

MR. AMMAR HATTAB

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Ammar S. A. Hattab is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Dubai Healthcare City, the world's largest healthcare free zone. A seasoned finance specialist with more than two decades of auditing, finance and accounting experience, he has strengthened the free zone's financial portfolio since joining in November 2012, leading its Investment and Shared Services till mid 2014.

Prior to his appointment, Ammar was interim CFO for Dubai Healthcare City Authority (DHCA), the governing body and regulator of Dubai Healthcare City, where he managed finance operations for 18 months from July 2011 in addition to his role as CFO.

Prior to joining DHCC, he worked at Ernst & Young, the global leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services, for 15 years from 1998, and in 2012, was appointed as a partner. During his tenure, he worked on special projects with high-profile clientele, and in a secondment role, including but limited to, he was general manager of a real estate company, advisor to the group chairman, advisor to shareholders, internal audit and risk committee member and advisor, member of the board of directors, chief financial officer to a group of companies, dispute expert and financial fraud arbitrator.

As part of his role at Ernst & Young, Ammar worked as a financial advisor for members of the ruling families and a number of businessmen in Jordan and the GCC.

The varied roles saw him lead portfolios and projects in, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Jordan, Egypt, China, India and the USA and UAE. In Ernst & Young's Dubai office, he was part of the team that set up the Internal Audit department, Business Development unit, and Fraud Investigation and Dispute Services department.

In his early career, he served as Head of Finance and Budget of the Retail Banking Unit at Cairo Amman Bank in Jordan where he was part of the Special Projects team and handled high-profile clients in retail, overseeing the financial and budget technical support provided to the bank's offices and branches in Jordan and Palestine.

Ammar has a wealth of experience in external and internal audit, asset management, re-structuring, initial public offering (IPO), fraud investigation and dispute, and compliance in the government and private sectors. He has worked in industries including family businesses, real estate, construction, healthcare, petroleum, insurance, banking, transportation, information technology (IT), hospitality, and telecommunications.

He continues to serve as advisor; in the UAE notably for high profile private offices, faculty of economics at the American University of Sharjah (AUS), Al Jalila Foundation (a not-for-profit organization), Al Jalila Cultural Center for Children, and International Humanitarian City (IHC). In Jordan, he advises not-for-profit organizations including Tkiyat Um Ali and Haya Cultural Center (HCC).

Ammar has an Executive MBA from Hult International Business School, Dubai, and a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Business Administration from Jordan University. He is a US-Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and Internal Auditor. He is a member of the Young Arab Leaders Dubai, a non-profit organization that aims to improve youths' socio-economic situation in the Middle East through education and leadership skills development.

Ammar was presented the Chairman's Values Award (CVA) ME (2008) by Ernst & Young, and the UAE Nationals Training Initiative Award (2012-2013) by the Private Office of His Highness Sheikh Majid Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, in addition to other awards.

His interests include architecture and traditional crafts of Jordan and Palestine.