

Shaikha Al Maskari

Chairperson, Al Maskari Holding, UAE

Shaikha Al Maskari, is the chairperson of Al Maskari Holding, chairperson of Tricon Group, and Chairperson of Johnson Controls And Global Communications, JCGC. Shaikha was awarded by MENA Am/Cham The Best Woman Entrepreneur of 2012, and by Am/Cham Abu Dhabi the prestigious Falcon Award 2013 for promoting UAE-US Trade relations, and by TIAW, the 2012 award for the outstanding contribution in making “ all the difference in the world” to the economic empowerment of women.

Shaikha started her career with ADNOC Group and in 1989 she joined her family petroleum company, Tricon Energy Operations, as Chairperson and steered it to become the Tricon Group comprising of multinational firms with strong international partnerships, several of which with government linked corporations. In 2008, Shaikha divested from non-core subsidiaries, merged synergetic portfolios and established Al Maskari Holding, AMH, the umbrella organization for all her family’s diversified enterprises (engaged in oil, gas, renewable energy, mining, contracting, facilities management, health care, food services, security, MICE, media and outsourcing), with offices in UAE, GCC, MENA, USA, Europe, Turkey and Singapore.

In 2001 Shaikha established Global Institute of Justice & Technology and Global Paramedic & Rescue Academy, which have been training hundreds of UAE and Gulf Ministry of Interior personnel in Police Sciences, Security, Emergency and Public Safety Services, and in 2003 she was honored by the US Department of Commerce with the Excellence Award for enhancing emergency medical services and saving lives in the UAE. In 1993, Shaikha founded her family charity, United Mercy Foundation, UMF, (presently operated under AMH) which sponsors orphans and provides medical, emergency relief and food aid in the ME, Africa and Asia. In 2006, Shaikha co-founded the Diyarbakir Micro-credit Project in Turkey which has successfully launched over 39,000 entrepreneurs with eight offices across Turkey and creating over 300,000 jobs.

In 2008, Shaikha established Global Environmental Responsibility Alliance, GERA, to promote cross-border collaborations to drive resources efficiency. Shaikha also founded Global Social Empowerment Alliance, GSEA, to drive fundamental transformation of family/ social mind sets to raise children on C4 (Confidence, Conscience, Compassion and Collaboration) for good global citizenship (towards cross-ethnic, cross-cultural and interfaith harmonious co-existence). Shaikha serves in several Boards of nonprofit organizations: she is a Board Member of Arab International Women’s Forum (AIWF), a member of the International High Advisory Board of International Cooperation Platform (ICP), a Board member of Women For Sustainable Growth (W4SG), and Advisory Board member of Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation (ADAMF) and MOSAICA Schools.