



**AHMED ELBOSATY**

Ahmed Elbosaty is the Chairman and Managing Director of Modern Nile Cotton Co., one of the largest cotton trading companies out of Egypt. Ahmed first joined the cotton business in 1997 while studying Economics & Political Science at the American University in Cairo. After graduating, Ahmed joined Modern Nile Cotton on full time basis assuming several roles within the group of companies until becoming its Managing Director in 2006 and its Chairman & Managing since 2007. Ahmed is currently a non Executive Board Member of the Alexandria Cotton Exporters Association (ALCOTEXA). Prior to that, he was the President of ALCOTEXA and twice its 1st Vice President. On the International Scene, Ahmed is a past President of The International Cotton Association (ICA) in Liverpool and a past Chairman of the Private Sector Advisory Panel of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC).

Ahmed is an active member of the cotton value chain and a board member of several Companies within the chain with ranging activities from ginning to ready- made garments. He is a board member of several Egyptian/Foreign business councils, investment companies and NGOs.



**ALY WALLY**

Aly is currently senior director at Logic Management Consulting. He has 16 years of global experience and has worked at 3 key entities: Shell International, McKinsey & Co and the Egyptian Government. With Shell, he managed projects in the Netherlands and did multiple feasibility studies across the world. In McKinsey & Co, he did 12 projects in 9 different countries focused on economic development and growth strategies. He moved after that to the Egyptian government to convince the government leaders of the need for Egypt to become an export led economy and one of the top global manufacturing hubs.

He is the author of the book “Egypt Economic Crossing” العصور الاقتصادية لمصر. Aly writes weekly articles in the economic pages of Al Masry Al Youm & Al Borsa newspapers. He is one of the founders and board members of T20 “Association of Egyptian alumni graduates of the top global business schools such as Harvard, Stanford, LBS...etc” He is board member of Chinacham in Egypt. He has an MBA from London Business School and a bachelor degree from the American University in Cairo in which he was elected as President of the Student Union and awarded the prestigious parents association cup for exceptional achievement in extracurricular activities while maintaining a good level of academic performance. He speaks 5 languages: Arabic, English, French as well as basic Dutch and Italian. In addition to that, he is currently learning mandarin.



**AHMED TAHA**

Mr. Taaha has over 30 years of experience in project management and coordination, business planning and plan implementation, human resource development and management.

Having worked with EU funded programmes such as PSDP and IMP enabled Mr Taaha to develop a strong background in management skills.

In 2006, He was appointed as the Executive Director of ITC under the umbrella of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. In 2010, he was nominated to the position of Chairman of PVTI, the training arm of MTI.

With this successful business track he was appointed as the Executive Director of the Industrial Modernisation Centre under MTI.

From January 2016 to March 2016, he held the position of Acting Chairman of Egypt Expo & Convention Authority besides his position at IMC. In, April 2016 he was appointed as the Commissioner General of Egypt for Expo Astana 2017.



**BELHASSEN GHERAB**

Mr. Belhassen Gherab is the Chairman of the group ARAMYS, President of Tunisian FENATEX (National Federation of Textile), and Executive Committee member of UTICA (Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Crafts)

He is a talented and highly experienced businessman. A leader and negotiator with long experience in: operations development, domestic and international business transactions and social issues management.

As an Executive Committee member of the TUNISIAN UNION OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND CRAFTS, and President of the National Federation of Textiles, he has a perfect knowledge of the Tunisian economy through all its sectors, administration and contracts with major international networks in the sector of economy, administration, private companies and civil society.

A Distinguished Career: Mr. Belhassen is fascinated by the world of entrepreneurship, enamored by the idea of the challenges, and haunted by the will to make a success, the commitment was clear: getting into the world of business, create value, build a work ... ARAMYS GROUP (2300 employee), is an illustration of this ambition, the realization of this will.



**CHRISTIAN BARTHEL**

Christian was born in November 1962 in Hamburg (Germany). He started his professional career at the Otto group in Hamburg in 1987 as a buyer for textiles. In 1989 he moved to Turkey to be the deputy General Manager of the Otto sourcing office in Istanbul. From 2007 – 2003 he was the General Manager of Systain Consulting (International) in Turkey, where the first Supply Chain Management projects in Turkey, the US and Egypt were successfully implemented. In 2007 Christian joint the “Cotton made in Africa” program, which was initiated by Dr. Michael Otto (owner of the Otto group) to support the living conditions of African Cotton farmers. Today, 700.000 farmers are involved in the program, producing approx. 300.000 tons of sustainable cotton. Many retailers and brands (Otto group, Tchibo, REWE, Ernsting’s Family, s.Oliver, and many more) are using this cotton in their global supply chains.



**DICKY COETZEE**

Dicky Coetzee has been involved in Textile Industry Leadership programs for more than 20years. He is currently serving on a number of Industry Development Boards and Cluster initiatives in South Africa, where the focus is on developing Business Sustainability and Employment grow. The key component of his expertise is on developing local and global textile value chain partnerships and under this premise, a number of key international value chains have been established mainly in contracts for military, police and personal protective equipment. He is currently Chief Executive Officer of Gelvenor Textiles. Gelvenor Textiles has been the recipient of many international awards for innovation products, including the 2016 IFAI award in the US for Industrial Fabric innovation. Key products developed by Gelvenor Textiles for Global Value Chain supply include low bulk microfiber parachute fabrics, filtration fabrics for rural water supply, ballistic fabrics for personal protection and vehicle armoring and medical fabrics for new generation barrier protection in hospitals. Dicky Coetzee has been involved in textile manufacturing since he completed his studies as a Textile Technologist in 1980.



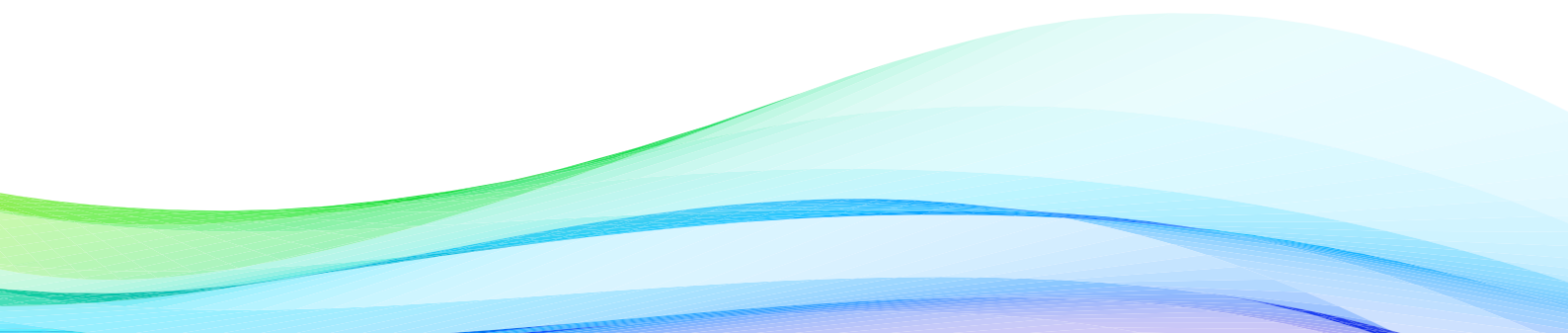
**CLAY E. HICKSON**  
Vice President, Strategy & Business Development  
Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP)

As Vice President, Strategy & Business Development at Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP), Mr. Hickson manages international operations and helps develop and refine WRAP’s strategy. He specifically focuses on managing relationships with global brands and retailers and with governmental and other stakeholder organizations. WRAP is a non-profit team of global social compliance experts dedicated to promoting safe and ethical manufacturing around the world through certification and education. Mr. Hickson has extensive experience in international marketing, corporate communications, strategic planning and cross-cultural communications. He has developed and taught training programs that have prepared executives and entrepreneurs for doing business in international environments, and he is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.



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**FINN HOLM**

Finn Holm-Olsen is an international trade expert with +20 years of professional experience working in Africa. During this time, he has designed and managed enterprise development and capacity building programs, advanced U.S. trade policy interests in Africa, and promoted U.S.-African business ties. He currently serves as the Director of Trade Promotion and AGOA at the USAID-funded East Africa Trade and Investment Hub based in Nairobi, Kenya, a project implemented by DAI, Inc. In this role, he oversees programs to raise the competitiveness of East Africa countries in key sectors and increase trade from the region to the U.S. under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). Mr. Holm-Olsen served previously as the Senior South Africa Analyst at the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he coordinated U.S. commercial policy towards South Africa; and Commercial Attache at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya. Mr. Holm-Olsen holds an M.B.A. in International Business and a B.S. in Marketing Management.



**GAIL W. STRICKLER**

Gail W. Strickler is the President of Global Trade for Brookfield Associates, LLC., a consulting group that helps organizations, governments and businesses develop and coordinate their global trade policy.

She focuses on helping her clients develop integrated supply chains for manufacturing, especially in the textile and apparel sector. She works with textile and apparel manufacturers, brands, retailers and importers on strategic sourcing, with an emphasis on understanding and utilizing preference programs and free trade agreements. Ms. Strickler served as the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Textiles and Apparel from 2009 through the completion of the TPP in October 2015.

She was responsible for supervising negotiations affecting textile and apparel products, advising Ambassador Michael Froman and his predecessor Ron Kirk on policy matters and coordinating interagency efforts for the sector. She was the lead negotiator for the

United States for apparel and textiles in the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) and TTIP (Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership).

Prior to joining U.S.T.R., Strickler served as a Director of the Institute for Textile and Apparel Product Safety and Sustainability (I.T.A.P.S.) at Philadelphia University (the former Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science) where she oversaw textile research and development programs for the Institute and developed sustainability and environmental strategy programs for brands and retailers.

Ms. Strickler worked for Saxon Textile Corp from 2007- 1980 serving ultimately as its President and CEO until it was acquired by Patriarch Group in 2007 and became a division of Duro Textile LLC., where she served as VP of the Global Apparel Division. Strickler served as president of the Textiles Distributors Association (T.D.A.) for five years. She served on the board of directors of the National Council of Textile Organizations from its inception in 2006-2004 as a member of its Trade Policy committee. She was a board member for the USDA Cotton Board from 2002 until joining USTR, serving as Chairman of the Textile Research Committee. She served on the board of directors at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology's (F.I.T.) Education Foundation from 2002 and its executive committee from 2005, until joining U.S.T.R. Strickler received her B.A. from Clark University and completed programs in Textile Technology and Textile Chemistry from the Fashion Institute of Technology. She continued her research at Philadelphia University with an emphasis on environmental sustainability. She is a native New Yorker, and attended Stuyvesant High School.



**HANY SALAM**

Hany Salam is the Managing Director of Salamtex, a limited partnership textiles company and family business originally established in 1936. Born in Egypt to Belgian & Lebanese parents, Hany progressed the company to become the leading manufacturer of lace in the Middle East and Africa. At the age of 16, he enrolled in Business School and simultaneously began to train in Germany's prestigious Karl Mayer Institute for Textiles, one of the world's leading institutes in textile technology development.

In 1986, Hany built a lace factory in Cairo with just 7 employees, a completely new venture for the family business. Today Salamtex employs nearly 500 people with an international client base spanning over 15 countries. Salamtex currently manufactures functional textiles for the fashion industry, technical textiles for the medical & automotive industry, and has a fully equipped, in-house dyeing facility.

Hany is a Board Member of the Textile Export Council, the Egyptian Chamber of Apparel and Home Textile Industries, and the Egyptian-Belgian Business Association. An avid stamp collector, he is also Vice President of the Philatelic Society of Egypt.

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**BADRINATH GULUR**

Mr. Gulur has been recognized as a leading conformity assessment and Sustainability expert in the world. With a total work experience of 25 years, he has worked in senior positions with companies like KPMG, Bureau Veritas and Four-D Consulting and established leadership in auditing, consulting and training programs in over 69 countries. In addition, he has played a leading role as a senior trainer for SAI and Lead accreditation auditor with SAAS, USA. Currently, as Director – Training & Capacity Building with SAI, USA, his main areas of expertise relates to auditor management, conformity assessment auditing, social compliance and management system training encompassing training and capacity building services worldwide. His international experience spans over 69 countries across a multitude of industry and service sectors. He is currently based out of Bangalore, India and New York, USA. With an array of technical and project management skills, he has worked on developing, auditing and sustaining management systems across a wide spectrum of companies and organizations in the Government, Non Government, Multilateral and Private sector worldwide.

Majority of the training, consultancy and assessment clients range from IFC, ILO, ENOC (UAE), DEG (Germany), FMO (The Netherlands), USAID, Standard Chartered Bank, GIZ, Responsible Jewelry Council, GBF, GIEK, Oxfam, Unilever, Nestle, GE, Tata Group, Walt Disney, Gap, Primark, Walmart, Carrefour, H&M, Inditex, Ikea, Tesco, Marks & Spencer, etc. Additionally, Gulur has advised several international brands and textile and garment companies on their social compliance programs using the management systems approach. Recently, he has been inducted as a peer reviewer on an International journal in Nepal that publishes articles on social accountability and corporate governance.



**CLAY E. HICKSON**

Phillip A. Fishman is a Senior Technical Advisor at the International Labor Organization. Fishman is responsible for providing the required technical advices to develop sustainable and innovative industry wide and workplace strategies to improve compliance with fundamental labor rights, labor management cooperation and competitiveness in labor-intensive export sectors. As a technical advisor, he provides guidance on the development of bipartite and tripartite initiatives that effective leverage collaboration as well as strategic advice for institutional strengthening, training and advisory services for tripartite constituents. In his role, he supports engagement and collaboration with relevant international and regional partners, individual experts and networks. He is also responsible for developing integrated strategies with other ILO Divisions, Branches, and Units to ensure coherent technically sound products and interventions, identifies and documents good practices and successful intervention models and also leads technical advisory missions independently or in collaboration with ILO multidisciplinary teams.

Fishman brings to his position a well-established background of management and technical guidance. Prior to being a Senior Technical Advisor, he worked for almost seven years as a Program manager at Better Work Jordan (BWJ); managing all aspects of BWJ within the policies and procedures established by the ILO and Better Work; to ensure effective implementation and technical oversight of all project components including enterprise compliance needs assessments, training and capacity building, stakeholder engagement and sustainability; thus ensuring a high degree of transparency, accountability and credibility internally and externally for the project.

His experience in this field involved working for three years as an international consultant in Washington Dc for Coca-Cola, Retail, Wholesale Department Store Union and the National Endowment for Democracy. Prior to that, he worked for 14 years as the Assistant Director for International Affairs at the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations. In this position he was responsible for providing oversight of AFL-CIO policies, programs and relationships throughout Asia, senior liaison to Congress, Departments of State and Labor, U.S. Agency for International Development and NED; coordinating outreach to constituents, drafting and presenting Congressional testimony, public statements and speeches on human rights in China and managing the daily operations of the AFL-CIO International Affairs Department with an annual budget of over 3\$ million. He also worked for almost 13 years as the Country Program Director at the Asian American Free Labor Institute, AFL-CIO, where he worked closely with trade unions and other civil society organizations to strengthen relationships and provide tools, resources, and expertise with the aim of worker empowerment.

Fishman holds a Bachelor's degree in Justice, Morality and Constitutional Democracy from Michigan State University, James Madison College, 76-1971.



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**MAXIMILIAN ABOULEISH-BOES**

Maximilian Abouleish-Boes leads the Department for Sustainable Development under the SEKEM Holding that aims towards balancing the economic, societal, cultural and ecological life of the SEKEM Group by improving and supporting the respective innovation, research and development efforts together with partners. Maximilian is furthermore involved in the emerging Social Innovation Lab of the recently Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development. Additionally, he supervises the monthly sustainable development reporting process based on SEKEM's Sustainability Flower. His background is formally in corporate management with a strong trans-disciplinary approach and he is currently engaged in a PhD program on Integral Development focusing on the replication of the Integral SEKEM Model in Middle East and beyond. His passion for sustainable community building in the desert arises out of a striking experience of spending almost one year on one of SEKEM's desert farms together with his wife with whom he has two kids.



**MOHAMED KASSEM**

Before pursuing business opportunities in the private sector, Mohamed Kassem had a Foreign Service career for 15 years. His last post was a commercial counselor in the Egyptian Embassy in Washington D.C. from 1989-1985. Kassem is now Chairman & CEO of World Trading Company –Egypt and Nanotech International for Industry & Trade. And was named as the first Chairman of Baseera (The Egyptian Center for Public Opinion Research). He also help founded and serves as a board member in a host of other companies span different industries such as textiles, ICT energy and industrial real estate development. He currently serves as the chair for Garment Export Council and Vice-Chair of Egypt National Council on Textile. He had also helped establish and still serve on the board of different NGO's and industry associations, including the board of the Federation of Egyptian Industries (FEI).



**CLAY E. HICKSON**

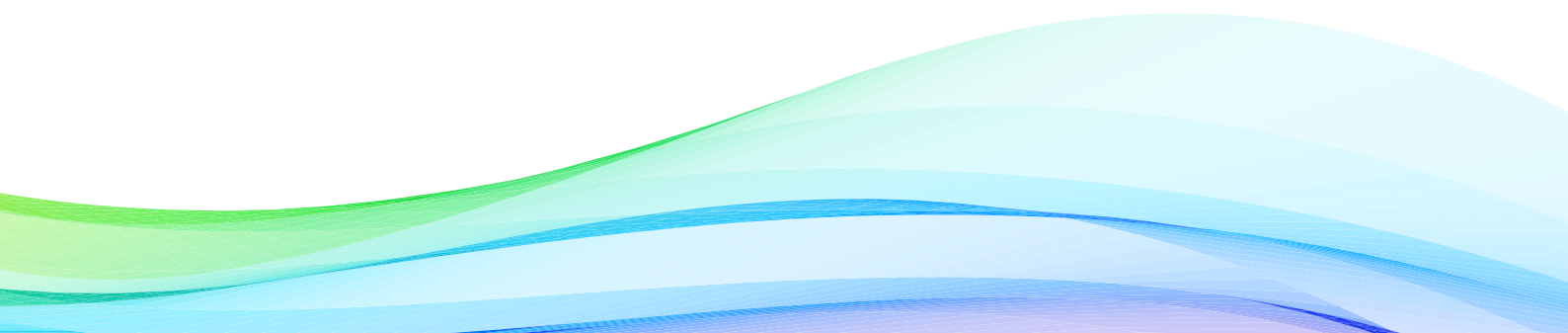
Dr. Medhat El-Helepi is currently working with the Regional Integration and Trade Division of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa. He has over 20 years of experience spanning over a wide array of subjects including trade, SPS, trade, agricultural development, livestock production and trade, marketing, food security, regional value chains development and agribusiness. He has been tasked to lead the implementation of the programme of work on the development and promotion of livestock regional value chains in West Africa, with a view to enhance intra-Africa trade in livestock. Very recently, he has been assigned to lead the implementation of the work programme aimed at promoting regional agricultural-based value chains and agribusiness clusters with specific focus on COMESA region.

Before joining the United Nations, he worked as a Senior Economist with the African Union Commission, an Assistant Professor at Cairo University and a Research Associate with IFPRI. In addition, he had worked intensively as a freelance consultant with several international development organizations. He has contributed to several published books and reports of ECA covering trade, agriculture and food security.



**PIERA FRANCESCA SOLINAS**

Piera Francesca Solinas, BA in Education, is a senior specialist in sustainable development. She currently leads the CSR and Sustainability sector of Filmar SpA, an Italian textile company specialized in the production of fine cotton yarns. Filmar has its main operations in Italy and Egypt. She is assisting the company in developing and implementing programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing sustainability along the whole production chain of cotton yarns. Before joining Filmar, in July 2014, Mrs Solinas has covered the post of Egypt Country Office Coordinator for the International Organization for Migration (IOM). She has previously served as senior expert in sustainable development at the Cooperation for Development Office of the Italian Embassy in Cairo.





**MR. MOHAMED KHODEIR**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)**  
**GENERAL AUTHORITY FOR INVESTMENT & FREE ZONES (GAFI)**

As an LLB graduate from Cairo University, English Section and a holder of an LLM degree in international Business Law from Leiden University, the Netherlands; Mohammed Khodeir started his professional career in the field of law in Egypt until he became a partner in Al Tamimi & Co.; one of the biggest law firms in the Middle East.

He is also a Member of the “Egyptian Bar Association” and “the International Bar Association”.

Since 1999, Mr. Khodeir has practiced law in four jurisdictions including Egypt and the UAE.

In June 2016, Mr. Khodeir was appointed as GAFI CEO.

As the CEO of GAFI, Mr. Khodeir oversees the regulatory role of GAFI for registering companies in Egypt in addition to promoting the investment opportunities, targeting the areas of business potential and attracting foreign direct investments to Egypt.

Mohamed Khodeir has a diverse legal background in multiple areas of law including; corporate, banking and finance, dispute settlement, government projects, legislation, tax as well as family businesses. The estimate value of the projects and transactions he was involved in exceeded USD 50 billion.

Mr. Khodeir has been recognized repeatedly for his legal work. In 2015, he was recognized by IFLR1000 as one of the leading Lawyers Survey in recognition of his work in the area of “General Corporate Practice”.

Mr. Khodeir has written numerous articles, participated in multiple interviews and has presented and lectured on his areas of expertise on many occasions.

Mr. Khodeir is a member of the Board of Directors of the following:

1. National Investment Bank.
2. The Egyptian Competition Authority
3. State's Land Utilization Center
4. National Authority for Sinai Development
5. Al Awqaf Egyptian Authority
6. Industrial Development Authority
7. General Organization For International Exhibitions



**RAY BUTLER**

Ray Butler is chairman and managing director of the Outlook Group Limited, which includes Cotlook Limited, a private company that provides market analysis and information to the world's cotton industry, under the name 'Cotton Outlook'. Ray joined the company in 1975 and served as chief editor of the company's information services for 25 years from 1988 onward. During his career, Ray has served as President and Treasurer of the Liverpool Cotton Association and as President of its successor organisation, the International Cotton Association (ICA), and is currently chairman of the newly-formed ICAM, a mutual insurance venture.



**SHADY A. AMIN,**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,**  
**EGYPT NATIONAL COUNCIL ON TEXTILES**

With over 15 years of experience in enhancing competitiveness of Egypt's diversified industries, Eng. Amin joined Egypt National Council in Textiles, in the capacity of the Executive Director with the mandate of implementing Egypt's Textiles Development Strategy “Vision 2025”, additionally, he is an active member of a committee accountable for establishing the first “Textiles City” in upper Egypt, focusing on attracting local and foreign investments in the upstream industries to foster Egyptian and African exports to the US and Europe.

Prior to his current role, Eng. Amin was the Technical Assistance and National Programmes Director at the Industrial Modernisation Center; he has created, developed and implemented the National Suppliers Development Programme, main objective is to

upgrade and modernize local suppliers to major MNCs operating cross-sectoral in Egypt, he had also conceptualised and developed Lean Enterprise development projects, enhancing productivity and cost efficiency for major engineering sector manufacturers, similar to his current role, he was a member the Egyptian Automotive Task Force, which contributed significantly to attracting Foreign Direct Investments to Egypt's Automotive sector.

Eng. Amin is 42 years old, originally proud graduate from faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University, holds MBA degree from Maastricht School of Management, and a Project Management Diploma from the American University in Cairo.

Through his personal life, Eng. Amin is a Professional Rally Co-pilot, PADI Instructor and Technical Diver, he possess Extensive knowledge in the filed of marine environmental conservation, through participating in several environmental aware projects and cleanups that covered Egypt's National Parks.

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**TARA DONALDSON**

Tara Donaldson is the editorial director for Sourcing Journal. She has more than 10 years' experience in the fashion and apparel industry, both as a journalist and formerly as a merchandiser. At Sourcing Journal, Tara focuses on global sourcing and supply chain news, challenges and opportunities for the industry. Prior to joining Sourcing Journal, Tara was an account manager for Fortune Fashions, Ind. and a merchandiser at Warnaco. She has a master's degree in journalism from Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.



**WALEED EL-ZORBA**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR - NILE HOLDING COMPANY

Attended the University of Southern California where he received his Bachelors degree in Economics from the School of Arts and Science. After Graduation he moved to Cairo, Egypt where he joined his family business Nile Holding. Today his groups of companies are leading the way in ready-made garment exports from Egypt with five companies and over 11,000 employees. Primary markets are leading retailers and importers in the US and Europe. His Family Business also has diversified interests in various fields such as IT and Oil & Gas. In 2005 he was appointed to the Export Council of Ready Made Garments and Council of Qualified Industrial Zones by Egypt's Minister of Trade and Industry to help promote and continue the success of the textile industry in Egypt.

2010 - 2008 was an elected member to the American Chamber of Commerce Egypt Board of Governors.  
2011-2010 was appointed to the Egypt-US Business Council by Egypt's Minister of Trade and Industry.  
In 2012 was once again appointed to the Egypt-US Business Council by Egypt's Minister of Trade and Industry.



**TARA DONALDSON**

**CURRENT PROFESSIONAL STATUS:**

Li & Fung Egypt (Perfect Trading Inc.) - Chairman, subsidiary of Li & Fung Group, the world leading supply chain management company.  
Perfect Spinning Company - Chairman, A spinning company specialized in manufacturing & exporting of cotton yarn.  
Alsa Limited - Chairman, a Hong Kong company working in trading consultations.  
Luma Trading Limited - Board Member, a Hong Kong company working in textile international trade.

**HONORARY ADVISORY & BUSINESS ORGANIZATION POSITIONS**

- Chairman, Cotton Egypt Association.
- Member, Higher Council of Textiles
- Board member, Textile Chamber – Egyptian Industrial Federation

**SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Chairman - Egyptian Clothing Bank.  
Founder and Vice-Chairman of the Egyptian Food Bank.



**YUSUF DAYA**  
SENIOR MANAGER- RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,  
AFRICAN EXPORT IMPORT BANK

Yusuf Daya is a Masters Graduate in Agricultural Economics from the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa and also holds a Bachelor of Law degree in International Economic Law from the University of South Africa. He is a member of the Economics Society of South Africa. He has over 15 years' experience in international trade policy issues. He has been with the African Export Import Bank since January 2015 where he has worked on developing an export development programme and is now with the research and international cooperation department, responsible for trade policy and market access issues. Prior to joining Afreximbank, he worked on trade issues at provincial, national and the sub-regional levels. He was responsible for trade facilitation at the Southern

African Customs Union and responsible for implementing a regional trade programme between Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland. He was also active in the South African trade sector having worked on the protection and commercialization of indigenous knowledge for the Western Cape Provincial Government and trade negotiations and the promotion of intra-African trade for the South African National Department of Agriculture.

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