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Professional Summary

Seasoned C-suite executive with over 35 years of experience in the ICT sector. Proven ability to align cutting-edge technology with strategic business goals to drive innovation, revenue growth, and operational efficiency. Skilled in leading cross-functional teams, managing multi-billion-dollar portfolios, and executing large-scale digital transformation projects. Expertise in AI, blockchain, cryptocurrency, cloud infrastructure, fintech, and metaverse solutions.

Professional Experience

Mawarid Digital Communications Group

Senior Consultant to CEO – Riyadh, KSA

2023 – Present

- Developed and deployed a custom **AI language model** trained on 100,000 documents, reducing processing time by 20%.
- Created a **metaverse platform** linking 8 vertical business sectors, generating \$2M in new revenue and increasing customer engagement by 5%.
- Engineered a **utility cryptocurrency** to facilitate seamless transactions within the metaverse ecosystem, driving user adoption.
- Partnered with CEOs to align **technology strategies** with business objectives, fostering a culture of innovation.
- Evaluated over 20 emerging **technology investments** worth \$50M, achieving a 25% ROI.
- Conducted due diligence for acquisitions, ensuring alignment with strategic goals and maximizing value creation.
- Analyzed market data to uncover \$30M in new opportunities, leading to two successful product launches.

Interactive Smart Communications

CEO – Riyadh, KSA

2020 – 2023

- Led **Interactive Smart Communications (ISC)** and **Interactive Smart Financials (ISF)**, a licensed fintech company, driving revenue beyond SAR 25M.
- Designed and implemented **B'Aman**, an innovative insurance and payment platform.
- Secured regulatory compliance for a **lending marketplace** targeting SMEs in Saudi Arabia.
- Reduced operational costs through **process optimization** and improved resource management.
- Led post-merger integration efforts, maximizing synergies and accelerating growth.

Alhamrani Group

Chief Technology Officer – Jeddah, KSA

2005 – 2020

- Spearheaded the **digital transformation** of 8 diversified companies of the Group, reducing costs by 55%, processing time by 70%, and internal audit 90%.
- Renegotiated software agreements, saving \$200K annually while maintaining 99.9% system uptime.
- Implemented **Business Intelligence (BI) solutions**, providing actionable insights to executives and optimizing decision-making.
- Supervised the design and implementation of a comprehensive cybersecurity plan.
- Designed and oversaw the implementation of a comprehensive business continuity plan for the Group's 8 companies, with redundant data center.
- Founded **Ateon**, Saudi Arabia's first blockchain solutions company, positioning the group as an industry leader in blockchain technology.
- Managed multi-million-dollar **technology projects**, ensuring on-time, on-budget delivery.

Kahmas Technologies / Ez Alsahra Holding

Co-Founder & VP – Riyadh, KSA

2002 – 2005

- Co-founded **Kahmas Technologies**, providing digital solutions across the EMEA region, servicing over 100 banks, governments, and hospitals.
- Partnered with the Ministry of Interior on the **Saudi national ID digitization project** (\$70M), ensuring successful project execution.
- Led cross-functional teams on multiple high-profile projects, driving outcomes that aligned with strategic objectives.

Vinnell Corporation (Saudi Arabian National Guard)

Senior Advisor – Riyadh, KSA

1997 – 2002

- Advised senior military leadership on **automation** and **modernization projects** worth \$300M for the Saudi National Guard.
- Led the design and implementation of **military automation solutions**, improving operational capabilities.
- Served as the Chief Telecommunication Advisor in addition to Director for the Data Networks and Cybersecurity Department of Saudi Arabian National Guard.
- Received several distinguished service awards.

Southern University

Assistant Professor & Telecom Advisor – Louisiana, USA

1986 – 1997

- Taught courses in **digital systems**, **numerical methods**, and **microprocessors** within the Electrical Engineering department.
 - Led and co-led funded research projects totaling \$150M, resulting in 21 published research papers.
 - Established the **AT&T Engineering Multimedia Database Center** and directed the **Engineering Data Center**.
 - Held community service events for K-12 students which were covered by local media.
 - Promoted automation at the local chamber of commerce and held awareness seminars to business owners and executives.
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Startups Founded / Co-Founded

- **1986:** GloboNet (First ISP in Louisiana, USA)
 - **2002:** Kahmas Technologies (Digital Solutions Provider)
 - **2015:** AidMaid (Personal Emergency Assistant)
 - **2016:** Ateon (Blockchain Solutions Provider in KSA)
 - **2017:** BlocMint (Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Technology Provider)
 - **2017:** eSaraha (Digital Marketing)
 - **2020:** Interactive Smart Communications (IT Solutions Provider & Contact Center)
 - **2020:** Interactive Smart Financials (Lending Marketplace for SMEs)
 - **2022:** Fatafeat (Family Payment App)
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Education

- **PhD in Computer Science** – Louisiana State University
 - **Master of Science in Computer Science** – Southern University
 - **Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering** – Southern University
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Professional Development

Completed extensive courses from **Harvard, UC Berkeley, Stanford, and Oxford** in:

- Strategic Leadership
 - Digital Transformation
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Blockchain Technology
 - Organizational Transformation
 - Corporate Finance
 - Investment Strategies
 - Data Science
 - Risk Management
 - Cybersecurity
 - Metaverse
 - Project Management
 - Supply Chain Management
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Awards & Recognition

- **Board of Advisors** – Softsonics (NIH-nominated healthcare breakthrough)
 - **Head of Board of Directors** – AidMaid (Raised \$2.1M in funding)
 - **Distinguished Member** – World Metaverse Council
 - **Leader of the Year Award** – Saudi Arabian National Guard (Vinnell)
 - Featured in multiple publications across the USA and the Middle East
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Key Skills & Competencies

- C-Suite Leadership & Strategy
 - Digital Transformation
 - Blockchain & Cryptocurrency
 - Metaverse Solutions
 - AI & Machine Learning
 - Business Intelligence
 - Fintech & Payment Systems
 - Cloud Infrastructure
 - Mergers & Acquisitions
 - Cross-Functional Team Leadership
 - Market Analysis & ROI Optimization
 - Regulatory Compliance
 - Project & Portfolio Management
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Languages

- English (Fluent)
 - Arabic (Fluent)
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Certifications

- Certified in **Strategic Leadership** (Harvard University)
 - Certified **Blockchain Expert** (Oxford University)
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Technical Skills

- **AI/ML:** TensorFlow, PyTorch
- **Blockchain:** Ethereum, Hyperledger
- **Cloud Platforms:** AWS, Azure, Google Cloud
- **Business Intelligence:** Power BI, Tableau
- **CRM Systems:** Salesforce, HubSpot
- **Programming Languages:** Python, JavaScript, C++