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Dr. Karim El Solh is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Capital, one of the largest and most active alternative asset management firms in the Middle East. Under his leadership, Gulf Capital has been associated with some of the region's most prominent private equity transactions and has won numerous awards including 'Best Private Equity Firm in the Middle East' for four years in a row (2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014). Gulf Capital is currently managing \$3 billion in assets, split across three investment strategies: private equity, credit and mezzanine and real estate.

Prior to founding Gulf Capital, Dr. El Solh was the CEO of the Abu Dhabi investment bank, The National Investor. Under his leadership, the Firm was involved in a number of groundbreaking private equity transactions and was ranked the number one IPO underwriter in the Gulf.

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