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Executive leader in education, vocational training, institutional partnerships and digital transformation

Artificial Intelligence · Extended Reality & Metaverse · Digital Learning · International Cooperation

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Abu Dhabi · Cairo

20+

years of progressive experience

20,000+

trainees in on-site and digital programs

1,000+

learners on the SUPIGATE platform

2,000+

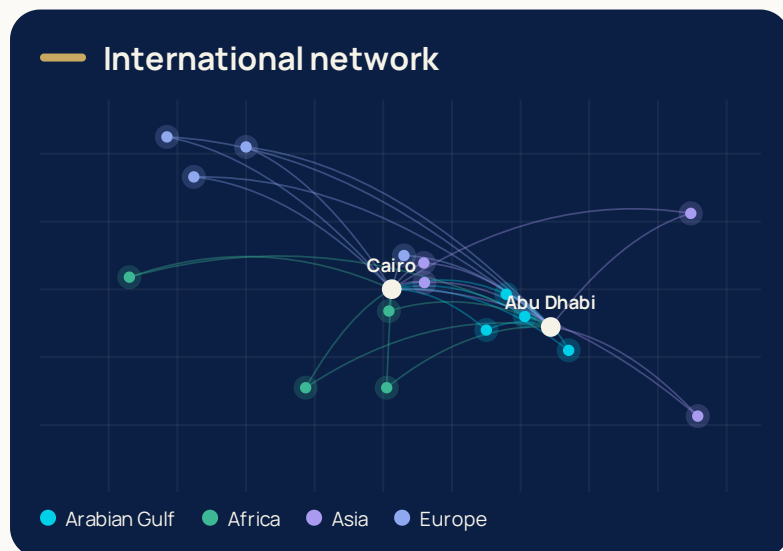
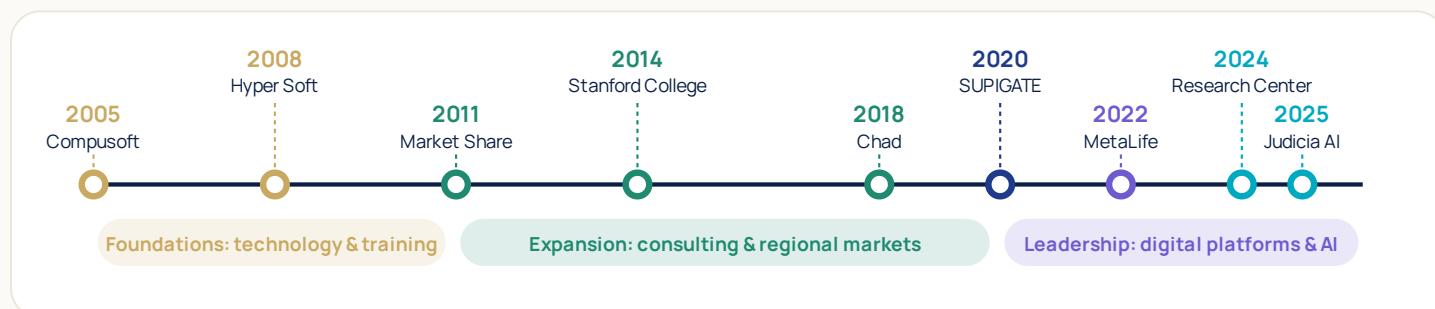
Arab university students in online programs

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work regions across 3 continents

Executive leader with more than twenty years of experience founding, running and scaling education, vocational, consulting and technology initiatives across Egypt, the Arabian Gulf, Africa, Asia and Europe. He started in technical support and training, went on to found training and consulting centers, led digital learning platforms and cross-border partnerships, and today leads initiatives in artificial intelligence, extended reality and the metaverse. Known for turning strategic ideas into workable operating models: programs, teams, schedules, quality and performance indicators.

Career at a glance



International network

Areas of expertise



- Artificial Intelligence
- Extended Reality & Metaverse
- Education & Vocational Training
- Digital Transformation
- Projects & Consulting

SUPIGATE

Active since 2020

Digital learning platform built with SUPEMIR and IGate International, serving 1,000+ learners.

MetaLife Metaverse

Active since 2022

AI and extended reality initiative for immersive learning, culture and digital tourism.

Judicia AI

Since 2025

Legal AI platform; launch planned for January 2027.

- Partner & Board Member · Regional Director & Head of Digital Development

IGate International · SUPIGATE · Morocco & Middle East

- Partner and board member of the IGate International institutes group; lead vocational, continuing-education and digital training operations with a focus on employability.
 - Developed SUPIGATE as an integrated digital learning system, oversaw programs serving 1,000+ learners, and drafted MoUs and partnership plans in Egypt, Morocco, Sudan, Kuwait and Europe.

2020 – Present
- Head, AI & Metaverse Research Center

League of Islamic Universities · Cairo

- Lead research and applied initiatives on AI in education, training and university capacity building.

2024 – Present
- Chairman of the Board of Trustees

E-Gate for Training and Education · registered with the Ministry of Social Solidarity · Egypt

- Institutional oversight of the foundation and its cooperation with Egyptian ministries, government and institutional partners in training, education and digital transformation.

2022 – Present
- General Supervisor & Co-Founder

Judicia AI

2025 – Present
- Founder & XR-AI Innovation Lead

MetaLife Metaverse

- Founded and lead an initiative for immersive learning, culture, digital tourism and virtual events, with a multidisciplinary tech team.

2022 – Present
- Founder & Managing Partner

Albawaba Almotakamela · Abu Dhabi

- Company in education, training, consulting, technology and AI (licensed February 2023); commercial entity of MetaLife.

2023 – Present
- IGate Representative, Arab Council for Student Training & Creativity

Association of Arab Universities

2022 – Present
- Institutional Development & Partnerships Consultant

Markaz Knowledge City · India & Egypt

2022 – Present

Earlier career

- 2019

Founder · Heaven International for Project Management & Consulting · Kuwait — feasibility studies and technical consulting for development and investment projects
- 2019 – 2022

Head of Innovation, Marketing & Expansion · Swiss Digital World
- 2018

Education & investment in Chad · N'Djamena — co-founded the Higher Institute of Health Sciences, Nursing & Pharmacy
- 2018

Partner · British Group for Educational Services · Kuwait — professional training programs and international experts
- Since 2014

Member of the advisory team of businessman Bassam Fahad Thunayan Al-Ghanim · Kuwait — consulting and project development in Kuwait, Turkey, Germany and the UK
- 2014 – 2020

Partner & Development Director · Stanford College · Egypt, Kuwait, Bahrain & Cyprus
- 2011 – 2014

Founder & Director · Market Share Consulting · Egypt
- 2008 – 2014

Founder & Director · Hyper Soft Training & Consulting · Assiut
- 2007 – 2008

Partner, Manager & Trainer · Future Tech · Egypt
- 2005 – 2007

IT Officer, then Deputy Manager · Compusoft Training Center · Cairo

Impact in numbers

- 5,000+

trainees through Hyper Soft in Upper Egypt
- 3,000+

university students with Assiut University
- 2,000+

Arab students via the Arab Council for Training
- 1,000+

learners on the SUPIGATE platform
- 600+

members and 100 youth leaders in Team Start
- 300+

Indian students enrolled in Cairo

Core competencies

- Institutional representation
- International partnerships
- MoUs
- Academic operations
- Vocational training
- Training-center operations
- Program design
- LMS platforms
- AI in education
- VR & XR learning
- Feasibility studies
- Business development
- Project management
- KPIs & quality
- Negotiation
- Cross-cultural communication

Selected projects & initiatives

VR Makkah

Virtual simulation of the Grand Mosque, the Prophet's Mosque, Al-Aqsa and Islamic rituals for education and awareness.

VR Camel

VR experience of camel heritage: camel racing, a virtual museum and a King Abdulaziz Camel Festival simulation.

MetaLife Arena · COP28

Virtual venue for conferences and events, including the COP28 VR Arena experience, Dubai 2023.

IGate × CIFA Italia

Partnership preparing Arab talent for European labor-market needs; execution plans and training packages.

Mamizo

Arabic children's content in VR, featured at the Cairo International Book Fair 2024 and 2025.

Saudi Ministry content

Led a team producing visual content on the achievements of the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, with Khatib & Alami.

Education & qualifications

2024

Master's in Entrepreneurship & Finance Consulting

SUPEMIR University · Morocco

2023

Pre-Master's in Political Science (Arab Studies)

Institute of Arab Research and Studies · Egypt

Bachelor's in Management, Digital Marketing & Entrepreneurship

2002

Ranked 1st in Assiut Governorate, Egyptian General Secondary Certificate

Admitted to the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

TOT

Training-of-Trainers certificates from international bodies

including Professional Trainer from a British training provider

International footprint

Arabian Gulf

Company in the UAE; a long track record in Kuwait since 2014: consulting, project development, Heaven International; training in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Oman

Africa

Egypt: training centers, university cooperation and XR/AI projects; Morocco via SUPIGATE, a health institute in Chad, partnerships with Sudan

Asia

University partnerships and summit in India; professional cooperation in Jordan and Lebanon

Europe

UK: Abydos VR simulation with the Egypt Exploration Society; Cyprus, France and Germany: training and professional cooperation

Publications & training materials

- Start to Change Your Life
- You Are Not Alone
- ICDL Computer Skills
- Personal Skills Development

- The Professional Employee's Skills
- Materials on human development, training of trainers and job readiness

Media presence

20+ interviews and features since 2022, plus TV interviews on Egyptian Satellite Channel and Nile News, on AI, extended reality and distance learning.

Egyptian Satellite Channel

Nile News

AI-Ahram Gate

Ahram Business

Akhbar El-Yom

Rose El-Youssef

El-Alam El-Arabi

Recognition & engagement

- University of Pennsylvania honor for MetaLife's Abydos VR simulation with the Egypt Exploration Society, exhibited in London.
- Best Representative award, British training provider, Upper Egypt (2010).
- Coordinator, 1st International Forum on Digital Education Technology and Distance Learning (2021).
- Contributed to organizing an international arbitration conference in Cairo with Kuwaiti leaders.
- Participant at LEAP 2023 (Riyadh), GITEX and AI Everything (UAE).
- Annual participant in UNCTAD events since 2023.

Languages

Arabic

Native

English

Excellent

French

Working knowledge

Available for regional and international travel. References and academic documents available on request.