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Panel Discussion


Investment Opportunities and Challenges in the Post- COVID-19 World



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COVID-19 has shattered social and economic life resembling a massive earthquake which is still shaking the world. Countries have rushed to protect their people through unprecedented monetary and fiscal policies resulting not only in challenges but also opportunities. While dreaming of normality again, join us to hear from experts on the economic impact of COVID-19 and the exciting investment opportunities that may exist in capital markets, in real estate, and much more.

 **Sunday, April 11, 2021**

 **7:00 PM**

 **Lecture Theatre and on Zoom**

Panel Program

19:00-19:05	Welcome Statement	Dr. Bajis Dodin, Dean of the College of Business
19:05-19:10	Brief Overview of COVID-19 Cases and Vaccination	Dr. Garwin Kim Sing
19:10-19:25	Round 1	Current and Future Economic/Business Outlook
19:25-19:50	Round 2a	Challenges and Opportunities in Local, Regional, and Global Markets in the Post-COVID-19 world
19:50-20:10	Round 2b	Panelist Debate
20:10-20:45	Round 3	Q&A Session from the attendees and/or the moderator
20:45	Thank you Remarks	

Speakers

Mr. Fadi Arbid (Panelist)

Founding Partner and CIO of Amwal Partners, a hedge fund with more than \$600 million under management. Previously, Fadi was the co-Founding Partner of Amwal AlKhaleej, a leading Saudi based MENA private equity firm. Previously, he worked at Booz Allen Hamilton, at Citigroup's Schroder Salomon Smith Barney Investment Bank in London, and for Henkel, a German multinational company. Fadi serves on the boards and committees of various public and private companies including Body Masters, U-Mark, BLOM KSA Equities Funds, and Global Gate Management. He holds an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and Masters from the Lancaster University Management School and Nantes Graduate School of Management.



Mr. Mohammed Abudawood (Panelist)

Executive Chairman of the M Abudawood Group, a diversified investment group active in retail, manufacturing, and technology. He is a graduate of Arizona University (Industrial Engineering) and has a PMD from the Harvard Business School. He is a member of boards of many family and private firms, PPPs, public companies, banks, insurance companies, Islamic, and international firms. He mainly chairs governance oriented committees. He enjoys sharing his wide experience, successes and failures in governance, boards, family businesses, branding, strategy, transformations, investments, and economics. He is a frequent public guest on television, social media and writes in many newspapers on the topics listed above.



Mr. Fawaz Alfawaz (Panelist)

Career encompassed business and financial activities that span mainly investment and corporate banking. He was directly involved in several investment banking transactions in M & A, private equity, and capital raising. He holds BS and MS degrees in Economics from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, U.S.A. He started his career as a researcher in investment department at the central bank. Then a portfolio manager at the same department. Then he left to work with several local banks in different roles and functions for many years. He is a board member of Al Riyadh Tameer Co. (publicly listed), Um Al Qura Co. (publicly listed) and a board member of a privately owned business. He worked as an adviser for several public and private institutions and writes a weekly column on economic and financial matters.





Dr. Jan Smolarski (Moderator)

Associate Professor in Accounting and Vice-Dean of Research and Graduate Studies at Alfaisal University. He has a Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of North Texas and has published over 25 articles on topics in financial regulation, venture capital and hedge funds. He has held senior academic appointments at UTRGV and Stockholm University where he was Associate Dean and Chief Academic Officer. He also held an Endowed Chair, was appointed Eminent Scholar in Italy and was the Country President (Sweden) of the European Council of Small Businesses. Prior to joining academia, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Trema Treasury Management, a global risk management software firm and worked for several global firms such as Halliburton, The Coca-Cola Company, and AstraZeneca. He has provided advisory services to the European Union and World Bank and served on the boards of both private and public firms.



Dr. Necati Aydin (Panelist)

Professor of economics at Alfaisal University. He has two doctoral degrees, one in Education and the other in Economics. He moved to Saudi Arabia in 2010 after working several years at Florida State University. Dr. Aydin has conducted research in a variety of economic topics including local and state government budget analysis, economic impact studies, tourism, higher education, business ethics, welfare economics, and moral economy. He has published theoretical and empirical papers on these matters. He has conducted several research projects during his tenure at Alfaisal including a major in corporate governance. He teaches several econ courses at MBA and undergraduate levels. Last year, he published a book in New York under the following title: 3D of Happiness: Pleasure, Meaning, and Spirituality. He is married with six children.

Dr. Brendan Lambe (Panelist)

Has extensive experience as an academic researcher at several world-leading universities globally. He gained his Ph.D. from the University of Leicester (UK) in 2012 and has published on a range of topics relating to the stock market and asset pricing in internationally renowned journals, including the Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, the International Review of Financial Analysis, British Journal of Management, Journal of Financial Regulation and Compliance, the Journal of International Financial Markets Institutions and Money, amongst others. Currently, he teaches on the MBA and undergraduate programs at Alfaisal and is engaging with projects relating to the Saudi Capital Markets.



