



Name: Badr Jafar
 Nationality: United Arab Emirates

School: The International School of Choueifat, Sharjah, UAE
 High School: Eton College, UK
 University: Churchill College, Cambridge, UK
Masters in Engineering
 Postgraduate: Judge Business School, Cambridge University, UK

Born in the United Arab Emirates, Badr Jafar was raised and educated in Sharjah until the age of 15, when he attended Eton College and later Cambridge University in the UK. He holds a Master's Degree in Engineering and a Business Degree from the Judge Business School of Cambridge University. Badr is **Managing Director** of the **Crescent Group**, headquartered in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, with global offices. He also has a variety of other international business and philanthropic interests and involvements.

Crescent Petroleum www.crescent.ae

President

Established over 42 years ago, Crescent Petroleum was the first regional, independent, privately-owned petroleum company to engage in the acquisition, exploration and development of petroleum concessions, and the production and sale of crude oil, petroleum products and natural gas. Today, Crescent Petroleum has operations worldwide.

Crescent Petroleum's headquarters are in Sharjah, in the UAE, with other offices located in the UK, Iraq and Iran and affiliate offices in Canada, Egypt, Yemen, Jordan, Bahrain, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. Crescent Petroleum has held concessions in Argentina, Canada, Egypt, France, Pakistan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Yugoslavia, however its current focus is on energy opportunities in the Middle East, specifically within the Gulf region, Iraq, as well as North Africa.

Crescent Enterprises [REDACTED]

Chief Executive Officer

A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Crescent Group, Crescent Enterprises is the company's conglomerate and holds operating assets within a multitude of industries, assisting these businesses in expansion and strategic direction. These include aviation, where Badr serves as a board member of **Gama Aviation** (UK); shipping, serving as Vice Chairman of **Gulfainer Ltd** (the Middle-East's largest private container port operator); real estate, serving as a board member of **Enshaa PSC** (UAE); and media and entertainment, serving as Board Member of the **Teshkeel Media Group (Kuwait)**. He also plays an active role in private equity initiatives, serving as a board member of **The Abraaj Group** (UAE) and **GrowthGate Capital** (Bahrain). Additional commercial interests within the Crescent Enterprises subsidiary comprise construction, project implementation, IT commerce, mineral processing and healthcare. As CEO, Badr continues to build and develop strategic global business partnerships.

Dana Gas [REDACTED]

International Advisory Board

Established in 2005, Dana Gas PJSC is the Middle East's first and largest listed regional private sector natural gas company, attracting over \$78 billion in IPO subscriptions. The company holds assets and contractual entitlements to the largest private sector integrated natural gas supply in the Gulf Region, including exploration and production, processing, transportation and marketing, and plays a major role in the rapidly-growing natural gas industry throughout the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia (MENASA) Region across the entire gas value chain.

Gas Cities**Chairman**

As Founder and Chairman of Gas Cities, a joint venture between Crescent Petroleum and Dana Gas, Badr has pioneered the concept and construction of large, self-sustaining, fully-integrated industrial cities designed for the systematic and comprehensive utilization of natural gas as fuel and feedstock. These Cities are strategically located across the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia, to maximize the economic benefit of locally produced natural gas, generating local industry, employment and direct foreign investment.

Pearl Petroleum**Chairman**

Pearl Petroleum is a groundbreaking partnership and joint venture between Crescent Petroleum, Dana Gas, OMV of Austria and MOL Group of Hungary, established in 2007 for the development of large natural gas assets in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq for local power generation and local industry, as well as developing export projects through Turkey to Europe. Building economic ties across borders is important to Badr, who strongly believes that when significant long-term economic incentives for countries to cooperate exist, business can succeed where politics often fails.

Gulftainer**Vice Chairman**

Gulftainer Company Ltd, a private UAE-based fully-integrated Ports and Logistics company, was established in 1976 and has been delivering world class performance for over 37 years.

The company is the largest privately owned, independent Port management and Logistics company in the world. UAE operations include the 'best in class' Khorfakkan Container Terminal (KCT), Sharjah Container Terminal (SCT) as well as port operations and logistics in Ruwais.

The Company's international presence now includes Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Brazil, Pakistan and Iraq, with new ventures in Russia and Lebanon.

Other

- Co-founded the **Global Gumbo Group** with renowned producer Quincy Jones. Global Gumbo Group is a music production company which bridges the cross-cultural divides in the entertainment industry between the East and West. Global Gumbo Group organizes special events and concerts using local and international talent, as well as developing related projects such as books, movies, TV shows and artist management. The company owns the Dubai Music Week () in partnership with the Government of Dubai's World Trade Centre.
- Established **Full Moon Productions (FMP)**, a company based in Los Angeles and partnered with **EMJAG Digital** and **Paramount Pictures** to create new media film content. FMP has also partnered with a number of other production houses in the production of films with Middle-Eastern themes.
- Founded **Collo Fashion** (UK) and **Persicus Inc** (USA), which specialize in the manufacturing and marketing of high-end consumer products worldwide.
- Founded **Omniway Properties Ltd** (UK), which targets European property development.

Philanthropy / Non-Profit

- Founded the **Pearl Initiative** (www.pearlinitiative.org) in partnership with the United Nations Office for Partnerships, which spearheads activities and projects to promote a corporate culture of best business practices with respect to governance, accountability, transparency and smart CSR activities within the Middle East.
- Launched the **Middle East Theatre Academy** with Kevin Spacey to promote the art of theatre across the MENA Region, and to provide a platform for youth to discover the world of theatre and express their talents in the disciplines of writing, directing, producing and acting.
- Appointed Middle East Ambassador for the **Charter for Compassion**, initiated by renowned historian Karen Armstrong, which is a summons to creative, practical and sustained action to meet the political, moral, religious, social and cultural challenges of our time. Badr's role is to promote conversation across cultural divides in furtherance of the principles of the Charter.
- Serves as a member of the **Synergos Arab World Social Innovators (AWSI)** Program Board of Governors.
- A member of the Global Board for **Education for Employment (EFE)**, whose mission is to create job opportunities for unemployed youth in the Middle East and North Africa by providing world-class professional and technical training that leads directly to career-building jobs.
- A founding member of the Board for **Endeavor UAE**, an initiative focused on encouraging entrepreneurship in the Gulf Region.
- Has a keen personal interest in contemporary art and is a dedicated supporter and patron of upcoming artists in the Gulf Region of the Middle East. Appointed member of the **Guggenheim Middle Eastern Circle** and the Artistic Director's Circle of **The Old Vic Theatre Trust**.

Education

- Active member of the **Young Presidents' Organization**, serving as Ex-Officio of the **YPO Emirates Chapter**.
- On the International Advisory Board of **Cambridge University Judge Business School** and was elected to be Chair of the Alumni Advisory Council of the Cambridge University Judge Business School.
- A member of the Business Advisory Council of the **American University of Sharjah**.
- A member of the Research and Innovation Advisory Council for **The Centre of Excellence for Applied Research & Training (CERT)** at the **Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT)** in Abu Dhabi.

Awards

- In 2013, Badr was named *Philanthropist of the Year* at the Campden Middle East Philanthropy Awards, in recognition of his commitment to social entrepreneurship in the Middle East.
- Esquire Middle East recognized Badr's passion for entrepreneurship in their 2013 Middle East Awards, by naming him *Entrepreneur of the Year*.
- In 2012, Badr was honored as Ambassador for **Small World**. The Small World Organisation aims to generate awareness of child related issues around the world and raises funds to support NGOs who actively work with children.
- Badr was honored as a **Young Global Leader** by the World Economic Forum in 2011 for his professional accomplishments, commitment to society and potential to contribute to shaping the future of the world through inspiring leadership. He is currently Vice-Chair of their Global Agenda Council on Energy Security.
- In 2010, the State of New York's CITYarts honoured Badr with their *Making a Difference through the Arts* award for his outstanding philanthropic leadership within the private sector, and in particular his commitment and support towards children's rights.
- Badr was named *Energy CEO of the Year* at the 2010 Middle East CEO Awards, in recognition of his achievements in the energy industry within the Middle East and North Africa, and the strategic nature of his accomplishments in building important global partnerships.
- Badr was named *Young CEO of the Year* at the 2009 Middle East CEO Awards, in recognition of his achievements, leadership qualities and commitment to advancing the strategic goals of the organizations for which he is responsible.

Affiliations

- Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation (ADMAF)
- Ashoka
- Association of International Petroleum Negotiators
- B-20 Investments and Infrastructure Taskforce (Member)
- Cherie Blair Foundation for Women
- Education for Employment (EFE)
- Endeavor
- EWS-WWF (Emirates Wildlife Society)
- Guggenheim Middle Eastern Circle
- Happy Hearts Foundation
- HSH Prince Albert's Philanthropy Roundtable (Committee Member)
- Judge Business School
- Kevin Spacey Foundation
- New York CITYarts
- Save The Children (STC)
- Sharjah Art Foundation
- Society of Petroleum Engineers
- START (Member of the Honorary Committee)
- Synergos Institute
- TED
- The Centre for New Diplomacy (CFND)
- The Charter for Compassion
- The Old Vic Theatre (Artistic Director's Circle)
- The Quincy Jones Foundation
- United Nations Office for Partnerships
- WEF Global Agenda Council on Energy Security
- Welfare Association
- World Economic Forum – Young Global Leader
- X-PRIZE Foundation
- Young Presidents' Organization