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Dr. Anas Kozbari is the CEO of Invest Group Overseas, one of Middle East region's most respected and highly successful investment and real estate development companies.

Invest Group Overseas was established in Dubai, United Arab Emirates by a group of elite business leaders who set out to become significant players in the region's robust growth and development, with their collective wealth of industry expertise, leadership, and spirit of enterprise and ambition.

From its inception until today, IGO's main focus is to capitalise on Arabia's limitless potential for enriching business opportunities. Through the years, IGO has grown in its renown for promoting Arabia's growth by exploring business opportunities in the region, and providing platforms for development and profitable strategies. Under Dr. Kozbari's leadership, IGO has built a highly impressive real estate development project portfolio which includes the Murooj Valley & Nobles 101 with combined worth of an estimated \$350 million. His most notable achievement which reverberated in the global stage was IGO's joint venture with UAE's property giant Emaar Properties giving rise to the mega project called The Eighth Gate. A \$1.5 billion masterplanned development, The Eighth Gate encompasses numerous office buildings, several hotels, residential areas and a mall, which is the biggest in the Levant.

In 2012, Dr. Kozbari ranked no. 46 on Arabian Business Magazine's list of the top 500 most powerful men in the Arab World. Dr. Kozbari is highly recognised as an influential voice in the Middle East real estate scene for his deep insight into the economic and political climate in the region which he combines with business expertise and strategic acumen, made sharper by his strong background in international law and corporate development.

Dr. Anas holds a Ph.D. in International Business from the American University in London and a Master's degree in International Law and Quantitative International Relations from the American University in Washington, DC. He earned his BA in Political Science and International Development from North Eastern State University, USA.

An academic at heart, Dr. Kozbari's scholarly works include highly insightful research papers: Foreign direct investment and economic growth New Middle East Indicators of local and foreign investment Political risk in the new Middle East (with Professor D. Howell, American University) Culture of religious intolerance and political risk (a case study with Professor D. Howell, American University) Local political and social factors and international economic cooperation

Besides being a member of the Board of Directors of Emaar-IGO, Dr. Kozbari also serves as Chairman of the Syrian Emirati Economic Forum. He's also a member of the Board of Directors of Al Sawani Group and member of the Honorary Board of the National Political Science (USA).