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Education:

BA, American University of Beirut; MSc in International Finance and Investment, University of Wisconsin, USA.

Professional Experience:

After working with Merrill Lynch he joined the Arab Bank Ltd. in 1973 and worked from Amman, Beirut and London. His career since 1977 has been in investment banking, specialising in the Arab emerging markets and real estate investment. He established Capital Trust Group in 1977 and became its Managing Director in London for 19 years during which period he established in 1994 Lebanon Invest, the largest investment bank in Lebanon. He has established a number of operating and holding companies and became a Founding Director of these companies including the Arab Bankers Association in London in 1982. In 1996 he established Gulfinvest International in Kuwait, a regional investment company, and as one of its founding shareholders he became its Chief Executive Officer. In 1998 he established Jordan Invest, the largest investment bank in Jordan, and became a Board and Executive Committee member.

During the last 36 years he has acted as an adviser to a number of Middle Eastern governments, central banks, finance ministries and financial institutions.

In 2004, after Gulfinvest International became a publicly listed company in Kuwait, he founded Investment Trust Limited in London, an investment banking boutique specializing in corporate finance and arranging, structuring and placing property investments for Middle Eastern and American investors.

Investment Trust Limited acted as the investment banking adviser for the establishment of a sugar refinery in Syria, the placement of which was completed in the early part of 2006. This refinery, is the largest investment in Syria by the Syrian private sector in partnership with American, Brazilian, Turkish, Saudi and Kuwaiti investors.



**LUTFI
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Education:

BA in Economy, University of Aleppo, Syria; BS in Economy, Economic Division, University of Aleppo, Syria; MS in Economy, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium; PhD in Economy, Free Brussels University, Belgium.

Professional Experience:

Professor in Economy, University of Aleppo, Syria; 1996–1997, Consultant and Expert in Economic Affairs and Arab-European Relations, Syrian European Business Centre; 1997–1998, Consultant, consultancy studies for Aleppo Chamber of Industry and Commerce; 2004, General Manager, Cotton Marketing Organisation (CMO).

Since 2004 Dr. Lutfi has been Minister of Economy and Trade of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Publications and Research:

Dr. Lutfi has published several books on economy as well as various researches including:

- The Most Richest Six Economies in the World
- A Contribution in Explaining and Clarifying Economic Theories
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- La Bourse (Stock Exchange Market)
- Several scientific arbitrary researches
- Professional essays and participation in several scientific seminars and workshops
- Observer of many Masters and Doctorate theses.