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PROFILE

Finance and operations executive with 15+ years leading institutional financial strategy, governance, and operational transformation across higher education and industrial sectors. Directed 30+ financial work streams for a university president — including financial modeling, investment policy, revenue strategy, and Ministry of Finance presentations. Implemented ERP systems and managed cash flow operations for a 500-employee industrial group. Chaired audit committees across multiple organizations and led startup incubation governance. Combines a PhD in Finance with executive education from Harvard, MIT, and Oxford, and hands-on operational delivery.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Financial & Strategic Consultant | Albarrak Industrial Group

2023 – Present | Al-Ahsa, Saudi Arabia

- Leading financial transformation and strategic operations for a 500-employee industrial group.
- Selected and implemented Odoo ERP from vendor selection through to financial statement production.
- Designed financial controls including payment policies, AP/AR optimization, and cash flow prioritization.
- Driving manufacturing cost optimization, operational restructuring, and business development strategy.

Financial Consultant to the University President & VP | Saudi Electronic University

2020 – 2024 | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- Directed 30+ financial work streams spanning the full CFO function for the University President.
- Built university-wide financial models (V2/V3); authored Investment Policy Statement and committee governance.
- Conducted tuition fee cash flow analysis, B2C/B2B revenue modeling, and international fee studies.
- Led external auditor selection and presented financial strategy to Ministry of Finance.
- Led financial sustainability workstream for the Strategic Plan 2021-2025.
- Managed university-wide P&L for 3 consecutive years, presenting to Higher Advisory Committee.

Dean, College of Administrative & Financial Sciences | Saudi Electronic University

2018 – 2023 | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- Led academic and financial management across multiple branches within devolved budgeting framework.
- Member of University Council, Higher Advisory Committee, and 6+ strategic committees.

Head of Finance Department | Saudi Electronic University

2015 – 2020 | Al-Ahsa

- Built the finance department from early stage — curriculum, faculty recruitment, accreditation, and budget.

Assistant Professor of Finance | Saudi Electronic University

2015 – Present

- Research in capital structure, FinTech, venture capital, and financial literacy. 10+ peer-reviewed articles.

Factory Manager, Barrak Glass Factory | Albarrak Industrial Group

2007 – 2009 | Al-Ahsa

- Managed factory operations including production, staffing, and financial oversight.

BOARD & GOVERNANCE ROLES

CURRENT BOARD POSITIONS

Chairman of the Board — Spaces Company for Incubators & Business Accelerators (2021 – Present)

Chairman of the Board — Al-Barrak Travel & Tours (2019 – Present)

Board Member — Albarrak Industrial Group (2019 – Present)

Board Member — Ballor Industrial Company (2023 – Present)

Member, Board of Advisors — INCUAPP (2023 – Present)

AUDIT & FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE

Head of Audit Committee — Albarrak Industrial Group (2023 – Present)
Member, Audit Committee — Ballor Industrial Company (2023 – Present)
Head of Audit Committee — Saudi Electronic University (2021 – 2024)
Member, Investment Committee — Saudi Electronic University (2021 – 2024)
Member, Budget Committee — Saudi Electronic University (2020 – 2024)
Member, Privatization Committee — Saudi Electronic University (2022 – 2024)

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

Member, University Council — Saudi Electronic University (2018 – 2024)
Member, Higher Advisory Committee — Saudi Electronic University (2018 – 2024)
Member, Strategic Planning Committee — Saudi Electronic University (2022 – 2023)

KEY PROJECTS

Investment Policy Statement | Saudi Electronic University (2021-22) — IPS governing investment strategy, asset allocation, and committee governance.
Investment Policy Statement | Fund for Martyrs & Wounded (2023-24) — Asset allocation framework and governance for the national fund.
Financial Sustainability Strategy | SEU Strategic Plan (2022-23) — Revenue diversification, cost optimization, long-term viability modeling.
PPP Feasibility Study | Saudi Electronic University (2021-23) — Public-private partnership feasibility analysis.
ERP Implementation | Albarrak Industrial Group (2023+) — Odoo ERP — contract, customization, deployment to financial statements.
Privatization Course | National Center for Privatization (2018-19) — Online course in Fundamentals of Privatization & PPP.

EDUCATION

PhD in Finance | University of Plymouth, UK | 2015
Thesis: Determinants of Capital Structure in MENA Countries
MSc Money and Banking (Merit) | University of Exeter, UK | 2010
BSc Marketing | King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals | 2008

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in Company Direction — Institute of Directors (IoD)
Advanced Director Program — Center for Governance, Riyadh (2026)
Board Director Readiness — Center for Governance, Riyadh (2025)
Managing Yourself & Leading Others — Harvard University (2024)
Strategic Leadership — LBTC, London (2022)
People Analytics — MIT (2019)
Oxford FinTech Programme (6 months) — Saïd Business School, University of Oxford (2018)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2024 Albarrak, M.S., Alokley, S.A. and Ansari, Y. Financial literacy among working adults: Saudi Arabia. Quantitative Finance and Economics, 8(4).
2024 Ansari, Y., Albarrak, M.S. and Alokley, S.A. Financial literacy among youths in developing economy. Risk Governance & Control, 14(4).
2023 Ansari, Y., Albarrak, M.S. et al. Financial literacy and overconfidence of Saudi investors. Finance Research Letters, 52.
2023 Ahmad, A., Albarrak, M.S. et al. Saudi Vision 2030: Entrepreneurial Orientation. Education Research International.
2022 Ansari, Y., Albarrak, M.S. et al. Financial literacy of investors — bibliometric analysis. Intl Journal of Financial Studies.
2021 Albarrak, M.S. and Alokley, S.A. FinTech: Ecosystem in Saudi Arabia. J. Risk and Financial Management.
2020 Alokley, S.A. and Albarrak, M.S. Clustering of extremes in financial returns. J. Risk and Financial Management.

SPEAKING & MEDIA

Al Ekhbariya TV — Interview on Future Investment Initiative (FII) (2022)
Step Saudi 2022 — Panelist: Road Map to FinTech Solutions (2022)

FinTech Saudi — Workshop: FinTech Ecosystem in Saudi Arabia (2021)

Saudi Financials Association — Panelist: Research in Finance & Accounting (2021)

Saudi Electronic University — Moderated Former Minister of Culture panel (2022)

Najran University — Guest Lecture: FinTech Ecosystem & Applications (2022)

CORE COMPETENCIES

ERP Implementation (Odoo) | Financial Modeling & Forecasting | Investment Policy & Portfolio Governance | University Budget Management | Cash Flow & Working Capital | Audit Committee Leadership | Revenue Strategy & Tuition Pricing | Ministry & Government Relations | Privatization & PPP | Strategic Planning | FinTech & Venture Capital

Memberships: Saudi Economic Association | Saudi Financial Association | IAQF

Languages: Arabic (Native) | English (Fluent — PhD from UK)