



for Palestinians

Improving Palestine governance given special focus



Mr Alabbar and Mr Schwarzman at the panel discussion moderated by Nik Gowling



A segment of the audience at the workshop.

create confidence at a place, where we have 31 per cent unemployment.

“What is required right now

is to develop proper infrastructure. We did projects in countries like Uganda and Poland, where a better life is guaranteed

with an integrated economy.”
Leading businessman and founder of Emaar Properties, Mohamed Alabbar, said the plan

will take Palestine to greater heights. “It is quite unfortunate that there are no representatives for Palestine here. But I

can say that I represent them. “We have invested in more than 17 countries. I have lots of hope in young people. People

want a decent life and we need to work hard to make this happen. I am very positive about this great initiative.”

Meet the speakers at the workshop



Hazem Ben-Gacem

Hazem Ben-Gacem is Investcorp's Co-Chief Executive Officer leading the firm's Private Equity business in Europe, Middle East and Asia, its recently launched global private banking operation and Placement and Relationship Management in the Gulf, MENA and Asia. Hazem is also the Managing Partner of the Investcorp Technology Partners group of funds and sits on Investcorp Group's Executive Committee. Prior to his appointment as Co-CEO, Hazem led Investcorp's European private equity team, based out of London. During that period, he was involved in over 30 of Investcorp's private equity investments in Europe and the US.



Selim Bora

Selim Bora, a renowned leading business executive, holds a bachelor of Science degree in Metallurgical Engineering, from the Middle East Technical University of Ankara, as well as a Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the Alfred University of New York. In 1993, Bora joined the Summa International Construction company as Business Development Manager, first in Turkmenistan and then in Kyrgyzstan. In 1995, he was named Regional Manager of Summa International for the Russian Federation, based in Moscow. Mr Bora became President of Summa International Construction Co Inc in 1999 after holding the position of Vice-President.



Faisal J Abbas

Faisal J Abbas is the editor-in-chief of Arab News. He was formerly the editor-in-chief of Al Arabiya English. He is a renowned blogger and an award-winning journalist. Faisal covered the Middle East extensively working for Future Television of Lebanon and both Al Hayat and Asharq Al Awsat pan-Arab dailies. He blogs for The Huffington Post since 2008, and is a recipient of many media awards and a member of the British Society of Authors, National Union of Journalists, the John Adams Society as well as an associate member of the Cambridge Union Society.



Jeffrey Sonnenfeld

Jeffrey Sonnenfeld is an academic, Lester Crown Professor in the Practice of Management at Yale School of Management, and Senior Associate Dean for Leadership Studies. Sonnenfeld is the founder of Chief Executive Leadership Institute (CELI), a non-profit educational and research institute focused on CEO leadership and corporate governance. Before joining Yale in 1999, he taught for ten years as a professor at the Harvard Business School and nine years as a professor at Emory University's Goizueta Business School. Sonnenfeld is the founder of Chief Executive Leadership Institute (CELI), a non-profit educational and research institute.



Luis Alberto Moreno

Luis Alberto Moreno, a Colombian citizen, has led a profound transformation of the IDB Group since he was first elected President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in 2005, and re-elected in 2010 and 2015. As President of the IDB, he also chairs the Board of Executive Directors of IDB Invest, the Group's private sector arm, as well as the Donors' Committee of the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF), an innovation laboratory for development. Under Moreno's leadership, the IDB Group has consolidated its role as the principal source of long-term financing for Latin America and the Caribbean, while providing cutting-edge knowledge and technical advice for social, economic and institutional development.



Randall L Stephenson

Randall Lynn Stephenson is an American telecommunications executive. He is the current chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of AT&T Inc. since May 9, 2007. He served as National Chair of the Boy Scouts of America from 2016 to 2018. In July 2001, he was appointed chief financial officer for SBC, helping the company reduce its net debt from \$30 billion to near zero by early 2004. From 2003 to 2004, Stephenson served as chairman of the board of directors for Cingular Wireless. In 2004, he was appointed by President Bush as National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee member.

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