California. She moved back to Egypt in 2000 Ms. Maha was the Ambassador of Goodwill 2016 and was an active member at United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). Ms. Maha currently trains professionals at the Egyptian Banking institute (EBI) and previously training at Arab Academy for Banking Financial Science, and at the AUC, Ain-Shams University and OUDA. She also developed the retail curriculum approved by the Supreme Council of Universities-Egypt in cooperation with the American University in Cairo (AUC). and previously trained in the USA on how to assimilate with foreign cultures as well as understand the business protocol in the Middle East.



Dr. Maha ElShinnawy

Professor of Leadership and Ethics at The American University in Cairo (AUC) and is the Director of the Goldman Sachs 10,000

Maha ElShinnawy is Professor of Leadership and Ethics at The American University in Cairo (AUC) and is the Director of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women's Entrepreneurship and Leadership Program for the Arab region. She was named by CEO Middle East as one of the most powerful 100 Arab women for setting standards of excellence and as one of the top 10 most powerful Women in Egypt. She served as Associate Dean for research and graduate studies and as The Willard D. Brown Chair in International Leadership in the School of Business at AUC. Dr. ElShinnawy has been recognized for her teaching excellence by the Center for Teaching Excellence of Texas A&M University.



Marianne Hesni

CEO of Hesni Textiles

Marianne Hesni is a leading figure in the textile industry in Egypt. She is the CEO of Hesni Textiles, a textile family business established by her grandfather over a century ago. The business has become one of the largest private sector textile companies in Egypt specializing in dyeing, finishing and printing of various fabrics. Marianne has been an active board member of several initiatives focusing on the development of the business environment in Egypt, including CIIC, a leading Egyptian Private Equity, and Endeavor Egypt, where she was also a mentor. Marianne is currently a board member of 138 Pyramids, an initiative to grow Egyptian SMEs and of ADVANCE, an NGO that supports children with special needs which she co-founded in 1997.



Marwa El-Ayouti

Chief Financial Officer at Orange Egypt

Highly accomplished senior finance executive with 25 years of local and international experience in finance, primarily in telecommunications. Extensive hands-on experience in management, senior business and strategic leadership within multibillion dollar operations, working with Board of Directors and Audit Committees, operating M & A at global scale, and managing listed company requirements. Wide experience in financial management at local and Holding company level with wealth of experience in financial and strategic planning, cross functional experience, Fraud and Revenue Assurance functions, Internal Audit, Procurement and Supply Chain management, leading organizations of 5000+ employees. Highly results driven with record success in driving business growth, increasing shareholder value and profitability. Ranked on Forbes Top 100 Most Powerful Arab Women.



Dr. May ElBatran

Business woman & chairperson of the communication information technology committee & Philantropist.

TMA is first education company in Egypt to be awarded the integrated quality management system (ISO 9001 - ISO 14001 - ISO 45001 since 2011. May ElBatran broke the glass ceiling of many positions for her age and gender both in Egypt and in the Middle East, the youngest lady of only five chair people in 150 years of Egyptian parliamentary history was the cherry on top of her achievement May kicked off her education in the French Catholic College De La Mere de Dieu, received her bachelor of pharmacy from Cairo University, her PhD in technology health policy assessment from Swansea University, Wales and is in a continuous state of learning and life exploring.... she was born on May 25th 1975.



Dr. Maya Morsi

President of The National Council for Women

Maya Morsi holds the President position of The National Council for Women. She has more than 22 years of experience in dedicated service to the advancement of women and defending their fundamental rights. Maya Morsi had served as: regional gender team leader for the UN Development Programme in Cairo, country programme manager and Project Coordinator for the UN Development Fund for Women, Project Officer in the Sustainable Human Development Platform for Action and Monitoring. She was also an Academic Facilitator in the Public Administration and Communication Joint Program between City University of Seattle and the Arab Academy of Science and Technology.



Marie Louis Bishara

Fashion designer, Partner, Vice Chairman, and CEO of Bishara Group, a group with an invested capital of \$32 million; employing more than 800 workers and 150 salesmen in the Fashion & Apparel Retail Business.

Furthermore, Marie Louis designed and manufactured seven in-house brands under BTM and Marielouis, sold in 7 owned showrooms. As of 2022, President of The Egyptian Apparel Export Council, Founder & General Secretary of "I The Egyptian -"Foundation. Founder & Board member of the Egyptian Foundation of Design & Fashion Association (EFDC). Founder & Technical Operator of the Asmarat Training Center, the first public-private center in Egypt.



Mireille Nessim

Chief Executive Officer at Takatof Association for Development

Mireille Nessim holds the Chief Executive Officer position at Takatof Association for Development; she has been working at the association since May 2001. Mireille Nessim served as an Executive Vice President and Director of Communications at the German – Arab Chamber Of Industry & Commerce during the period of January 2000 to 2001. Also, she was Head of Public Relations at the Egyptian Exchange during the period of December 1997 to 1999. In addition, Mireille Nessim held the Director of Public Relations position at the Information and Decision Support Center – IDSC from November 1996 to December 1998 and worked in Leadership positions at the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt in 1984.



Mona El Kolaly

Vice President at Kolaly Technology

Mona El kolaly holds the Vice President position of Kolaly Technology, that is specialized in supplying hightech IT hardware and software. One of the biggest and oldest system integration companies of information technology in Egypt. Mona El kolaly has contributed in the establishment of Key program that serves the Egyptian universities and aims to maximize the productivity of the individual and raise his efficiency. As a result, more than 20 thousands training and development opportunities have been served through the program.



Dr. Moushira Khattab

President of the National Council for Human Rights - Egypt

Ambassador Moushira Mahmoud Khattab, Ph.D is an Egyptian human rights activist, former politician & diplomat. She is the former Minister of Family & Population of Egypt, Former Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of Egypt to the Republic of South Africa, the Czech Republic and Slovakia as well serving in Egypt's diplomatic missions in Australia, Hungary, Austria and the United Nations (New York and Vienna). She is also a human rights activist advocating the rights of children and women and the former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child based at the UN Headquarters in Geneva. Moushira Khattab holds a PHD on the rights of the child from Cairo University, an M.A. in International Relations from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA and a B.A. Political Science from Cairo University, Faculty of Economics and Political Science.



Nagwa Emad

Founder of Media Waves Company

Nagwa Emad is a renowned marketing and communication expert with more than 25 years of professional experience in Egypt, the Gulf States and England. Nagwa also worked closely with government entities such as Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Ministry of Tourism and Social Contract Center which was an Egyptian cabinet's project. Her experience also included international entities such as UNICEF and UNDP. Nagwa is currently the National Chair of Egypt for the International Public Relations Association (IPRA). She is a prominent contributor to civil and community services through a number of NGO's. She is the founder and the President of the Cairo Capital Lions Club.



Nermine El Tahri

Former Assistant Minister of International Cooperation, to oversee the file of small & medium enterprises.

Nermine El-Tahri, Joined the CBE in May 2016 since then she has been leading the CBE SME initiative with the local banks, private & public sector entities, local & international organizations and governmental ministries. Nermine returned to Egypt from the United Kingdom in 2007, shortly thereafter, she joined Banque du Caire as General Manager of Business Development and Marketing. During her tenure she has successfully contributed to the banks unsurpassed portfolio growth and profitability by revitalizing and launching new pioneering products, optimizing the existing infrastructure, maximizing employee effectiveness and enhancing customer satisfaction.



Nihal EL-Megharbel

Senator, member of the housing, transportation & local administration committee – Egyptian Senate House.

Nihal El-Megharbel is currently the Urban Policies, Governance and Legislation Program Manager, UNHABITA, Egypt Program. Dr. El-Megharbel was the Vice Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform, for Monitoring. She was also the Deputy Minister of the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform, for Economic Affairs. El-Megharbel was an Expert, at the Arab Planning Institute in Kuwait. She was the director of the Local Administration Reform Unit, Ministry of Local Development. She was also a Principal Economist in the technical office of the Minister of Trade and Industry. El-Megharbel was a lecturer at Cairo University and the French University. She earned her Ph.D. from Cairo University and her Masters Degree in the American University in Cairo.



Nourtan Abdeltawab

Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology

Nourtan Abdeltawab is an Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at Cairo University. She has graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy at Cairo University and received a scholarship at one of the U.S. universities and got her PhD degree. Abdeltawab has earned the L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science among the Top 15 Researchers for her studies on the effects of heredity on the three-dimensional treatment of hepatitis C in Egypt.



Pakinam Kafafi

Chief Executive Officer - TAQA Arabia

Ms. Pakinam Kafafi is an energy expert and one of TAQA Arabia's cornerstones since its incorporation in 2006. With more than 27 years of experience, Ms. Kafafi holds now the position of CEO of TAQA Arabia, the leading private sector energy distribution & Utility company in Egypt investing and operating energy & utility infrastructure across the region.



Passant Fouad

Associate Director of External Communication at Juhayna Food Industries

Passant Fouad joined Juhayna in 2015, heading the Media and External Communication, responsible for 5 major departments/disciplines; Media, Sponsorships and Activation, Public Relations, and Corporate Social Responsibility, Call Center, and Factory Visits. Her solid experience in Media and Marketing Communication include 7 years in the Telecommunication Industry with regional marketing positions in Motorola and Nokia International where she was Head of Marketing. Fouad holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the American University in Cairo (AUC). She also received an MBA in Marketing and Operation Management from the AUC.



Ragaa Fouad

Former Vice-Chairman at The Urban Planning Authority.

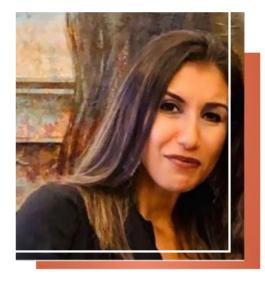
Ragaa Fouad is Vice-Chair of the New Urban Communities Authority (NUCA) for Planning and Projects. She has more than 37 years of experience in the Housing sector. Fouad started her career by working f the Technical Office of the 6th of October Development Authority in 1981. Then, she served as a General Manager in the NUCA's Planning and Projects Sector in 2010. Moreover, Fouad held several positions in NUCA, including Assistant Vice Chairman in 2012, Head of the Central Administration for Investor Affairs in 2014. She was also the Head of the Development Sector for New Alamein City Project in 2015. She has contributed in developing 28 new cities and participated in preparing partnership projects with the private sector.



Rana El Kaliouby

CEO and Co-Founder of Affectiva

Computer scientist, technologist, entrepreneur and business leader, Rana el Kaliouby believes that "humanizing technology gives us a golden opportunity to re-imagine how we connect with machines, and, therefore, how we connect with each other." Co-founder and CEO of Affectiva, the pioneer of Emotion artificial intelligence, el Kaliouby invented the company's award-winning emotion recognition technology. The Emotion AI platform combines facial expression and tone of voice to infer how a person is feeling, using deep learning and the world's largest emotion data repository of more than five million faces, analyzed from 75 countries.



Rania Abdel Hakim

Chief risk officer at Emirates NBD Egypt.

Rania Abdel Hakim serves as the Chief Risk Officer of Egypt & North Africa at Arab Banking CorporationEgypt (S.A.E), since April 2012 and she has extensive banking experience. Rania Abdel Hakim held many positions as: Chief Risk & Compliance Officer at Banque Misr, from February 2010 to March 2013, Head of the Small and Medium Enterprises Division and of Barclays Bank Of Egypt in 2010, and portfolio manager at Citigroup bank – UK. Additionally, Rania Abdel Hakim served as a Regional Vice President and Director of Corporate Division at Citibank – Egypt and a Marketing Director at the Egyptian American Bank E.A.B.



Rania Sabsouba

Head of Media Relations & CEO Office at the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt.

Ms. Sabsouba is responsible for media coverage related to all AmCham activities, ensuring a positive and comprehensive coverage of all AmCham efforts. Over the past 10 years Ms. Sabsouba developed and maintained positive relationships with Egyptian and foreign journalists. Ms. Sabsouba is also in charge of coordinating the annual media delegation trip to Washington DC, known as the AmCham DoorKnock Mission, where she organizes press meetings with AmCham leadership, designs the agenda for meetings with key stakeholders including the IMF, World Bank, State Department, Think-Tanks and other stakeholders.



Reem Asaad

Vice President, Middle East & Africa at CISCO.

After working for fifteen years in the US in information technology & financial services in companies like AIG, etc., Asaad returned back to Egypt and joined Raya Holding in 2005. Asaad is a part of the new generation rebuilding and redefining Egypt. She was ranked #32 in Forbes Middle East as one of the top 100 most powerful Arabic Women 2015 and ranked #38 in Forbes Middle East as one of the top 100 most powerful Arabic Businesswomen 2016. She has been called upon to represent Egypt at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2012; GRI Global Conference in Amsterdam, Holland in 2010; and at the United Nations Global Compact in New York, US in 2008.



Sahar Farahat

Senior Executive Vice President at Egypt Kuwait Holding Co.

Sahar Farahat holds the Chief Executive Officer position at Egypt Kuwait Holding Co. She was the first woman to serve as a Finance Director in the company until she reached the Executive Vice President position. Sahar Farahat worked in several positions in many major companies, she had worked at Egypt Kuwait Holding Co, one of the leading companies offering investment services, until she reached the Chief Executive Officer position. She also worked in BMHEA Hazim Hassan company for Accounting and Auditing and started as an auditor in 1983 until she reached the Audit Manager position in 1999. Sahar Farahat has many experience in various fields in the banking, industrial, construction, commercial and tourism sectors. She graduated from the Faculty of Commerce, Cairo University.



Shahira Diab

General Manager of La Poire

Graduated from the American University in Cairo in 1998 with a bachelor degree in Economics, she then joined La Poire-the food service side of the family business. She lead the turnaround of the company, growing the company from a pastry chain of 20 shops to wellrounded food service and retail group of companies, with coffee shops, catering services and convenience stores. Shahira has been a member of the YPO (Young Presidents Organization) Cairo Chapter since 2007 and served on its board for 2 years.



Shereen Allam

Founder and President of Awtad

Shereen Worked in the corporate world for five years in various positions and resigned her last post in the United Nations to start her own company. In 2008 believing in the power of the people in Egypt she established an NGO, AWTAD, and moved on to improve the environment supporting the economic empowerment of women and youth. Today AWTAD is supporting young start up entrepreneurs, women in their quest for economic freedom, artisans in their fight to break the glass ceiling they live under and youth in finding their path. In 2013 she established a new company called JEZOOR to work with young entrepreneurs to stand tall during the first three years of their incorporation to ensure that the survival rate of startups is on the rise. It also offers simulations and trainings on behavioral change and breaking stereotyping in Egypt and managing teams.



Suzette Ibrahim

Former Assistant President – Petrojet Business

Suzette has long experience with Petrojet, a 35-year-old company. She joined the Marine Management Division in January 1981, and held several leadership positions including Head of Marine Management in July 1996. Suzette Ibrahim has contributed to the company's growth and business growth by contributing to the development of an ambitious strategy that enabled the company to capture and implement more strategic projects to support the country's plans to achieve high growth rates in the coming period. It has also contributed to the implementation of several marine manufacturing projects in previous years, the latest of which was the Abu Qir marine platform, which started its loading work during the last few months.



Sylvia Menassa

CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt (AmCham)

Sylvia Menassa is the CEO of AmCham Egypt and as such leads the organization, which serves and connects almost 1,900 members. Menassa has been playing an instrumental role in promoting the U.S.- Egypt business relationship through coordinating policy advocacy efforts on behalf of Egypt's private sector, the organization of several Doorknock and business missions to and from the U.S., and awareness building activities aimed at enhancing the economic and business environment and encouraging investment. Menassa has been serving AmCham Egypt relentlessly for the past 30 years in various positions



Yasmine Kamar

Business Director at Koudijs Kapo Feeds

She began her career working at HSBC's corporate banking department, and later on joined her family business (KAPO Group) in 2014, working with the group's Dutch-Egyptian joint venture "Koudijs Kapo Feed" in the agricultural feed industry. During 2016-2017, she spearheaded the launch of a USD10 million fish feed factory targeting Egyptian fish farmers in Kafr El Sheikh, Sharkia and Behera. As of 2018, the factory is now making EGP 80M+ in revenue and has become profitable in less than 3 years. She was selected by the U.S. Department of State as one of 30 women in the Sub-Sahran and North African region to represent Egypt in the "African Women's Entrepreneurs Program" part of the U.S's International Visitor's leadership program. Lastly, in 2018 Yasmine was named as a "Distinguished Young Alumni" by AUC, being the youngest to receive the award since its inception.



Yasmine Mowafy

CFO and investment banker

Yasmine Mowafy, former CFO at Emaar Misr, began her career path as a Financial Analyst in 1999 at HC Securities & Investment until she reached the Vice-President position. Then, she joined Pharos Holding For Financial Investments in 2007 to hold the Director of Investment Banking Department position. And in 2011, Yasmine Mowafy served as a Regional Portfolio Manager who is responsible for funds and managed portfolios in the Middle East and North Africa. She was also a Director of investment banks at Beltone in 2013.