



# GCC BDI GRADUATION CEREMONY 2024

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**Movenpick Hotel & Residences,  
Riyadh, KSA**

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## Programme

- 12:00pm Registration & Networking
- 12:30pm Welcome Remarks by Mutlaq Al-Morished, GCC BDI Governor
- 12:40pm Welcome by Mana Alkhamsan, Director General, Financial Academy
- 12:45pm Keynote address by Nayef AlAthel, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, Saudi Tadawul Group
- 1:00pm Remarks by Dr. Chris Pierce, Lead Faculty for Board Directorship Certification
- 1:15pm Graduation Ceremony
- 1:45pm Remarks by Graduates
- 2:00pm Closing of Ceremony  
Networking begins
- 3:00pm Event Ends

## **About GCC Board Directors Institute**

GCC BDI is supported by eight leading regional corporations and professional services firms who serve as our strategic partners: First Abu Dhabi Bank; National Bank of Bahrain; SABIC; Saudi Aramco; A&O Shearman; Heidrick & Struggles; McKinsey & Company; and PwC. We are also supported by the regional regulatory authorities, including the Capital Market Authority of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Saudi Central Bank (SAMA), the Securities and Commodities Authority – UAE, the Capital Market Authority of Kuwait, the Central Bank of Bahrain and the Capital Market Authority, Sultanate of Oman.

GCC BDI's mission is to enhance board member capabilities, create a strong and influential regional network of board members, and disseminate high-quality corporate governance knowledge, leading the regional debate on emerging best governance practices. We aim to accomplish these goals through a combination of effective practice and experience sharing, access to global knowledge, and interaction with regional and international counterparts.

GCC BDI has grown to become the leading organisation in the region for board directors. We have delivered over 600 programmes and forums to top-tier companies in the Gulf and now comprise over 4000 members, each with extensive knowledge and experience of operating at the most senior levels of business in the GCC.

Today we are globally recognised and the only director institute from the Gulf region to be admitted to the Global Network of Director Institutes (GNDI).

GCC BDI was originally founded in 2007 by: Saudi Aramco; SABIC; Emirates NBD; Investcorp; McKinsey & Company; Allen & Overy; Heidrick & Struggles; and PwC

### **Our Vision**

To be the pre-eminent institute for boards and directors in the GCC, promoting the highest professional standards of corporate governance and professional directorship.

### **Our Mission**

To strengthen corporate governance in the GCC region through capability building, advocacy and promotion of sound governance practices.

## **About The Financial Academy**

The Financial Academy has started operating on the basis of its long history and experience in the field of training and professional development in addition to its experience in offering professional certificates, so that its services cover all sub-sectors related to the financial sector: Banking, Insurance, Financing, and Capital Markets, as well as relevant bodies, and new graduates wishing to join the financial sector.

The Financial Academy began operating based on its first note in 1965, when it was founded under the name of the Institute of Banking; it was a training department affiliated to the Saudi Central Bank, formerly Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (SAMA). It aimed to implement the best international training practices in order to sharpen the technical and administrative skills of workers in the banking sector at that time.

The institute's business evolved year after year. In 1989, its powerful identity was enhanced to cover the financing and banking sectors under the name: The Institute of Banking (IoB). With the expansion of the scope of work and the need of the insurance sector to qualify its employees, IoB was rebranded into the Institute of Finance (IoF) in 2014.

In 2019, with the cooperation of the Capital Market Authority and the Saudi Central Bank, the Financial Academy was established to cover services in the financial sectors: (Banking, Insurance, Financing, and Capital Markets).

The Capital Market Authority and the Saudi Central Bank are considered key partners in establishing the Financial Academy and covering its financial budget in accordance with the memorandum of cooperation signed between them in this aspect, as part of the initiatives of the Financial Sector Development Program, one of the main programs of Saudi Vision 2030.

In 2020, the Financial Academy became an independent legal and administrative entity on the basis of the Council of Ministers Decision No. (538) as of April 14th, 2020 approving the establishment of Financial Academy concerned with developing human capital capabilities working in the financial sector.

## Biographies



### **Mutlaq Al-Morished**

**Governor**

**GCC Board Directors Institute**

Mutlaq H. Al-Morished serves on the boards of TASNEE, Gulf Petrochemical & Chemical Association (GPCA), GCC Board Directors Institute, Saudi General Authority for Military Industries, TRONOX (NYC) and Small & Medium Enterprise Bank (SME Bank). Chairman of the board of National Metal Manufacturing & Casting Co. (Maadaniyah) & CITI Group in Saudi Arabia.

Prior to his present role, he held various high-level positions, including Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TASNEE, Executive Vice President of Corporate Finance (CFO) at SABIC, Vice President of Metals SBU, EVP Shared Services, President of SADAF and HADEED, consecutively. He was also Chairman of the Board of YANSAB, SABIC Capital in Netherlands, SAUDI KAYAN, SABIC Captive Insurance Limited in UK and Alinma Investment Co. He was a board member of Alinma Bank, Alinma Tokio Marine (ATMC), General Organization of Saudi Arabian Airlines, Gulf Bank in Bahrain, Aluminum Bahrain (ALBA), A. M. Bin Saedan Real Estate Co. And the Advisory Board for Economic Affairs of the Supreme Economic Council of Saudi Arabia.

Al-Morished holds an MBA degree from Stanford University, a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from Princeton University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Physics & Mathematics from the University of Denver.

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**Mana Mohammed AlKhamisan**  
Director General  
The Financial Academy

Mana Alkhamisan has been Director General of Financial Academy since June 2020, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He was previously the Director-General of the Institute of Finance at the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency - SAMA in 2018.

He also held many positions at the Institute of Public Administration most notable was being the assistant to Operations Executive Chairman of the Business Center, as well as General Director of Program Design and Development. He holds a Masters degree in Computer Science from The University of New England in Australia.

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**Nayef Saleh Al-Athel**  
Group Chief Sales and Marketing Officer  
Saudi Tadawul Group

Nayef brings over 13 years of experience to his role, during which he has held several leadership positions. His most recent position was Chief of Listing at Saudi Exchange where he managed the entire listing process across all platforms (Equity, Debt, ETFs and REITs). During his tenure as Chief of Listings, Nayef has led initiatives aimed at increasing IPO awareness among family businesses and private companies, as well as programs designed to provide innovative financing platforms to private and public companies.

In January 2024, Nayef was appointed Chief Sales and Marketing Officer of Saudi Tadawul Group.

Nayef holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance & Economics from the King Fahd University of Petroleum.

In 2016 and 2017, Nayef successfully completed management programs at INSEAD and London School of Economics. In 2023, he completed an executive education program at Berkeley Executive Coaching Institute.



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**Dr. Chris Pierce**  
**Senior External Associate**  
**GCC Board Directors Institute**

Dr Chris Pierce is a senior GCC BDI external associate and works with policy makers, directors and boards in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and the US. He is a published author of many articles and books on corporate governance including: “Corporate Governance Practices in Europe” and “Corporate Governance Board Leadership Training Resource Kit” (both World Bank/IFC); Mauritian Code of Corporate Governance (2017); UK Corporate Governance National Occupational Standards (2011) and “Corporate Governance in the Gulf” (GGS 2012).

Chris has worked with some of the largest listed companies, banks and financial institutions, stock exchanges, sovereign wealth funds, family businesses and state-owned enterprises in the world. He was formerly Director of Professional Standards and Professional Development at the Institute of Directors (IoD) in the UK and prior to the IoD he was the Director of the Centre for Director Education at Leeds Business School. His career includes senior management roles in British Airways and the Overseas Development Administration.

Chris’s academic qualifications include an MBA, an MSc, an MPhil and a PhD, and he was awarded the 2014 Marcos Bertin Quality in Governance Medal in recognition of his personal contribution to the promotion of good governance practice around the world. Chris is currently visiting Professor of International Corporate Governance at Lincoln International Business School, a Fellow of the Caux Round Table and a Fellow of the Chartered Governance Institute. Former academic roles include; Honorary Visiting Professor at Cass Business School, City University London; Research Fellow of Cranfield Business School; Executive Fellow of Henley Management College.



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**John Gollifer**  
Chief Executive Officer  
GCC Board Directors Institute

John Gollifer joined the GCC Board Directors Institute (GCC BDI) as Chief Executive Officer on 15 November 2023.

John was General Manager of the Middle East Investor Relations Association (MEIRA) from January 2019 to 14 November 2023 where he led MEIRA's development and growth as the go-to professional body for Investor Relations (IR) in the region. Prior to that, he led the UK's IR Society from 2012 to 2018. In both roles, John was responsible for spearheading partnerships with other independent, not-for-profit organisations, including GCC BDI. John led IR training for the International Certificate in IR in the Middle East and prior to this, in Chile, Indonesia, Japan, Nigeria, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey and the UK. From 2016 to 2018, John lectured at the University of Liverpool in London on the MSc. in Strategic Communication for the IR module which he created. In 2018, John was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the UK's IR Society in recognition of his services to IR.

John spent 11 years at the Singapore Exchange where he was Senior Vice President and responsible for investor relations, among other roles in corporate strategy and communications. He established and ran the IR Professionals Association of Singapore from 2006 to 2008, is a multiple IR award winner and created and taught an IR course at the Singapore Management University from 2009 to 2012.

John has a BA (Hons) degree from Loughborough University, UK, the International Certificate in IR, Diplomas in Banking (ACIB) and Marketing (ACIM) and MBA degree from Henley Business School, UK.

## Here is the list of our Certified Board Directors:

- Amgad M. Nassif
- Abdulaziz Fahd Almojel
- Abdullah Alhathloul
- Abdullah S. Alghamdi
- Abdullatef Hamed Alboali
- Abdulrahman Asaad Abdulrahman Althukair
- Ahmad Tarik Alsardi
- Ahmed Ali AlZamil AlSaleem
- Ahmed Sulaiman Almuheidib
- Aideen Hopkins
- Amjad Hussain
- Ammar Al-Radadi
- Ashish Adya
- Bader Alswailem
- Bashar T Kayyali
- Bushra K. Abu Salem
- Dany Fawaz
- Dr. Hussain Ibrahim Abusaaq
- Ehab Alkhiary
- Elen Cross
- Eng. Mansour Falah Abuthnain
- Fahad Mohammed A Hamdan
- George Michel Oueijan
- Helal F. Alnefaie
- Hisham Aljamil
- Hussain Bin Saleem
- Karim Wali
- Khalid Mohammed Alsharif
- Khalid R. Kamal
- Majed A Baghlaf
- Mansoor Aleidi
- Marwan Eidhah AlGhamdi
- Mohamed Almehiemeed
- Mohammed Abdulrahman Al Qahtani
- Mohammed Adnan Bin Himd
- Mohammed Sulaiman Al-Muhaidib
- Nabeel Sulaiman AlSaif
- Oguz Uysaler
- Omar Abdullah AlJuraifani
- Paul Leslie Floyd
- Raad Ghaith AlBarakati
- Rakan Mohammad Abunayyan
- Saad Abdullah Al Olayan
- Saad Almazroa
- Salah Atia Al-Otaibi
- Samer Said Shaaban
- Saud Mohammed Alharbi
- Shahad Khalid Nejaim
- Simon Reeves
- Suha Almuhananna
- Sultan Saleh Alkhomashi
- Taher Ammar AlDabbagh
- Tareq Khalid Alanagrai
- Thamer Alharthi
- Waleed Alkanhal
- Yaser Allaf

## Here is a list of directors who have received the Diploma Award:

- Abdulrahman Mohammed AlEissa
- Ahmed AlNuman
- Aziz Algahtani
- Mazen Saleh Abdulaal

## Here is the list of our Certified Board Secretaries:

- Abdu Ibrahim Muyidi
- Ferass Mousa Al-Dobiyan
- Omar Elboraei
- Shahad AlOrainy





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