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Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Fatima Al Jaber is the Board Member and Chair of Projects committee of the Al Jaber Group of companies. In this role, Fatima oversees the operations of more than fifty entities, joint ventures and project vehicles, spanning diverse industries from civil construction to manufacturing, trading and logistics. With a workforce of more than 50,000 employees, an asset base valued at over United Arab Emirates Dirham's 20 billion and up-to-date sea fronted facilities in the industrial hub of Abu Dhabi, the Al Jaber Group is a well-recognized regional multidisciplinary conglomerate.

Joined Al Jaber Group in late 2006 and served as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the company till end of 2013.

Fatima graduated from the United Arab Emirates University with a Bachelor of Engineering (Architectural Engineering) in 1987 and has, since then, developed significant expertise in the management of international businesses focused in the industrial services sector.

Between 1988 and 2006 Fatima worked for the Abu Dhabi Government in various technical and managerial positions, playing a pivotal role as Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Services at the Abu Dhabi Public Works Department, and later as Assistant Undersecretary for the Building Projects Sector at Abu Dhabi Municipality.

In 2008, Fatima established Al Bashayer Investment Company, an investment company focused on wealth management for female Gulf national investors, for which she continues to oversee from her position as Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

In 2008, Fatima was named 'Businesswoman of the Year' at the Arabian Business Achievement Awards, together with being voted as one of the most influential businesswomen in the Gulf region, by Middle East Economic Digest magazine.

In 2009, during the Arabian World Construction Summit held in Abu Dhabi she was awarded as the 'Industry Personality of the Year' for her outstanding contribution to the construction sector in the Gulf Co-operative Council (GCC).

In January 2010, Fatima also became the first Emirati woman to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Against stiff opposition from more than 70 candidates Fatima received the highest number of votes: her election was an auspicious milestone in the achievements of all Emirati women.

In March 2011, Fatima was privileged to be named again as a significant businesswoman in the Arab World by Arabian Business Magazine. Most recently, CEO Magazine Arabia has reaffirmed her position, ranking her 5th of '2013 Most Powerful Arab Women' in Arabia.

In March 2013 she founded the GCC Chapter for Women Corporate Directors (WCD) which is an International Organization based in New York with a worldwide network focused on empowering women on Boards and C suite level, GCC is the 50th chapter for this organisation.

In 2014 she was acknowledged by Forbes International as No.94 in The World "100" Most Powerful Women list.

A staunch champion of women's advancement, Fatima believes that women can play an even greater role in their country's development as business owners and entrepreneurs. Fatima continues to be uniquely concerned with women in economic fields, and she is a founding member and the current Chairperson of the Abu Dhabi Businesswomen's Council. And also Fatima has been elected as the Chairperson of the United Arab Emirates Businesswomen's Council for the term 2012 to 2015.

Notwithstanding she is also a proud mother of five children, Fatima continues to be actively involved in the regional business and philanthropic community, holding board positions with the Abu Dhabi Council for Economic Development, Arabian Gulf Institute (Washington), The Future Centre for Special Needs (Abu Dhabi) and other private entities.