



Forbes Unveils Top 100 Executives In The Middle East

- Global Meets Local event highlights the top regional executives of global conglomerates.
- These leaders represent 29 nationalities, with 13 French executives being the highest.
- Most of this year's listed executives work in the technology sector.

Dubai, November 11, 2018: Forbes Middle East last night held a glittering gala to recognize its Top 100 Executives In The Middle East—the regional heads of the world's most successful organizations. The exclusive event hosted many of the region's longest-standing and most-recognized leaders of the biggest international brands. These executives come from across the globe, with the top three nationalities being French, with 13 execs out of 100, followed by 11 British and 11 Indian.

The Top 100 Executives In The Middle East list was developed from Forbes' Global 2000—a ranking of the world's largest and most successful companies. Forbes Middle East took all the companies in the Global 2000 that have a base in the Middle East, then ranked the regional office's most senior executive based on the size of the area that the leader is responsible for, their achievements, Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives and the growth of the organization.

Khuloud Al Omian, Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Middle East, said “The global economy is undergoing a transition, with technology majorly disrupting their brands. With these changes, corporate leaders are expanding the responsibilities in their roles. Companies that have stayed ahead of the curve are the ones heavily investing in digitalization.”

Dietmar Siersdorfer, CEO of Siemens Middle East, tops the list, followed by Georges Elhedery, CEO for MENA and Turkey at HSBC Holdings, and Sjoerd Leenart, the Global Head of Corporate Banking and Regional Head for Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa at JP Morgan. Bernie Dunn, President for MENA and Turkey at Boeing, and Samer Abu-Ltaif, President for the Middle East and Africa at Microsoft, round off the top five.

The entire list can be viewed at: www.forbesmiddleeast.com .

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