



Hawkamah Conference
Financial Markets and Corporate Governance
Wednesday November 21, 2007

Moderator: Eithne Treanor, special correspondent for CNBC.

8:00 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.10 Opening remarks

Dr Nasser Saidi, executive director, Hawkamah

9.10 – 9.30 Keynote address

**The Need For Regional Institutions To Adapt To Answer
The Call For Transparency And Openness In An Increasingly
Globalised World**

*HE Dr Mohamed Khalfan bin Kharbash
Minister of State for Finance and Industry, UAE*

9.30 – 10.00 Panel discussion

Dubai Declaration – 12 months on.

Panellists:

*Rainer Geiger, deputy secretary-general, OECD
Sebastian Molineus, corporate governance programme manager for
IFC's Private Enterprise Partnership for the MENA region
Dr Nasser Saidi, executive director, Hawkamah*

10.00 – 11.00 Panel discussion

Transparency In The IPO Era – Top 5 Priorities for Implementation.

- Transparency in bourses
- Private equity and IPOs
- Outside directors on family businesses and regional institutions.

Panellists:

*Mahesh Uttamchandani, senior counsel for insolvency & creditor rights,
World Bank
Faisal Hoodbhoy, head of business development, DIFX
Andre Baladi, co-founder of International Corporate Governance
Network
Sohail Zubairi, Senior Vice President, Dubai Islamic Bank*



Hesham Hamdy, head of risk management, Bank of Alexandria
John Foley, chairman, Citigold Corporation

11.00 – 11.30 Networking Break

11:30 – 12.00 Keynote address
**Building A Legislative Framework For
Increased Market Confidence**

*Simon Wong, private sector advisor to the Global Corporate
Governance Forum*

12:00 – 1.00 Panel discussion
**Building A Corporate Governance Framework For Future Regional
Development**

- International standards and guidelines
- Lessons learned from emerging markets
- Regional task forces
- Education and training
- Mergers & acquisitions

Panellists:

*Justin Connor, director of legal & regulatory and company secretary,
Emirates International Telecommunications*

William Foster, executive director, Institute of Directors

*Oussama Salman, company secretary and legal counsel for Oger
Telecom*

Al-Harith Sinclair, Partner, Head of Regulation, DLA Piper Middle East

1.00 – 2.00 Lunch

2:00 – 5.00 EXTENDED SESSION ON FAMILY BUSINESS

2.00 – 2.30 Keynote address
Institutionalising the Family and Avoiding the Abyss.
Joseph A. Field, senior international partner, Withers

2.30 – 3.15 Panel discussion
Risk Management and Succession Planning

Panellists:

Richard A Goldman, partner, Bingham



Stuart Crocker, CEO private banking UAE and Southern Gulf, HSBC
Hussain AlQemzi, CEO, Noor Investment Bank
Dr Ayman Hashem, senior vice president – strategic management
centre, Savola Group
Dr Adnan Soufi, managing director for financial investments, SEDCO

3.15 – 3.30

Coffee break

3.30 – 4.00

Keynote address

Next-generation Business Strategies for Family Conglomerates.

4.00 – 4.40

Panel discussion

Managing And Diversifying The Family Portfolio.

Panellists:

Yousef Al-Essa, Addax Investment Bank

Mailesh Shah, head of Middle East, Mercer Consulting

Cameron Chartouni, chief investment officer, Acropolis Capital

4.40 – 4.45

Closing remarks

Dr Nasser Saidi, executive director of Hawkamah.

Thursday November 22

9:00am – 12:30pm OECD/MENA Working Group 5 Meeting
(closed session)