

Biography

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Mr. Saad brings over 30 years of extensive experience in private equity, investment management, and corporate turnarounds across diverse sectors and geographies.

Mr. Saad currently serves as the Chairman for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region at **ACON Investments**, a U.S.-based middle-market private equity firm with assets under management of approximately USD 7.2 billion and an affiliate of **Texas Pacific Group** (TPG). He is also the Founding Independent Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee, as well as a founding member of the Investment Committee of **SIDARA**, a globally recognized architecture and engineering consultancy. In addition, Mr. Saad sits on the Advisory Boards of **VOSS** of Norway, a leading global supplier of premium artesian water, and **TVM Capital Healthcare**, a prominent private equity firm specializing in healthcare investments across the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

From 2013 to 2016, Mr. Saad served as the post-restructuring Chairman of **Global Investment House** in Kuwait. During his tenure, the firm achieved a significant return to profitability, marking one of the most notable financial restructurings in the history of the Middle East. Mr. Saad has also held multiple board positions, including at **The Sultan Center** and **National Aviation Services** (NAS) in Kuwait. At NAS, he played a pivotal role in the acquisition of John Menzies, leading to the formation of **Menzies Aviation**—the world's largest provider of aviation services.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Saad held senior leadership roles at several prominent firms in the United States and the Middle East, including **The Carlyle Group**, **Allied Capital**, and **Booz | Allen | Hamilton**.

Mr. Saad holds an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management, with a concentration in Finance and Applied Economics, and a Master's and Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from MIT. He is fluent in Arabic, English, French and German. He currently serves as a member of the Industry Advisory Board at New York University, Abu Dhabi.