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Professional Profile

Dr. Husam Yaghi (www.yaghi.net) is a highly accomplished professional with a strong business acumen and a profound understanding of regional and global trends in emerging technologies, with over 30 years of diverse experience, including 10 years of teaching and research at prestigious universities in the USA. Dr. Yaghi holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. Throughout his career, he has been honored with numerous excellence and distinction awards, and he proudly holds life memberships in Eta Kappa Nu and other esteemed academic and service excellence organizations.

As a seasoned entrepreneur, Dr. Yaghi has successfully built several technology companies and his latest venture, FataFeat (www.fata.me), is a testament to his visionary leadership and commitment to empowering families and young adults with financial literacy, savings, investments, and education.

Notably, Dr. Yaghi's passion for entrepreneurship extends to his family, as he coached his teenage sons at the ages of 13 and 14, guiding them in building three remarkable companies that gained recognition at regional conferences. Additionally, his 10-year-old daughter established the Smiles Foundation, a charitable organization aimed at bringing joy to the less fortunate.

Dr. Husam Yaghi's impressive achievements and dedication to innovation and social impact highlight his exceptional abilities as a leader, mentor, and catalyst for positive change in the technology and business sectors.

Professional Experience

Mawarid Media & Communications Group | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Group Vice President (2022 - Present)

- Direct digital transformation strategy for leading Saudi conglomerate spanning 9 business units and nearly \$2B in revenue.
- Spearheading development of new metaverse ecosystem expected to unlock 500% growth in utility token value within 2 years.

Interactive Smart Communications Company | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, CEO (2020 - 2021)

- This is a startup I built under the Mawarid Media & Communications Group
- Also at the same time I built a fintech company, **Interactive Smart Financials Company**, from ground up, securing regulatory licensing, developing new products, and onboarding 200+ employees.
- Launched new insurance app with telematics capabilities that reduced loss ratios by 18% in first year.
- Grew revenues from \$0 to \$25M within 2 years through strategic partnerships and relentless business development.

Alhamrani Group | Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Group CTO (2005 - 2020)

- Modernized IT systems and infrastructure for diversified conglomerate, improving efficiency by 55%.
- Renegotiated software agreements saving \$200K annually while maintaining 99.9% uptime.
- Grew revenues from \$1B to \$4B in 15 years through technology optimization and strategic roadmapping.

Kahmas Technology (EzAlsahra Group) | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, VP (2002 - 2005)

- Created this technology company for the owner, Dr. Nayef Alrodhan.
- Worked on the digitization of Saudi national ID's mega project with Ministry of Interior.
- Worked on several high-profile projects by invitation only.

Saudi Arabian National Guard (Vinnel Corporation) | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Telecom Advisor (2005 - 2020)

- Designed and executed several automation & modernization projects.
- Advised 5-star generals.

Southern University | Louisiana, USA, Professor & Telecom Advisor (1991 - 1997)

- Taught digital systems courses in Electrical Engineering.
- Served for 1 year as Telecom Advisor to university president.
- Secured several funded research projects.
- Published 21 research papers.

Southern University | Louisiana, USA, Data Center Manager (1986 - 1991)

- Served as Manager of the Engineering Data Center and System Admin for the IBM4341 mainframe.
- Coached system operators.
- Built a small help desk system.
- Fixed system errors and created programs in REXX.

Education

PhD, Computer Science - Louisiana State University
MS, Computer Science – Southern University
BS, Electrical Engineering - Southern University

Technical Skills

Blockchain, Cryptocurrency, Metaverse, Digital Transformation, Business Intelligence, Data Networks, Infrastructure Automation

Professional Development

Certified Blockchain Expert (Blockchain Council)
Certified Cryptocurrency Auditor (Blockchain Council)
Certified Metaverse Expert (Blockchain Council)