

**H.E. Mohammed A.J. Al Fahim**  
**Honorary Chairman**  
**Al Fahim Group of Companies**  
**Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Mr. Mohammed A.J. Al Fahim joined the family business, after completing his studies in England, at the beginning of 1968. With the aid of his late father, Mr. Abdul Jalil Al Fahim, he managed to diversify and grow the company into one of the largest family-owned business in the Middle East. At present, the Group includes businesses that encompass divisions of Real Estate, Hotels, Automotive, Travel, Industrial & Oilfields Servicing and Advertising.

Mr. Al Fahim has served as First Vice President of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in addition to being on the Board. He has also served on the Board of the Telephone Company, and the Council for Public Works. More so, Mr. Al Fahim is currently on the Board of a number of organizations in the U.A.E. as well serving as Honorary Chairman of Al Fahim Group of Companies.

Philanthropist at heart, he is the patron of “The Future Centre” and the “Special Care Centre”, both are non-profit organizations dealing with children with special needs.

Mr. Al Fahim has been a keynote speaker in numerous conferences around the Gulf and particularly in the UAE. He has also been invited as a speaker to a number of universities in the United States where he has been sharing his experiences throughout. Some of the topics that he has been preaching include: Challenges facing family businesses/ Going public as a venue for continued growth/ Privatization/ Benchmarking and the Importance of Human Resources.

As an advocate of converting family businesses to public companies, Mr. Al Fahim has set a precedent in the UAE by successfully obtaining the first permission for a family business to go public.

He has won the “Gulf Chief Executive Award” for 1995 and the ABA ME for the “Arab Business Excellence Award” in 2007.

As a guardian of his country’s history, he has written his first book “From Rags to Riches-A Story of Abu Dhabi” in English. The book has been translated and published in Arabic, Japanese, French, Urdu, Russian, German, Italian, Azeri and Spanish. He has also written and published “The Guide To Starting Business in the United Arab Emirates”, both in English and Arabic.