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**Education:**

Masters of Business Administration (MBA), International Finance; Bachelors of Business Administration (BBA), Business Computer Information Systems and Organisational Management, University of North Texas.

**Professional Experience:**

Since 2005, Deputy Chairman and General Manager of Bank Audi Syria, S.A. and since September 2004, Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer of Bank Audi, SAL in Lebanon. Mr. Hamwi is also involved in structuring and starting the Damascus Securities Exchange and is serving on its board as Deputy Chairman. He is also a board member of the Syrian Business Council.

Mr. Hamwi led the team which structured Bank Audi Syria and was responsible for its IPO, which was the most successful in Syria's history. Prior to joining Bank Audi, Mr. Hamwi had spent 14 years at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group where he worked on Capital Markets and Project Finance including financing industrial projects such as cement and hotels to financial sector activities such as funds, leasing, and equity and credit lines to financial institutions. Mr. Hamwi was also responsible for IFC's activities in Islamic finance in the region and IFC's activities in the financial sector in the Gulf countries.

He lived in Washington D.C. and in Cairo with the World Bank Group and in Spain, France, Syria, and Pakistan as part of the Diplomatic Corps.

**Publications:**

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