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DEPUTY CHAIRMAN & GENERAL MANAGER

**Bank Audi Syria S.A**

**Education:**

Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree in International Finance and a Bachelors of Business Administration (BBA) in Business Computer Information Systems and Organizational Management from the University of North Texas. Mr. Hamwi is a continuing participant in the Harvard Presidents' Seminar at the Harvard Business School. He lived in Washington D.C. and in Cairo with the World Bank Group and in Spain, France, Syria, and Pakistan as part of the Diplomatic Corps.

**Professional Experience:**

Bassel Hamwi is the Deputy Chairman and General Manager of Bank Audi Syria, S.A. a position he has held since starting the bank's operations in summer 2005. He has also held the position of Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer of Bank Audi, SAL in Lebanon since September 2004. Mr. Hamwi is also involved in structuring and starting the Damascus Securities Exchange and is serving on its board as Deputy Chairman. He is also a Board Member of the Syrian Business Council and active in several financial sector initiatives.

Mr. Hamwi led the team which structured Bank Audi Syria and was responsible for its initial public offering, which was the most successful in Syria's history. Prior to joining Bank Audi, Mr. Hamwi had spent 14 years at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group where he worked on Capital Markets and Project Finance including financing industrial projects such as cement and hotels to financial sector activities such as funds, leasing, and equity and credit lines to financial institutions. Mr. Hamwi was also responsible for IFC's activities in Islamic finance in the region and IFC's activities in the financial sector in the Gulf countries.

**Publications:**

- Hamwi, Bassel and Aylward, Anthony, "Islamic Finance: A Growing International Market" (1999)
- Hamwi, Bassel and Hafez, Ziad, Chapter 19 "Islamic Leasing". (2000)
- Oxford Business Group, contributing author: "Emerging Syria 2002/2004/2005"
- Reviewer: "An Application of Islamic Banking Principles to Microfinance" a World Bank study for the UNDP
- Contributing author to various publications and speaker on finance and emerging markets