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The Syrian business woman committee was established in 2000 by Damascus chamber of commerce

The committee objectives:

- Integrate women's role in the development of Syria's economy.
- Establish projects to create employment opportunities for women.
- Promote the professional standards applied by the chamber of commerce.
- Pursue the participation in humanitarian aids, mainly the health sector.
- Represent Syrian business women in the world by cooperating with similar international committees.



SONIA KHANDJI CACHECHO

President of Syrian Business
Women Committee
Board Member of Damascus
Chamber of Commerce since 2008
President of Syria-India
Business Council



EDUCATION

- Bachelor degree in Economics and Law, Saint Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon
- Masters degree in Economics, Saint Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Former general manager of “Wella Professional” (Procter & Gamble Syria)
- Partner in MATANA Ltd. Co. (for ready mixed concrete)
- Partner in Khandji Trading Imp & Exp Co.
- Founder and partner of a “Regita Co.” for the production of healthy/diet food.
- Member of the Arab Women Investors league in Cairo
- Member of the committee for the elaboration of National Strategy for a sustainable National Development.
- President of the Syrian Women Francophone Group in Damascus.
- Founder member of the Syrian Academy of Gastronomy.
- Within the past years, Mrs. Cachecho participated as speaker in several Local and foreign forums, conferences and round tables dealing in various topics related to Arab and international business women.
- She has been elected as Syrian women leader 2018.
- Creating a twinning between the Syrian Union of Chamber of Commerce and the Arabisca Association of Arab Culture in Sweden as part of the Women’s East and West initiatives 2017-2018 Under the title of: (Project to revive the heritage of handicraft Aghabane in Syria)
- President of Syrian business women at FCEM (Femmes Chefs D’Entreprises Mondiales)
- Member of EWA (East West & Africa Women Initiative Forum)
- Member of Arab business women Council



TASSNIM ALKASSEM

Vice-President of Syria-India
Business Council
Member of Syrian Business
Women Committee
Member of Damascus Chamber of
Commerce



EDUCATION

- Masters in English Literature, Syria
- Sogetsue school for Ikebana and design, Tokyo, Japan.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Flower and landscape designer for almost 25 years at my own business , Ikebana Shop.
- Yoga instructor for 20 years, and following the yoga path as a way of living.
- Member at FCEM (Femmes Chefs D'Entreprises Mondiales)
- Serving communities and environment has been my passion and source of inspiration.
- Grateful for joining WICCI for believing in India and its constant endeavours for making a difference to a better world in all walks of life.
- Member of EWA (East West & Africa Women Initiative Forum)
- Member of Arab business women Council



ALYA TERJUMAN

Member of Syrian Business
Women Committee
Member of Damascus Chamber of
Commerce



EDUCATION

- Graduated from the University of Damascus with a diploma in Pharmacy vital
- Mastered in Pharmaceutical Industries

WORK EXPERIENCE

- The Owner of AliaMed company-Damascus (2007-2020).
- The Owner and General Director of Honey Jasmine company
- Vice President of the Federation of Syrian exporters (2013-2020).
- Vice President of Ukrainian Business Council (2014-2020).
- Member of NAWBO (National Association of Woman Business Owners)
- Member of Arab business women Council
- Manager of the trade affairs in Solumedica company(2006-2008).
- Plus the responsible of the public relations in the following charities:
 1. Dar Zaid Ben Haritha.
 2. Dar Al-Na'yeem.
 3. Al-Rajaa charitable dispensary.
 4. Red Crescent.



HALA MOURACADÉ CHAWI

Member of Syrian Business
Women Committee
Member of Damascus Chamber of
Commerce



EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Business Administration awarded by European University of Montreux (Switzerland)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- General Manager & Owner of “Ets.Mouracadé L.L.C” - specialized in luxury products.
- Founder and Partner of “Eagle for development L.L.C” - local tenders for both private and public sectors.
- Chairman of “Al-Karma NGO”.
- Owner of “Avicenne book shop”.
- Member of the Businesswomen Committee at Damascus Chamber of Commerce.
- Member at FCEM (Femmes Chefs D’Entreprises Mondiales)
- Member of Arab business women Council

Business women succeeded in leading achievements and facing challenges in both sectors, humanitarian NGO and business.

Believing in the intersection and integration between business and humanitarian sector, to reach society's benefits.



LAYLA AL-OUSTA

Member of Syrian Business
Women Committee
Member of Damascus Chamber of
Commerce



EDUCATION

- Graduated in Fine Arts, Damascus University – Syria
- Master in Business Administration (Operation Management), High Institute of business administration (HIBA) - Syria

WORK EXPERIENCE

Layla Al- Ousta is an artist who is specialized in sculpting and interior designing and has designed stages for various plays in Damascus. Her work and paintings took stage in many countries including England, France, Lebanon, and Syria. She started her own business and founded the (Petit Lapin) company for import/export of kids' wear and created its brand logo. She was appointed by authorities as manager of woman development center, where she trained women who had no provider to work and develop their skills during the Syrian crisis. She has been quality control manager at Al-Kendy private hospital in Damascus since 2011.

Member of committee of women entrepreneurs

Member of association of plastic artists

Member of association of private hospitals

Member of SARC – Syrian Arab Red Crescent.

Member of Arab business women Council.



MANAL HAMADA AL-KHAYAT

Member of Syrian Business
Women Committee

Member of Damascus Chamber of
Commerce



EDUCATION

- Bachelors Degree of pharmacy
- Nutrition diploma

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Member of the national society for social awareness
- Owner of MHK Co.
- For orthopedic & Immobilization products & Orthotics & prosthetics in rehabilitation, medical belts. medical brace & garments of all kinds, paralysis devices, scoliosis, artificial limbs and medical shoes.
- We are established on year 2000 as a Company that is mainly interested in MEDICALS in which 85% of the our products were hand made
- Member of Arab business women Council



NADA ALLOUNI

Member of Syrian Business
Women Committee
Member of Damascus Chamber of
Commerce

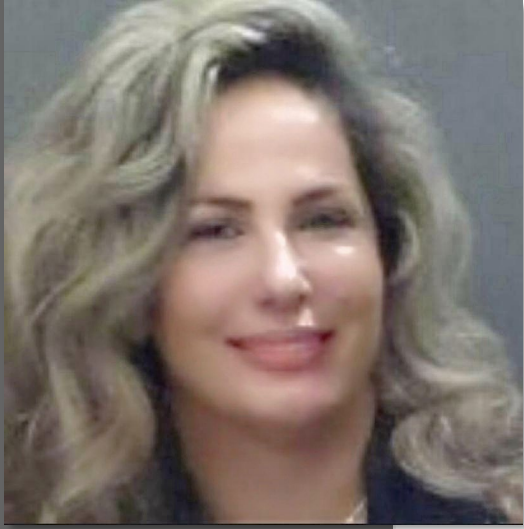


EDUCATION

- Bachelor's degree in Architecture awarded by the University of Damascus 1984

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Nada Allouni took the first steps in her career through teaching at the Intermediate Engineering Institute in Damascus where she taught from 1985 to 1997. After that she became part of a team that started an Engineering consultation agency.
- In 1999 Nada Allouni along with a number of partners founded The Little Village School which is a school dedicated to integrating both government and international curriculums along with extra curricular activities to make sure students are well informed and have strong enough personalities to succeed wherever the world might take them.
- Member at FCEM (Femmes Chefs D'Entreprises Mondiales)
- Member of Arab business women Council



RIMA ALOMARIE

Member of Syrian Business
Women Committee
Member of Damascus Chamber of
Commerce



EDUCATION

- Graduate of Damascus University, MA in Economics .

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Shareholder and financial director of Al-Omari Printing house .
- Member of the businesswomen of the Damascus Chamber of Industry
- Head of the printing houses committee in the Damascus Chamber of Industry
- Social activist in the field of women's rights .
- Participants in a number of conferences and meetings concerned with the rights of women and children .
- Peace and Safety Conference in Jordan, in cooperation with Hivos Organization on 5/3/2018
- The women's movement conference in Lebanon on 25/6/2018
- Started the institutional work as a businesswoman with a group of Syrian businesswomen in order to defend women in Syria and empower them economically
- The Syrian National Women's Foundation was established in 2018 With a group of women and civil society The Foundation is concerned with empowering women economically after the Syrian crisis, literacy and healthily.
- Member of Arab business women Council



SAHAR NAJMEH

Member of Syrian Business
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Member of Damascus Chamber of
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Owner and Executive Manager - Très Bon gift & chocolate firm.

Sahar Najmeh is a Board member and Public Relation in Business women Committee at Damascus Chamber of Commerce since 2000. She is the owner and executive manager of Très Bon established in 1995. She was the Public Relation Manager at chocolate Patchi from February 2008 to March 2009. She served as the Public Relation manager at MIRA for tourism Investment (Hboubati Group) from 2009 to 2011. Prior to this , she was the Event Planner Manager at SYROIL from 1998 to 2005. Sahar Najmeh holds a Science Baccalaureate from Institute of French Mission (Laique) and a Certificate in the English language, advanced level from British Council, Damascus.

Member at FCEM (Femmes Chefs D'Entreprises Mondiales)

Member of Arab business women Council



SAMAR AL-HAFI

Member of Syrian Business
Women Committee
Member of Damascus Chamber of
Commerce



EDUCATION

- B.A. Culture & Literature Damascus University
- Business & Marketing Program Under graduate American Int. Business School

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vice President SHURBAJI GROUP

“Shurbaji – Group” is: a Syrian family based Commercial group based in Damascus, established in 1993 and considered as one of the top business partner for many international companies worldwide

The Group consists of:

- Many Travel Agencies distributed in Syria , Iraq and Canada
- FMCG Company under the name Reemo – Group specialized in marketing & distribution and labeling many FMCG Products
- Real-estate Development division : concerned with Re-construction Process of our beloved country Syria

Member of Arab business women Council



SARA ZOUABI

Member of Syrian Business
Women Committee
Member of Damascus Chamber of
Commerce



EDUCATION

- Graduated in 1992, Bachelor in Biochemistry (Damascus University).

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Owner of SARAZ JEWELLERY company and jewellery designer, Dubai and Syria, 2013 – to present

Most of Saraz Jewellery sales are in Syria, Dubai, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Morocco.

- Designer of oriental and silver accessories, Syria, 2005-2013
- Worked in Firdos association (fund for integration rural development of Syria) 2002-2006

One of the responsibilities was a coordinator with ArminoShervino fashion design company.

- Worked at International Health association 2000-2002.
- Participated in many exhibitions in Middle east.
- Chairman of kawsozah establishment (for child culture) 2009 – 2013.
- Board member of several non-profit organization.
- Member of Arab business women Council



SAWSAN ALLOUNI

Member of Syrian Business
Women Committee
Member of Damascus Chamber of
Commerce



EDUCATION

- Graduate in Business Administration Damascus, Syria

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sawsan Allouni, the owner and principal of the Syrian Modern School, established the school in Damascus Syria in 2003. With a BA in Business Administration from the University of Damascus, Sawsan's dynamic and transformational leadership expanded the school from encompassing 200 students to 1800 today, becoming one of the leading private schools in the country.

In addition to its high educational standards, with its students attaining the leading ranks in the national exams, Sawsan was keen on focusing on the growth of its students into exemplary human beings through active involvement in volunteer work and national competitions.

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