



Lebanon's Leaders

Forbes Middle East held a first-of-its-kind event to applaud the country's top minds and most successful business heads.

In August, Forbes Middle East held a lavish gala event in Beirut to recognize the achievements of Lebanon's most successful individuals and companies to celebrate and support the growth of the country's economy.

Amongst the glitz and the glamour, Forbes Middle East also unveiled its "Lebanon 100"—a list compiled of the most inspiring entrepreneurs and business leaders helping Lebanon to transform.

Khuloud Al Omian, Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Middle East said, "At our very first event in Lebanon, we witnessed the energy and enthusiasm of these business leaders. It's clear that the country's prospects are promising and it's heading towards a positive future."

The invitation-only event was attended by some of the most revered and influential people in Lebanon, including government ministers, media commentators and well-recognized heads of industry and startup ventures.

Forbes Middle East's Lebanon 100 highlights the country's seven richest people, including the Mikati brothers—telecom tycoons Taha and Najib Mikati; and four Hariri brothers—Bahaa, Saad, Ayman and Fahd Hariri.

The Lebanon 100 also includes 10 companies on the

Beirut Stock Exchange, ranked according to their assets, market value, profits and revenues, and 35 professionals heading businesses across various sectors in the country.

A list of 15 Lebanese entertainers who have made their mark globally includes stars like Elissa, Ragheb Alama, Carole Samaha, Najwa Karam and Nancy Ajram.

Of the country's 15 most influential and powerful businesswomen, Elissar Farah Antonios, CEO Citibank UAE tops the list. She is followed by Randa El Assaad, CEO of Arif & Bintoak Consulting Architects and Engineers; Mona Bawarshi, CEO of Gezairi Transport; Hala Fadel, founder of Partner Leap Ventures and Ingie Chalhoub, President and Managing Director of the Etoile Group. The 18 most promising startups headquartered and founded in Lebanon include music streaming platform, Anghami; IoT Application Platform, Scriptr; and developer and publisher of online games, Falafel Games.

The event was held in partnership with Ritver Paints & Coatings; DiasporaID; GMC Lebanon; Danube Properties; Le Royal Hotel- Beirut; The Sponsor Company s.a.r.l; Ice International Events, Le Commerce Du Levant, The Daily Star, Sawt El Mada, Nostalgie and Mondanite were media partners for the event.



Elias Bou Saab, Member of Parliament receiving the award from Khuloud Al Omian, Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Middle East and His Excellency Yacoub al-Sarraf, Minister of Defence Lebanon and official representative for President of Lebanon



Claudine Aoun Roukoz, Founder & CEO of Clementine & the daughter of Lebanese President



Neemat Frem, President and CEO of INDEVCO Group and Member of the Parliament



His Excellency Raed Khoury, Minister of Trade and Economy in Lebanon and Founder of Cedrus Bank



His Excellency Avedis Guidanian, Minister of Tourism in Lebanon



Nora Abou Chakra, CEO of The Sponsor Company s.a.r.l and VIP Minds s.a.r.l



Raghida Dergam, Executive Chairman of Beirut Institute and renowned journalist



Georges Hage, Group CEO of C.A.T. Group



General Shamel Roukoz and Member of the Parliament



Fayez Rasamny, Chairman and CEO of Rymco



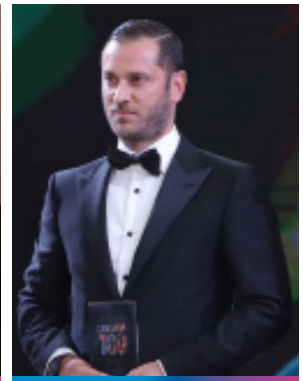
Roula Moussa, Founder of Netways and DiasporaID



MP Neemat Frem, Christophe El-Kallasi, Nathalie Rahal and Shady Fayad Co-Owners of Ice International Events



Joyce Mouawad, Corporate Sales and Marketing Director for Le Royal Hotels



Le Royal Hotel - Beirut team (from left to right): Sharbel Barbour, Fady Ibrahim, Joyce Mouawad, Khuloud Al Omian, Corine Achkar, President of Dbayeh Festival

Peter Daniel, CEO of Castania



Andreas Iliovits, Founder and Chairman of Mosart Marble and Mosaic International and The Bridge

Maroun Chammas, Chairman and CEO of Berytech



Rabih Ready, Owner and Chairman of RAR Holding

Yeprem Chakardemian, Founder and Chairman of Yeprem Jewelry



Myrna Soufan COO of Banque Bemo

Eduardo Fakhoury, Founder and Managing Director of CFI Group Holding receiving the award from Khuloud Al Omian, Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Middle East



Claudine Aoun Roukoz, Founder and CEO of Clementine receiving the award from Khuloud Al Omian, Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Middle East



Christophe Kallassi, CEO of GroupKa



Dr. Karim S Ghanem, Owner and General Manager of Pharmacie Le Gabriel



Dr. Charbel El Hachem, renowned plastic surgeon receiving the award from Khuloud Al Omian, Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Middle East and His Excellency Yacoub al-Sarraf, Minister of Defence Lebanon



Dr. Raed Lattouf, Owner of Raed Lattouf Clinic





Nayef Maalouf, CEO of the Bellevue Medical Center receiving the award from Khuloud Al Omian, Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Middle East and His Excellency Yacoub al-Sarraf, Minister of Defence Lebanon

Roger Edde, Chairman of Eddesands Hotel and Wellness Resort



Akram Kassatly, Chairman of Kassatly Chtaura

Dr. Matta Matta, renowned Infectiologist and Head of Infectious Diseases department at Bellevue Medical center



Fayez Rasamny Chairman and CEO of Rymco





Sakr Sakr, Founder and Chairman of Sakr Real Estate



Dr. Toni Issa, CEO of IPT Group



Raghida Dergham, Executive Chairman of Beirut Institute and renowned journalist



Bernard Khoury, Owner of Bernard Khoury/ DW5 receiving the award from Khuloud Al Omian, Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Middle East and His Excellency Yacoub al-Sarraf, Minister of Defence Lebanon



Elie Habib and Eddy Maroun, Co-founders of Anghami



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