



Amer Al Ahbabi

Board Leader. Entrepreneur. Strategic Advisor.

Executive Profile | 2026

An Emirati leader shaping business, governance and institutional partnerships.

Amer Al Ahbabi is an Emirati board leader, entrepreneur and strategic advisor with leadership experience spanning investment, real estate, governance, education and institutional development. Through board roles, business ventures and cross-sector partnerships, he contributes to initiatives that connect institutions, businesses and professional communities across the UAE and internationally.

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Board Leadership

Leadership across corporate, advisory and institutional boards.

02

Entrepreneurship & Investment

Building and leading ventures across diversified business sectors.

03

Strategic Partnerships

Connecting government, academia and the private sector.

04

Institutional Engagement

Advancing governance, professional development and knowledge exchange.

Leadership at a Glance

Selected leadership, advisory and institutional roles across business, academia and professional organizations.

01 Institutional Roles

BOARD MEMBER



Business Influencer
Council (AACSB)

AMBASSADOR



UAE Internal
Auditors Association

GLOBAL BOARD MEMBER



The Institute of
Management Accountants

02 Advisory Roles

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER



College of Business,
Abu Dhabi University

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER



GCC Board Directors
Institute, UAE Chapter

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER



AMITY University

03 Business Leadership

CHAIRMAN



Vertex Holdings Group

BOARD MEMBER



Emirates Entrepreneurs
Association

AACSB Business Influencer Council

Contributing business insight to the future of management education.

Amer Al Ahbabi's appointment to AACSB's Business Influencer Council for the 2026–2027 term reflects his continued engagement in business leadership, institutional development, and talent advancement. The appointment provides an opportunity to contribute to a global platform focused on strengthening the quality, relevance, and future of business education.

Drawing on his experience in investment, institution-building, and leadership development, Amer brings a practical business perspective to discussions on innovation, future-ready skills, and the evolving relationship between business and academia.



2026–2027
BUSINESS INFLUENCER
COUNCIL



BUSINESS × EDUCATION

Strengthening alignment between academia and market needs.



FUTURE SKILLS

Supporting leadership, innovation and workforce readiness.



MARKET PERSPECTIVE

Grounded in investment, institution-building and talent development.

Global Leadership at IMA

A historic Emirati presence on IMA's Global Board of Directors

In March 2025, Amer Al Ahbabi became the first Emirati appointed to the Global Board of Directors of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), marking a significant milestone for UAE representation in global finance and governance.

Alongside this historic appointment, he also serves as President of the IMA Abu Dhabi Chapter and Advisory Member of the IMA Middle East & Africa Committee, reflecting a leadership role that spans global, regional, and local levels.

Global Board Member	IMA (USA)
President	IMA Abu Dhabi Chapter
Advisory Member	IMA Middle East & Africa Committee



FIRST EMIRATI APPOINTED TO IMA'S GLOBAL BOARD

Investment Sectors & Strategic Portfolio

A focused view of Vertix's operating sectors and affiliated businesses across key industries.



CHAIRMAN

Vertix Holdings

A diversified investment group building and scaling businesses across real estate, professional services, facility management, food & beverage, and strategic partnerships.

REAL ESTATE



AUDITING & ADVISORY



FACILITY MANAGEMENT



FOOD & BEVERAGE



FOOD & BEVERAGE



Professional Memberships & Affiliations

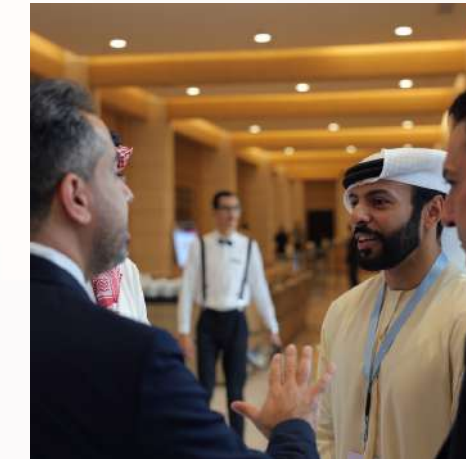
A network of professional memberships and affiliations across accounting, auditing, finance, and leadership.

- Fellow Member – Emirates Association of Accountants & Auditors (EAAA)
- Member – Institute of Public Accountants (MIPA)
- Member – Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
- Member – Institute of Certified Investment and Financial Analysts (ICIFA)
- Member – American International Board for Professional Training (AIBPT)
- Member - Young Arab Leaders



القيادات
العربية
الشابة
YOUNG ARAB LEADERS

Strategic Partnerships & MoUs



Public Speaking Engagements



Media & Podcast Appearances.



Trendz Podcast

[click to view](#)



DXB with Mahmoud Podcast

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IMA Podcast

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Approved Training & Academic Engagements

Approved Entrepreneurship Trainer – Khalifa Fund for Enterprise Development

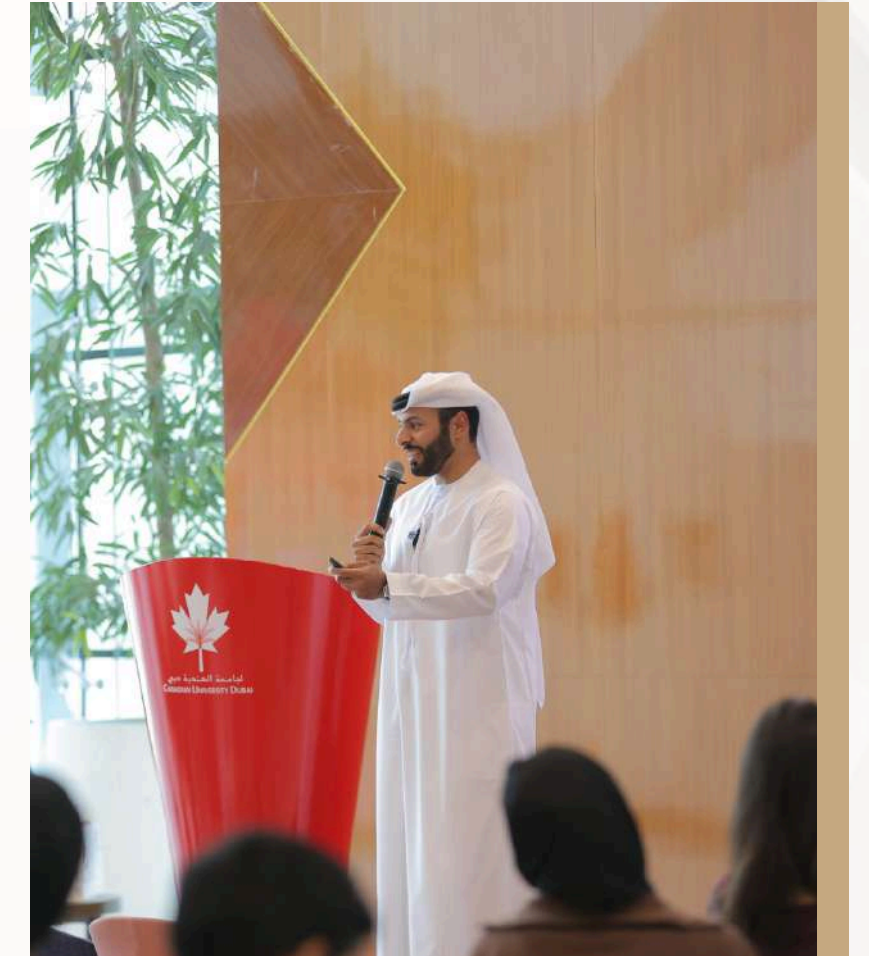
Officially approved to deliver entrepreneurship and business-focused training programs.

University Workshops & Executive Training Engagements

Delivered professional workshops, lectures, and leadership sessions in collaboration with leading academic institutions, including:

- United Arab Emirates University (UAEU)
- Abu Dhabi University (ADU)
- American University in Dubai (AUD)
- Canadian University Dubai (CUD)

Engagements focus on entrepreneurship, finance, governance, leadership, and practical business application.



International & PR Representation

PR & Strategic Representative – UAE-China Entrepreneurs Forum

- Supporting cross-border collaboration in entrepreneurship, innovation, and investment between the UAE and China.

PR & Representation – International Real Estate Exhibitions

- Representing leadership interests across global real estate exhibitions, investor forums, and cross-border property platforms.

PR & Strategic Engagement – London Connect Chamber

- Supporting international business connectivity, investment dialogue, and UK-UAE market engagement.

Academic & University Engagement (International)

- Active participation and representation across universities through advisory roles, guest lectures, leadership forums, and institutional dialogue.

Event Partnership – GCC Board Directors Institute (BDI)

- Strategic partnership on board-level events and governance-focused forums



Registered Financial Influencer

This official registration by the UAE Securities & Commodities Authority affirms Amer Al Ahbabi's recognized role as a Financial Influencer, aligning with his mission to enhance transparency and leadership in financial governance.



هيئة الأوراق المالية والسلع
SECURITIES & COMMODITIES AUTHORITY

Registration Certificate
شهادة تسجيل

Financial Influencer
المؤثر المالي

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Law No. (4) of 2000 concerning the Emirates Securities and Commodities Authority and Market; and based on the powers vested in the Board of the Authority, it was decided to register:

استناداً لأحكام القانون الاتحادي رقم (4) لسنة 2000 م في شأن هيئة وسوق الإمارات للأوراق المالية والسلع وبناء على الصلاحيات المخولة لمجلس إدارة الهيئة، فقد تقرر تسجيل:

Amer Abdul Hadi AlAhbabi
عامر عبد الهادي الأحبابي

As Financial Influencer
كمؤثر مالي

Registration No: 66
رقم الاعتماد: 66

Registered On: 11-Aug-2025
تاريخ التسجيل: 11 أغسطس 2025

Valid Until: 31-Dec-2026
لغدة تنتهي في: 31 ديسمبر 2026

Disclaimer:
تنويه:

The authority's approval does not guarantee the efficiency and professionalism of the registered person, and the authority is not responsible for the accuracy of the published financial advices and recommendations issued by any of the financial recommendation provider.

لا تعتبر موافقة الهيئة ضماناً لكفاءة وحرافية الشخص المسجل، والهيئة غير مسؤولة عن صحة التحليلات المالية المنشورة أو دقة التوصيات الصادرة عنه.

Fees paid against receipt No. (Exempted)
Dated (2025-08-11)
This eCertificate can be validated by scanning the QR code above.

الرسوم المدفوعة مقابل رقم الإيصال (مفقط من الرسوم)
تاريخ (11-08-2025)
يمكن التحقق من صحة هذه eCertificate عن طريق مسح رمز الاستجابة السريعة أعلاه.



SCAN THE CODE

Strategic Collaborations & Institutional Engagements

Strengthening public, private and academic alliances to advance financial leadership in the UAE

Government Sector

- **Department of Government Enablement – Abu Dhabi**

MoU signed | Workshop delivered | IMA Online Course Collaboration (2025)

- **Department of Finance – Abu Dhabi**

Hosted & delivered high-level financial workshop (2025)

- **Ministry of Finance – UAE**

Led a specialized workshop titled “Financial Reporting in the AI Era,” focused on strategic finance and public-sector financial reporting.

Academic Institutions

- **Abu Dhabi University (ADU)**

MoU signed | Participated in conferences, career events, and specialized workshops

- **Al Ain University**

MoU signed | Engaged in academic events, guest lectures, and leadership panels

- **United Arab Emirates University (UAEU)**

MoU signed | Led workshops, conferences, and collaborative initiatives

Professional Associations

- **Emirates Association of Accountants & Auditors (EAAA)**

MoU signed | Contributed to professional forums and events

- **UAE Internal Auditors Association (UAE IAA)**

MoU signed | Speaker in national audit forums and training programs

- **Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)**

Active contributor | Participated in anti-fraud and compliance leadership events

Community Engagement

- **Youth Authority – UAE**

Participated in events and strategic meetings (2025) to support youth professional development in accounting and finance

- **Emirates Entrepreneurs Association (EAA)**

MoU signed | Contributed to events, provided sponsorship and active support for entrepreneurial initiatives

- **Emirates Society of Certified Accountants**

Participated in events promoting excellence in accounting and talent development

Navigating Industry 4.0: Challenges & Opportunities

Redefining Finance and Audit in the Age of Smart Technologies

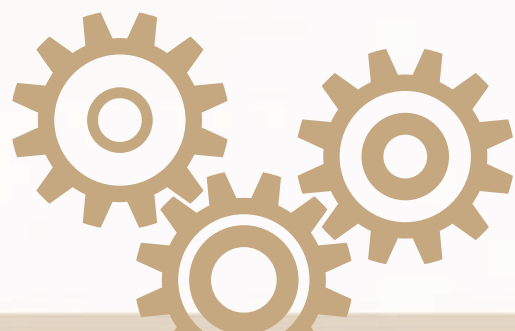
As a finance and audit leader, I've observed how Industry 4.0 is reshaping the accounting and finance profession—ushering in both significant challenges and groundbreaking opportunities.

Industry 4.0 refers to the Fourth Industrial Revolution—an era driven by smart technologies, automation, artificial intelligence, and real-time data, fundamentally transforming how businesses operate and make decisions.

In this fast-evolving environment, professionals face several critical challenges:

- Rapid digitization and process automation
- Adoption of emerging technologies such as AI and blockchain
- Cybersecurity risks and data governance complexities
- Skills gaps in digital fluency and strategic finance

To stay ahead, finance professionals must embrace innovation, continuously develop new skills, and lead with agility—evolving into strategic leaders who create value in a digital-first world.



Empowering Government Talent Through Strategic Collaboration

Customized Learning with the Department of Government Enablement

دائرة التمكين الحكومي
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT ENABLEMENT



In 2025, I led a strategic collaboration with the Department of Government Enablement – Abu Dhabi through an MoU that included a specialized workshop and the launch of a dedicated IMA microsite for GovAcademy. The program was customized with the department's branding and provided curated self-study courses to support continuous learning and upskilling of government employees in finance and accounting

Advancing Future-Ready Finance Capabilities Collaboration

Customized Learning with the Department of Government Enablement

As part of my commitment to advancing the accounting profession, I actively champion the Enhanced Management Accounting Competency Framework by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA – USA).

This framework provides a clear roadmap for developing the critical skills finance professionals need in today's fast-changing world — including data analytics, cybersecurity, sustainability, leadership, ethics, and digital transformation. It supports the shift from traditional accounting to strategic, tech-enabled roles that deliver greater value.

Through workshops, advisory roles, and partnerships with government and academic institutions, I help professionals build the right competencies to lead with agility, integrity, and forward-thinking leadership.



"During the honoring of Amer Al Ahbabi by H.E. Dr. Sultan bin Saif Muftah Hamad Al Neyadi, Minister of State for Youth Affairs."

Amer Al Ahbabi's Focus Areas: Workshops, Speaking Engagements & Strategic Events

Driving Regional Talent Development and Global Financial Leadership



Governance, Audit & Risk

- Auditing, Internal Control & Compliance Frameworks
- Enterprise Risk Management & Risk Assessment
- Ethics, Governance & Regulatory Alignment



Real Estate, Valuation & Strategic Finance

- Real Estate & Asset Management Strategies
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Business Restructuring
- Company Valuation & Financial Due Diligence
- Management Accounting & Strategic Financial Planning



Professional Certification Growth

- Advocacy for Global Certifications: CMA, CSCA, FMAA, CPA, ACCA, CIA, CFE, ECPA
- Building Institutional Certification Pathways
- Career Mapping for Finance & Audit Professionals



Sustainability & Leadership

- Sustainability & ESG in Financial Planning
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DE&I) in Finance
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Purpose-Driven Leadership
- Motivation, Career Development & Youth Empowerment

Global Reach. National Impact.

How IMA's global scale strengthens the significance of Amer Al Ahbabi's appointment for the UAE.

IMA Global Scale

140,000+

Members across
150+ countries

100,000+

CMAs across
100+ countries

12

Global offices

350

Chapters

100+

Years of legacy

Why It Matters for the UAE



Positions the UAE within a leading
global finance network.



Strengthens the UAE's voice in
governance, ethics, and professional
standards.



Elevates Emirati representation in
international financial leadership.



Supports the country's ambition to lead
in talent, innovation, and global business
education.



Amer Al Ahbabi's Advocacy for Professional Certification & Skill Advancement

In addition, I advocate for other leading credentials such as the CFE, CIA, CPA, ACCA, and ECPA, recognizing the importance of a broad certification ecosystem that serves diverse professional goals

These certifications strengthen critical areas such as financial reporting, analytics, decision-making, risk management, and strategic thinking — empowering professionals to lead with confidence in a dynamic global economy.



Financial & Managerial
Accounting Associate

**I regularly encourage and support students,
young professionals, and employees
across sectors to pursue:**



IMA's Certification for
Accountants and
Financial Professionals
in Business



Certified in Strategy
and Competitive
Analysis

Standing Among Finance's Elite Forbes Council Member

Amer Al Ahbabi – Official Member, Forbes Finance Council (2025-2026)

Mr. Amer Al Ahbabi is an esteemed member of the Forbes Finance Council, an invitation-only community of globally recognized finance leaders and innovators. His selection reflects a distinguished record of leadership in strategic finance, governance, and enterprise transformation across regional and international platforms.

As a council member, Mr. Al Ahbabi contributes to high-level discussions shaping the future of finance and economic strategy. Through Forbes' global publishing channels, he shares insights that bridge policy, innovation, and ethical business growth. His membership grants him access to curated networks, peer collaboration, and thought leadership forums that amplify his impact far beyond the UAE.

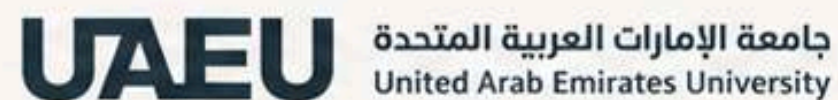
This recognition by Forbes affirms Mr. Al Ahbabi's status as a voice of authority in finance, and a leading figure in advancing sustainable financial leadership in the Middle East and around the world.



Academic & Professional Credentials

A foundation in accounting, strengthened by globally recognized certifications in finance, governance and risk.

ACADEMIC FOUNDATION



B.Sc. in Accounting
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES UNIVERSITY

CORE PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

CMA®

Certified
Management
Accountant



Certified
Fraud Examiner

GRCP®

Governance, Risk &
Compliance
Professional



Association of Chartered
Certified Accountants

ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS

AFA

Accredited
Financial Analyst



Certified
Compliance Auditor

AFC-FA

Accredited
Financial Examiner



Thank you

It's been a pleasure sharing my journey, insights, and areas of focus with you. If you're interested in collaboration, speaking engagements, or knowledge-sharing initiatives, I'd be happy to connect.



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Aligned with the UAE's designation of 2025 as the Year of Community by His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, I am proud to offer my expertise on a voluntary basis—supporting the growth of finance, audit, and entrepreneurial communities. With a strong belief in giving back, mentoring, and empowering future leaders, I remain committed to fostering collective progress through community-driven engagement.

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