

Mr. Riad T. Sadik

Chairman, Al Habtoor Leighton Group, Dubai, UAE

Riad Tawfik Al Sadik is a distinguished name in the Middle Eastern construction industry. A graduate of the American University of Beirut, Mr. Sadik, together with Mr Khalaf Habtoor, founded Al Habtoor Engineering Enterprises in 1970.

From a workforce of less than 100 and two projects worth AED120,000, the company has grown to become one of the leading construction companies in the MENA region with a workforce in excess of 25,000 and work in hand worth over AED18 billion.

The youngest son in a family of 4 brothers and 3 sisters, Mr Sadik is widely traveled. Born in Palestine, his initial years were spent in Lebanon. After graduating he trained in the United Kingdom and then spent three years working, the last year of which he was Head of Engineering for the Eastern Region of Saudi Arabia.

In 1967 he moved to Dubai as the UAE became a key market in the Middle East. Mr. Sadik is well known for his philanthropic activities, and he holds a wider interest in humanities. He is an avid reader of contemporary literature and an associate of several literary associations and community service organisations.

Mr. Sadik also holds membership of various boards including the Board of Trustees of the American University of Sharjah, the Board of Trustees of Birzeit University Palestine, and the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Palestine Studies. He is also Vice Chairman of the Board of Governor's of the Pearl Initiative.