

# DMCC

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## DUBAI DIAMOND EXCHANGE - DDE

Board Members - 2023



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## Ahmed Bin Sulayem

Executive Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

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.



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## Ahmad Hamza

### Member of the Board

Ahmad Hamza is the Executive Director of Free Zone at DMCC (Dubai Multi-Commodities Centre), appointed to the role in November 2018.

As a member of DMCC's executive leadership, Ahmad oversees the company's ecosystems offering, and commercial growth plan as the world's leading trade and enterprise hub for commodities.

Ahmad drives business development strategy, and manages a large team tasked with generating revenue, increasing customer satisfaction levels, and creating an optimum business environment for DMCC members to grow their enterprise.

With expertise in the fields of Information Technology, Corporate Governance, and Operations Management, Ahmad is an integral part of the organisation's successful transformation policy.

Prior to joining DMCC in 2012, Ahmad held senior positions at both Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and HSBC Middle East. He is also a member of the Mudara Institute of Directors (IOD).

Ahmad earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance and Management Information Systems from the Boston University Questrom School of Business.



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## 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.





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## **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.



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## **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.



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## **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.



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## **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.





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## **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).



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## **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.



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## **Anith Daniel**

Member of the Board

Anith is a Corporate and Institutional Banking professional with an exceptional 20-year track record of building Business Models by establishing strategy, creating teams, and developing creative client value propositions.

In his current role, Anith is leading Emirates NBD's digitization program with a focus on enhancing the Bank's channel capabilities for Corporates.

He is passionate about change management, turnarounds, and strategy. He has earned his Post Graduate degree in Business Management from XLRI Jamshedpur, India.



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## Rachel Sahar

### Member of the Board

A diamond expert with over two decades of experience in the diamond industry. Certified gemologist, specializes in polished diamonds, with a focus on large and fancy colored diamonds. Rachel is a founding member of the Young Diamantaires and plays an active role in the YDOC committee. Her primary business is diamond trading through B2B channels, and she also partners with some of the major players in the industry to purchase rare diamonds.

Her commitment to sourcing diamonds from ethical and responsible sources and her skills in purchasing diamonds directly from the production and even producing custom diamonds, when necessary, gives her a significant advantage in the industry.

Rachel is a member of the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE & IDE) and an active volunteer in various committees related to the diamond industry, contributing her expertise and insights to make a positive impact.