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Talal Abu-Ghazaleh is the founder and Chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh International, the largest Arab group of professional service firms in the fields of accounting, management consulting and intellectual property, and digital knowledge - an affiliate of the World Bank Register of Accountants and Auditors (Washington) and the UN Center for Transnational Corporations (N.Y.).

SELECTED HONORS

- Presidency Shield of the Republic of Lebanon, 2001
- Al-Basil Shield of the Republic of Syria, 2001
- Doctor of Humane Letters, Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y. 1988 (Honorary)
- Decoration of the Republic of Tunisia, 1985
- Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, France, 1985
- Founder of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Graduate School of Business and Management at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon 1980.
- Decoration of Independence of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 1967

SELECTED CHAIRMANSHIPS

- Chairman, Commission on Telecommunications, Information Technologies and E-Business, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Paris, 2001-2004
- First Chairman of the Arab Internet Names Consortium (AINC), Amman, Jordan, 2001
- Chairman of the Founders Meeting of the Arab Internet Names Consortium (AINC), Amman, Jordan, 2001
- Chairman, Lebanese Intellectual Property Committee (ICC), Beirut, 2000-present
- Chairman, Jordanian Intellectual Property Committee (ICC), Amman, 2000-present
- Chairman, Arab Internet & Domain Names Association (AIDNA), 2000-present
- President, Licensing Executives Society Arab-Countries (LES), Amman, 1998-present
- Chairman, U.N. Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR), N.Y., 1995-1996
- Chairman, United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Accounting Standards, N.Y., 1995-1998
- Chairman, Steering Committee for Newly Industrialized and Developing Countries' Affairs, the International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC), 1989
- Founder & President, Arab Knowledge & Management Society (AKMS), [formally known as Arab Management Society (AMS)], N.Y., 1989-present
- Founder & President, Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP) [formally known as the Arab Society for the Protection of Intellectual Property (ASPIP)], Munich, 1987-present (in consultative status to the World Intellectual Property Organization, (WIPO))
- Founder & President, Arab Society of Certified Accountants (ASCA), London, 1985-present (in consultative status with the U.N. Economic and Social Council, (ECOSOC))



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SELECTED BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- United Nations' Information Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force, 2001-2004
- Advisory Board on Dispute Settlement in International Trade, Investment and Intellectual Property of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Geneva, 2000-present
- Observer, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), 2000-present
- Electronic Commerce Committee of the Licensing Executive Society (LES) International, 2000-present
- Founding Member, Industry Advisory Commission at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, 1999-present
- Middle East Council of the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS), Washington, 1995-1997
- International Association for Accounting and Educational Research (IAAER), U.S., 1994-present
- International Federation of Accountants Council (IFAC), U.S., 1992
- Chairman, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Center for Business Research at Canisius College, U.S., 1988-present
- International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC), London, 1987-1990
- International Auditing Practices Committee (IAPC) of IFAC, N.Y., 1987-1990
- Governor, Keck Center for International Strategic Studies, Claremont, California, 1985-1988
- Arab Thought Forum, Amman, 1985- present
- Trustee, American University of Beirut, Beirut, 1970-1982

PUBLICATIONS

- "Abu-Ghazaleh Accountancy & Business Dictionary"
- "Abu-Ghazaleh IP Dictionary"
- "The Abu-Ghazaleh English-Arabic Dictionary of Accounting"
- "Trademark Laws in the Arab Countries", Country Guides
- Compiled and translated into English "Intellectual Property Laws of the Arab Countries"
- Sponsored the official Arabic version of the "International Accounting Standards"
- Sponsored the official Arabic version of the "International Standards on Auditing"
- Sponsored the official Arabic version of the "Business Guide to the World Trading System"