

## Sheikh Saleh Abdullah Kamel

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Chairman of Jeddah Chamber  
Chairman of Jeddah Economic Forum

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Born in Taif, KSA in 1941. He grew up in the holy city of Makkah where he had his elementary education. After graduation from the Faculty of Commerce, Riyadh University, he joined the Saudi Ministry of Finance till he quitted the public career to establish his own business > in the early sixties. By early eighties he established the huge conglomerate company "AlBaraka Investment & Development" a holding company for many Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions operating according to Islamic teaching in Various diversified business activities all over the world. Saleh Kamel is well recognized as one of the top personalities in the field of Islamic Banking and Finance, whilst his companies are known as pioneers in many business adventures throughout the region. He elaborates the application of the Islamic Banking and Finance through many written articles and lectures in various disciplines of Islamic Economics. In recognition for his personal endeavors, wide achievements and remarkable contribution of "Dallah AlBarka Group" of companies in enhancing development and creating new jobs in many countries, Sheikh Saleh Kamel has been honored by many medals, titles and prizes including:

- • Jordanian Independence Decoration First Order, 1986.
- • Gulf Business Man Award, Dubai 1993.
- • International Golden Knight Belt of World Public House, 1995.
- • Islamic banker Award, IOB 1995.
- • Banker of the Year, Union of Arab Banks, 1996.
- • King Abdul Aziz Decoration, First Order, Sept. 2001.
- • Tow Nile decoration, First Class Sudan, Feb. 2001.
- • Al-Ala Decoration, Leader Class Morocco, Feb. 2001.
- • Honorary Doctorate Degree ( Media ), U.S.A. Jan. 2003.
- • Honorary Title of " Datuk Seri" Malaysia, Sept, 2003.

In addition of being chairman and member of many boards within his companies and sister companies, Sheikh Saleh Kamel is also enjoying the membership of the boards of trustees and directors in many social, charitable and cultural societies and foundations like Arab Thought Foundation, King Abdul Aziz and His Companions Foundation for Gifted, the international academy for info & Media Sciences, Arab Academy for Financial & Banking and the Islamic Solidarity fund, Sheikh Saleh Kamel is also the president of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions, Jeddah Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Council of Saudi Chambers and Federation of GCC Chambers.