

Shafiq Abdelhamid – CV

Professional Summary

Distinguished business leader, entrepreneur, and investor with over four decades of experience across engineering, contracting, real estate development, education, factory construction, and corporate restructuring in the UAE. Recognized for strategic leadership, turnaround expertise, and the ability to revive complex organizations. Founder and executive leader of multiple successful companies, with a strong track record in investment leadership and corporate governance.

Professional Experience

Former Chairman – Drake & Scull International PJSC, UAE

2018 – 2024

- Led one of the most significant and challenging corporate restructurings in the UAE's engineering sector.
 - Guided the company through severe multi-billion-dirham financial, legal, and operational crises.
 - Prevented bankruptcy and steered the company back to profitability.
 - Oversaw the reinstatement of the company's stock on the market after its suspension due to previous management issues.
 - Implemented an effective turnaround strategy that became a notable case in corporate rehabilitation.
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Founder, Chairman & CEO – City Engineering & Contracting LLC (Sharjah & Dubai)

1998 – Present

- Founded and led a leading engineering and contracting company in the UAE.
 - Oversaw large-scale construction, infrastructure, and development projects across Sharjah and Dubai.
 - Expanded operations and maintained strong financial and operational performance.
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Founder – City Living Real Estate & City Oasis Real Estate

- Established two real estate companies focusing on residential and commercial property development and investment.
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Vice Chairman & Board Member – Eshraq Properties (Abu Dhabi Stock Market)

2017 – 2020

- Provided strategic oversight for a publicly listed company.
 - Contributed to enhancing long-term growth, investment performance, and corporate governance.
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Key Achievements

- Successfully executed one of the most complex corporate turnarounds in the UAE engineering sector.
- Built and led multiple successful companies across engineering, contracting, and real estate.

- Strengthened corporate resilience, governance, and sustainable growth in every organization served.
 - Recognized for strategic acumen, crisis management, and organizational revival capabilities.
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Education

Manhattan College – New York, USA

- Bachelor of Science in Engineering
 - Master's Degree in Engineering
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Core Competencies

- Corporate Turnaround & Restructuring
 - Strategic Leadership & Governance
 - Engineering & Construction Management
 - Real Estate Development
 - Investment Strategy & Portfolio Oversight
 - Corporate Crisis Management
 - Organizational Revival & Transformation
 - Executive Leadership & Board Governance
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Professional Interests

Engineering, construction, investment leadership, corporate transformation, sustainable growth, and innovation within the UAE's industrial and development sectors.