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DUBAI DIAMOND EXCHANGE - DDE

Board Members - 2026





Ahmed Bin Sulayem

Executive Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Ahmed Bin Sulayem is the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DMCC and has driven its growth from a start-up of 28 member companies in 2003 to the world's leading international business district with over 26,000 member companies from 180 countries, employing over 80,000 people.

Tasked with enhancing commodity trade flows through Dubai, DMCC has introduced to the market a number of value-added products and services under Mr Bin Sulayem's leadership. In 2023, DMCC was named 'Global Free Zone of the Year' by The Financial Times fDi Magazine, for a record ninth consecutive year.

Mr Bin Sulayem oversaw the exponential growth of the DMCC Free Zone master development in Jumeirah Lakes Towers (JLT), a 200-hectare business and residential community in Dubai of over 100,000 people living and working in 87 towers. Mr Bin Sulayem also oversees the development of DMCC's latest real estate project, the Uptown Dubai district.

Mr Bin Sulayem currently serves as the Chairman of the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE) and the Dubai Gold & Commodities Exchange (DGCX).

The Kimberley Process officially appointed the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as the first and only Arab country to Chair the Kimberley Process (KP) in November 2015. Shortly after, the UAE Ministry of Economy officially appointed Mr Bin Sulayem as the UAE's Chair of the KP for 2016. Mr Bin Sulayem was reappointed Chair of the KP for a historic second time in 2024 and again in 2025.



Neil Ventura

Vice President

Dr. Neil Ventura is the Special Advisor to DMCC's Precious Stones Ecosystem, where he provides strategic counsel to advance the growth, innovation, and global competitiveness of the sector. His role supports DMCC's position as a global hub for the trade of diamonds and precious stones, anchored by the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE) – the world's largest diamond tender facility.

With over 35 years of international experience, Neil brings deep understanding of the diamond and precious stones industry, including lab-grown diamonds. His full end to end value chain experience spans mining, trading and jewellery, and he has lived and worked across Africa, Asia, Europe, the UK and the Middle East.

He works closely with internal and external stakeholders to shape policy, drive trade facilitation, and enhance global visibility for Dubai's precious stones ecosystem.

Before joining DMCC, Neil held several senior global leadership positions at De Beers and Anglo American. He led the turnaround and transformation of De Beers Auction Sales business, and breakthrough digital trust platform, Tracr, Lab-grown diamond business Lightbox, and championed inclusive initiatives such as GemFair, supporting responsible sourcing and social impact across artisanal and small-scale mining communities.

In addition to his role at DMCC, Neil serves as an Expert Advisor to the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and sits on various advisory boards including Hydgen (Green Hydrogen). His experience in corporate strategy, innovation, and technology integration adds further depth to DMCC's long-term ambitions for the precious stones sector.



Ahmad Hamza

Member of the Board

Ahmad Hamza is the Chief Free Zone Affairs Officer at DMCC. Since his appointment in 2018, Ahmad has played a critical role in expanding DMCC's business ecosystem and delivering sustained value to over 26,000 member companies.

Ahmad is responsible for shaping DMCC's ecosystems and commercial operations, overseeing a diverse team focused on revenue generation, customer experience, and building an agile, business-friendly environment.

Bringing deep expertise in Information Technology, Corporate Governance, and Operations Management, Ahmad has contributed significantly to DMCC's broader transformation agenda, enhancing operational efficiency and supporting future-ready infrastructure.

Prior to joining DMCC in 2012, Ahmad held senior positions at both Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry and HSBC Middle East. He is also a member of the Mudara Institute of Directors (IOD).

Ahmad holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance and Management Information Systems from the Boston University Questrom School of Business.



Maryam Al Hashemi

Member of the Board & the Dispute Resolution Committee

Maryam Al Hashemi is the Senior Director of Precious Metals and Stones at DMCC, where she leads the development and diversification of DMCC's precious metals and stones portfolio. As an industry expert, Maryam has played a vital role in advancing Dubai's status as a world-leading hub for precious commodities trade.

Maryam has been instrumental in the development of the sector by strengthening strategic partnerships both domestically and internationally, and by serving as the conduit between DMCC and stakeholders in various UAE Ministries and Federal entities.

Since 2014, Maryam has served on the board of DMCC's Dubai Diamond Exchange, which today stands as the world's largest diamond trading hub with over 1,500 members. Under her leadership, Dubai has become the world's leading diamond trading centre.

In addition to her responsibilities at DMCC, Maryam is also the Director of the United Arab Emirates Kimberley Process Office, the only entry and exit point for rough diamonds in the country and the only ISO-certified KP Office in the world. A seasoned expert in diamond trade regulation, she has played a pivotal role in managing the UAE's KP Office and has contributed extensively to the UAE's Vice Chairmanship of the Kimberley Process in 2015, its Chairmanship in 2016 and 2024, and previously served as Chair of the Committee on Participation and Chairmanship (CPC) in 2017.

In 2026, Maryam will assume the role of Chair of the Committee on Participation and Chairmanship (CPC) within the Kimberley Process, reinforcing her longstanding commitment to advancing transparency and integrity across the global diamond trade.



Anith Daniel

Member of the Board

Anith is a Corporate and Institutional Banking professional with an exceptional 20-year track record of building Business Models by establishing strategy, creating teams, and developing creative client value propositions.

In his current role, Anith is leading Emirates NBD's digitization program with a focus on enhancing the Bank's channel capabilities for Corporates.

He is passionate about change management, turnarounds, and strategy. He has earned his Post Graduate degree in Business Management from XLRI Jamshedpur, India.



Davy Blommaert

Member of the Board

Davy joined the National Bank of Fujairah as the Head of the Diamond Business, which falls under the bank's corporate and institutional banking division.

With over 10 years of experience in the diamond industry, he successfully established a department within NBF which is focused on providing working capital and trade finance services specific to the diamond sector.

Prior to joining NBF, he spent six years at Antwerp Diamond Bank, where he supported the development of its Antwerp and Hong Kong businesses before moving on, to oversee its Dubai office.



Amit Dhamani

Member of the Board

Amit started his career with setting up an office for the Group in Bangkok in 1989.

During this 32 years, the Dhamani Group has evolved from gem and diamond wholesale business to having notable fine jewellery brands as Dhamani 1969, Dhamani Jewels, DuSoul and Laviere with Dubai as its Headquarters.

Amit is a Harvard Business School Alumni and is also on the Board of Harvard Business School Boston and on the Board of Director at the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE) & The Dubai Gold and Jewellery Group and on the Board of Governors of GIA (Gemological Institute of America).



Rahul Piyush Mody

Member of the Board

Rahul established the company DIARUSH DMCC in April 2008 in Dubai and became a key member of the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE).

His company was declared as the De Beers Sight holder, which complies with the De Beers Best Practice Principles Assurance Programme.

Rahul has 25 years of experience in the Diamond Industry.



Mahmoud Ahmed

Member of the Board & the Dispute Resolution Committee

Mahmoud is the CEO of one of the leading rough diamond trading companies in the U.A.E, namely 3X Diamonds DMCC.

He grew up in Antwerp and moved to Dubai in the year 2011 to start his successful diamond journey.



Bhavesh Javeri

Member of the Board

Bhavesh began his successful journey with Stargems in 2004.

After completing his bachelor degree from the University of Mumbai in 2001, Bhavesh worked as head of the diamond division in a local Jewellery trading company. He simultaneously worked in Dubai's gold and silver market and had a good grasp on market dynamics – A factor, which enabled him to introduce Stargems group to the Jewellery trading sector via the set-up of Stargems LLC. The penetration of this market proved highly profitable to the group.

In 2012, in a move that has since proven to be highly lucrative for the group, Bhavesh worked alongside his uncle, Shailesh Javeri, to initiate rough trading activities in Dubai via the establishment of Stargems DMCC.

In 2017, Stargems and the Dubai Diamond Exchange entered into a strategic partnership to host tenders and auctions. The tender house is the only one that has its results governed by the DMCC. Today the group is a key player in the industry facilitating the sourcing of rough diamonds.

Bhavesh Javeri is also advisor to the board of Dubai Gold and Jewellery Group

His exemplary methods along with his consistent record for delivering extraordinary results has helped in the shaping direction of the group.

His vision is to help Stargems group strive forward towards having multiple retail outlets and offices all around the world.



Rachel Sahar

Member of the Board

A diamond expert with over two decades of experience in the diamond industry. Certified gemologist, specializes in polished diamonds, with a focus on large and fancy coloured diamonds. Rachel is a founding member of the Young Diamantaires and plays an active role in the YDOC committee. Her primary business is diamond trading through B2B channels, and she also partners with some of the major players in the industry to purchase rare diamonds.

Her commitment to sourcing diamonds from ethical and responsible sources and her skills in purchasing diamonds directly from the production and even producing custom diamonds, when necessary, gives her a significant advantage in the industry.

Rachel is a member of the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE & IDE) and an active volunteer in various committees related to the diamond industry, contributing her expertise and insights to make a positive impact.