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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A seasoned IT executive with over 30 years of experience driving technology strategies and solutions across the education, corporate, and governmental sectors. Expertise in IT leadership, infrastructure management, and digital transformation in multicultural environments. Proven track record of enhancing operational efficiency and fostering innovation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- June 2020– Up to date **IT Consultant**
- IT Consultant and Project Manager, leading and mentoring expert engineering teams to design and deliver top-tier projects for clients worldwide, including in the USA, UK, UAE, and KSA.
- Beirut, Lebanon
- Jan 2013 – June 2020 **Group Chief Technology Officer, [Evolvence Capital, UAE](#)**
- Directed IT operations for multiple entities, including [Repton schools](#) in Dubai (Nad El Sheba and Barsha) and in Reem Island [Abu Dhabi \(Rose and Fry Campuses\)](#), [Dovecote Nurseries in Dubai](#), [Humpty Dumpty Nurseries](#) in Abu Dhabi, [Head office](#), [Retail shops](#) and [Restaurants](#).
 - Led strategic IT initiatives to align with business goals and enhance service delivery
- Dec 2008 – Jan 2013 **IT Director, Evolvence Education Investment – [Evolvence Capital, UAE](#)**
- Managed IT infrastructure for educational institutions, ensuring optimal performance and scalability.
 - Delivered innovative solutions to support educational excellence.
- May 2005 – Dec 2008 **Senior System Manager, IT Dept., [Computer Associates \(CA\), UAE](#)**
- Oversaw IT support across the Gulf region, including UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia, as well as North Africa and Turkey.
 - Implemented robust IT systems, enhancing operational efficiency across regions.
- Apr 2002 – Apr 2005 **IT Director, [Police Sciences Academy, UAE](#)**
- Spearheaded the academy's IT transformation, optimizing processes and integrating advanced technologies.
- May 2000- Apr 2002 **Director, Information Technology Dept., [Kingdom Schools, Saudi Arabia](#)**
- Developed and executed comprehensive IT strategies to support both academic and administrative operations, overseeing the complete design and implementation of the school's IT infrastructure from the ground up.
- Sep 1997 – May 2000 **Acting Director / Support Manager, IT Dept., [American University of Sharjah, UAE](#)**
- Managed IT support operations, ensuring seamless technology integration in academic environments
- Mar 1994 – Sep 1997 **Director Assistant, Statistician, Computer Specialist, Artwork Designer & Programmer [LACECO, Bir Hassan, Adnan Al Hakim St., Hawa3 Bldg, Beirut, Lebanon](#)**
- Contributed to infrastructure development projects, focusing on IT systems and statistical analysis of various projects (Lebanese University City in Hadath, Sport City in Beirut, Beirut Sport City Commercial Center, Doha Housing, Public Transportation Terminals, ELYSSAR, Beirut Conference Center, Bus Stations in Saida & Bohsas and Doha Hills)
- Aug 1992 – Sep 1997 **Statistics and Computer Instructor (Part-time), [American University of Beirut, Lebanon](#)**
- Ag. 301: Statistics (Post-graduate course)
 - Ag. 270: Computer application (under-graduate course)
- Aug 1993 - Mar 1994 **Computer Specialist, Statistician, Artwork Designer & Programmer [Dar Al Handasah, Shair & Partners, Verdun, Beirut, Lebanon](#)**
- Horizon 2000 for Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon
- June 1991 - Aug 1992 **Statistician in an EEC Project, [Mediterranean Institute of Chania, Greece](#)**
- Export Promotion of the Cretan Agricultural products
- Aug. 1989 - Aug 1992 **Computer Instructor & Statistician [Mediterranean Institute of Chania, Greece](#)**
- Delivered statistical and computing instruction while contributing to research initiatives.

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ACADEMIC RECORD

Higher Education & Professional Specialisation

September 1990	Master of Sciences (M.Sc.) <i>Mediterranean Institute of Chania, Greece</i>
June 1988	Diploma of Engineering <i>American University of Beirut, Lebanon</i>
June 1988	Bachelor of Sciences (B.Sc.) <i>American University of Beirut, Lebanon</i>

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Scholarship for academic excellence, Mediterranean Institute of Chania, Greece (1989-1990).

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Arabic, French & English, **Fair** in Greek.

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- Cloud Computing and Infrastructure Digital Transformation
- Team Leadership and Development
- Advanced Statistical Analysis
- Technology Architecture and Strategy
- Emerging Technologies
- Software Development and Agile Practice
- IT Operations Management
- Strategic Vision and Execution
- Team Building and Leadership
- Multicultural Team Collaboration
- Vendor and Stakeholder Management
- Budgeting and Cost Optimization
- Crisis and Incident Management