



CANADIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL
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MEET THE CANDIDATES



Aiham Alkhatib

Member of the Board
Head of Communications & Marketing Committee
Canadian Business Council Abu Dhabi

Business Development & Marketing Manager
PAL Aerospace

Aiham Alkhatib is a Canadian business executive who grew up in the UAE and lived 10+ years in Canada. Amongst other industries, he has been working in the Aerospace and Defence sector internationally for over a decade. Mr. Alkhatib has worked with PAL Aerospace (Canada) and Local Partners to establish and grow a UAE Joint Venture – PAL Aerospace Services Aircraft Maintenance LLC and is currently in the position of Business Development & Marketing Manager. In his role, he is responsible of various functions some of which are pursuing new business regionally, building proposals, leading international tradeshow and exhibitions, managing Offsets program for the UAE entity with Tawazun Economic Council (TEC) in the UAE.

Mr. Alkhatib has been an Ambassador as well as board member in various non-for-profit organizations. These include, the Halifax International Student Society, Canadian Syrian Association of the Atlantic Region, Halifax Refuge Clinic and the Canadian Business Council Abu Dhabi.

My first engagement was becoming an Ambassador for the Canadian Business Council of Abu Dhabi (CBC) for months before the Board of Directors recommended I join the CBC Board and fill in for a member who had to leave before completing their full term. I took that challenge on with no hesitation and I am glad I did. I have always been involved and had the passion for supporting community as well as professional groups and what better way to do so while I am in the UAE, than to join an esteemed business council that would keep me close to my home, from far. I believe I have contributed to CBC significantly since I joined the board in early 2018 and planning on continuing with the same momentum for my first full term nomination.

Some of the areas I see myself involved in over the next term:

- Continue developing and refining various marketing and communications guidelines, policies and procedures such as Branding, collateral material, communications, Media etc.
- Support CBC to expand its membership footprint along with the other CBC committees
- Support CBC events for successful outcomes such as the Maple Leaf Ball 2018
- Liaise with CBC Ambassadors to utilize their expertise for the better of CBC



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Essam Azar

Member of the Board
Canadian Business Council Abu Dhabi

Vice President, Government Relations & Business Development
Canada-UAE Business Council (C-UBC)

Essam Azar is one of the founding members of the Canadian Business Council of Abu Dhabi and has been working in the UAE since 1997. During his almost 20 years in Abu Dhabi, he has held senior positions in both the Public & Private Sectors. He was Head of International Relations with Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce & Industry where he spent almost 10 years working with statesmen, dignitaries and top-level government officials. Before joining AABAR Investments, as Corporate Affairs Advisor in the Chairman's Office, Mr. Azar spent 6 years as a General Manager of a private logistics & general trading business and was, at the same time, a free-lance business development consultant assisting local as well as international companies in setting up their businesses in the UAE.



Brij Bali

Treasurer of the Board
Canadian Business Council Abu Dhabi

CEO
International Talent Hub – a social enterprise

Brij Bali has been in the UAE since 2005 and has been actively engaged in leading national youth development programs and initiatives, including a short period as Interim Trade Commissioner (Education) at the Embassy of Canada, Abu Dhabi. In Canada, Brij has held positions in academia as Registrar and Vice President of Student Services, including President of a leading information technology college in Toronto. Brij holds an MBA degree from IMD (Switzerland), is a Doctoral (DBA) candidate at the University of Bath, U.K. and sits on various boards and advisory committees.

Building on my two years as the CBC Board Treasurer, I plan to contribute towards attracting new CBC members – individual and corporate, and building more business connections between the UAE and Canada. Furthermore, I am keen to promote the CBC as a CSR champion in the community and support the development of our communities of interest, particularly Youth and Education.



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Carol Milne

Vice Chair & Head of Events Committee
Canadian Business Council Abu Dhabi

Business Development Consultant
Total Solutions

Carol Milne was the founder, owner and president of a successful Canadian accounting and income tax company in 1988. The company was sold in 1998, when she moved to the UAE. Prior to this, Carol worked in the banking industry for many years. Carol has over 25 years' experience in organizing events, including receptions with up to 5,000 guests, and in planning, organizing and managing company presence at trade exhibitions. Carol has organized & executed several receptions in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, hosted by the Government of Ontario. In April 2014, Carol and her husband Malcolm were honoured by the Canadian Business Council's Annual Gala in Abu Dhabi and were the recipients of the Maple Leaf Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Canadian Business Community.



Gregory Zoughbi Chairman of the Board

Senior Principal
Business Development
Harris Corporation

Gregory Zoughbi is a Canadian business executive based in Abu Dhabi, UAE since 2008. He held various leadership positions in business development, business and technology consulting, project management and engineering. He currently leads business development for Harris International Inc., and his previous appointments included Director of ICT Consulting and Deputy for President of Center of Excellence (CoE) at Knowledge Point (KP). He also held various positions with General Dynamics Mission Systems Canada in Ottawa, Canada, CAE Inc. in Montreal, Canada, and BMW Financial Services in Munich, Germany.