



DMCC

Dubai Diamond Exchange - DDE

Board Members - 2021

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Ahmed Bin Sulayem

Chairman

Ahmed Bin Sulayem is the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DMCC and has driven its growth from a start-up of 28 member companies in 2003 to the world's leading free zone in 2019 with over 17,500 member companies from 180 countries, employing over 60,000 people.

Tasked with enhancing commodity trade flows through Dubai, DMCC has introduced to market a number of value-added products and services under Mr Bin Sulayem's leadership. In 2019, DMCC was named the 'Global Free Zone of the Year' by The Financial Times fDi Magazine, for a record fifth consecutive year.

Mr Bin Sulayem oversaw the exponential growth of the DMCC Free Zone master development in Jumeirah Lakes Towers (JLT), a 200-hectare business and residential community in Dubai of over 100,000 people living and working across 68 towers. Mr Bin Sulayem also oversees the development of DMCC's latest real estate project; the much-anticipated Uptown Dubai district.

Mr Bin Sulayem currently serves as the Chairman of the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE) and the Dubai Gold & Commodities Exchange (DGCX).

The Kimberley Process officially appointed the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as the first and only Arab country to Chair the Kimberley Process in November 2015. Shortly after, the UAE Ministry of Economy officially appointed Mr Bin Sulayem as the UAE's Chair of the Kimberley Process for 2016



Dr. Martin Leake

Secretary & Member of the Dispute Resolution Committee

Dr. Martin Leake is a Special Advisor for Precious Stones at DMCC. Appointed to the position in June 2018, Martin is responsible for expanding and diversifying DMCC's Precious Stones portfolio and helping to grow Dubai into the number one diamond-trading hub in the world.

As a Secretary of the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE), Martin focuses on driving trade to through the Exchange by forging and strengthening commercial partnerships with stakeholders across the diamond industry, to improve governance, compliance and responsible sourcing. He also chairs the organising committee for DMCC's flagship diamond event, the Dubai Diamond Conference (DDC).

With over 15 years of experience in marketing both rough and polished diamonds, Martin is an expert on the economics of diamond mining, and an internationally recognised exploration geologist in gold, diamonds, copper, iron ore and coal.

Prior to joining DMCC, Martin worked with BHP Billiton Diamonds Marketing and Grib Diamonds. Across his career, Martin has lived and worked in 10 countries spanning Africa, Europe, Australia North and South America, and the Middle East.

Martin is a Board Member of the World Diamond Council, a member of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB) and a Certified Six Sigma Black Belt.

He holds a BSc (Hons) in Geology and a PhD in Exploration Geology from the University of Portsmouth in the United Kingdom.



Sanjeev Dutta

Member of the Board

Sanjeev Dutta is the Executive Director of Commodities and Financial Services at DMCC. He oversees DMCC's commodities vertical, and directs the development, implementation and regulation of the organisation's financial products, platforms and services.

An expert on trade finance and commodity markets, Sanjeev is responsible for identifying new business opportunities for DMCC and nurturing existing commercial partnerships. He was instrumental in establishing the DMCC Tea Centre, DMCC Coffee Centre and the award-winning DMCC Tradeflow platform, and now tasked with enhancing the trade of Agri softs, precious metals and stones through Dubai.

Sanjeev is a senior member of DMCC's executive leadership team and supports the general management, strategic direction and growth initiatives of the organisation. Sanjeev devised and implemented the organisation's Code of Corporate Governance and established its comprehensive risk management protocol.

Joining on its inception, Sanjeev has held a number of senior roles within DMCC and previously served as the Chief Financial Officer of Dubai Gold and Commodities Exchange (DCGX). A distinguished speaker, Sanjeev regularly represents DMCC at international industry events and is an expert on trade, commodities and Islamic Finance.

A Chartered Accountant by profession, Sanjeev has over two decades of multi-industry expertise in auditing, financial controls, consulting, risk management, corporate governance and general management with both PwC and KPMG.



Maryam Al Hashemi

Member of the Board & the Dispute Resolution Committee

Maryam is the Director of Precious Metals and Stones at DMCC.

Joining the organisation in 2003, Maryam leads the precious metals and stones division at DMCC. As an industry expert, Maryam is responsible for expanding and diversifying DMCC's precious stones portfolio and advancing Dubai's status as a world leading hub for precious metals trade.

Maryam plays an important role in the development of strategic partnerships with various private sector groups – both at home and abroad – and serves as the conduit between DMCC and stakeholders in various UAE Ministries and Federal entities.

Since 2014, Maryam has served on the board of DMCC's Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE).

In addition to her responsibilities at DMCC, Maryam is also the Director of the United Arab Emirates Kimberley Process Office – the only entry and exit point for rough diamonds in the country.



Ahmed Al Qassim

Member of the Board

A seasoned banking and management professional with 18+ years of experience in commercial and investment banking.

Ahmed is responsible for corporate and institutional coverage at Emirates NBD Bank, a leading bank in the MENAT (Middle East, North Africa and Turkey) region.



Davy Blommaert

Member of the Board

Davy joined the National Bank of Fujairah as the Head of the Diamond Business, which falls under the bank's corporate and institutional banking division.

With over 10 years of experience in the diamond industry, he successfully established a department within NBF which is focused on providing working capital and trade finance services specific to the diamond sector.

Prior to joining NBF, he spent six years at Antwerp Diamond Bank, where he supported the development of its Antwerp and Hong Kong businesses before moving on, to oversee its Dubai office.



Amit Dhamani

Member of the Board

Amit started his career with setting up an office for the Group in Bangkok in 1989.

During this 32 years, the Dhamani Group has evolved from gem and diamond wholesale business to having notable fine jewelry brands as Dhamani 1969, Dhamani Jewels, DuSoul and Laviere with Dubai as its Headquarters.

Amit is a Harvard Business School Alumni and is also on the Board of Harvard Business School Boston and on the Board of Director at the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE) & The Dubai Gold and Jewellery Group and on the Board of Governors of GIA (Gemological Institute of America).



Rahul Piyush Mody

Member of the Board

Rahul established the company DIARUSH DMCC in April 2008 in Dubai and became a key member of the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE).

His company was declared as the De Beers Sight holder, which complies with the De Beers Best Practice Principles Assurance Programme.

Rahul has 25 years of experience in the Diamond Industry.

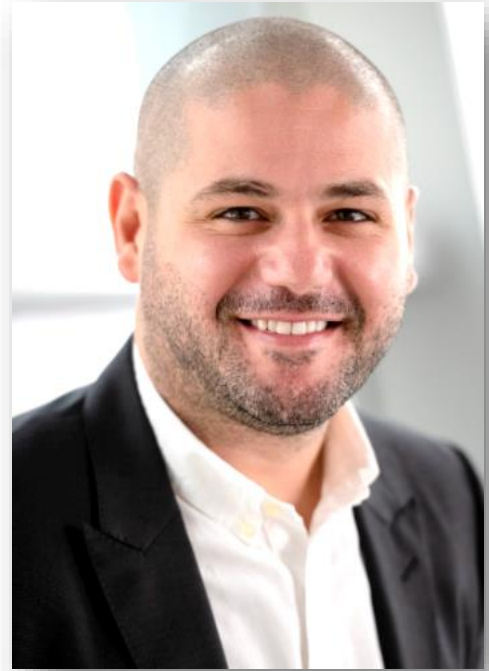


Mahmoud Ahmed

Member of the Board & the Dispute Resolution Committee

Mahmoud is the CEO of one of the leading rough diamond trading companies in the U.A.E, namely 3X Diamonds DMCC.

He grew up in Antwerp and moved to Dubai in the year 2011 to start his successful diamond journey.



Mike Aggett

Member of the Board

Mike has completed 44 extensive years in the Diamond Industry.

He is the CEO & Director of Trans Atlantic Gem Sales DMCC, one the major DDE (Dubai Diamond Exchange) members.

Trans Atlantic Gem Sales conducts regular rough sales tenders at the DDE.



Bhavesh Javeri

Member of the Board

Bhavesh began his successful journey with Stargems in 2004.

After completing his bachelor degree from the University of Mumbai in 2001, Bhavesh worked as head of the diamond division in a local Jewellery trading company. He simultaneously worked in Dubai's gold and silver market and had a good grasp on market dynamics – A factor, which enabled him to introduce Stargems group to the Jewellery trading sector via the set-up of Stargems LLC. The penetration of this market proved highly profitable to the group.

In 2012, in a move that has since proven to be highly lucrative for the group, Bhavesh worked alongside his uncle, Shailesh Javeri, to initiate rough trading activities in Dubai via the establishment of Stargems DMCC.

In 2017, Stargems and the Dubai Diamond Exchange entered into a strategic partnership to host tenders and auctions. The tender house is the only one that has its results governed by the DMCC. Today the group is a key player in the industry facilitating the sourcing of rough diamonds.

Bhavesh Javeri is also advisor to the board of Dubai Gold and Jewellery Group. His exemplary methods along with his consistent record for delivering extraordinary results has helped in the shaping direction of the group.

His vision is to help Stargems group strive forward towards having multiple retail outlets and offices all around the world.

