

Mr. Hamid D. Jafar

Group Chairman

Crescent Petroleum Company, Sharjah

Mr. Hamid Dhiya Jafar is Chairman of the Board of the Crescent Group of Companies, headquartered in Sharjah, UAE.

Aside from his core business in oil and gas, Mr. Jafar has a variety of other regional and international commercial interests, including container shipping terminal operations, transport and logistics, private equity and real estate. Mr. Jafar is Chairman of Gulftainer Ltd.; a founding shareholder of Abraaj Capital, the Middle East's largest private equity firm; and a founding shareholder of the URUK Group. He was the founder of the UAE chapters of the Young Presidents Organization and the World Presidents Organization, and is also a member of the International Chief Executives Organization.

Mr. Jafar has promoted and supported important initiatives in higher education at Cambridge University and in the Gulf. He is also an active supporter of many charities, particularly those in aid of disabled and needy children, and cancer patients.

Mr. Jafar was born in Baghdad in 1947. He attended St. Paul's School in London, and subsequently studied at Churchill College, Cambridge University, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in engineering and did graduate studies in thermodynamics and fluid flow in 1967, followed by a master's degree.