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Celebrating Diversity

This year we are celebrating Diversity of our student and alumni community as it is one of the unique features of the Middle East Centre. We are very proud to have such diverse backgrounds and experiences in our region. Our students are comprised of 100 nationalities from across the Middle East region.



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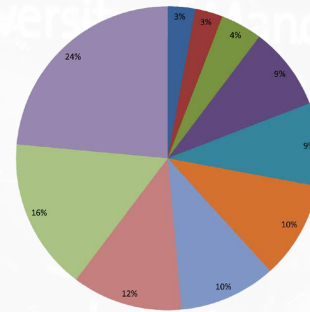


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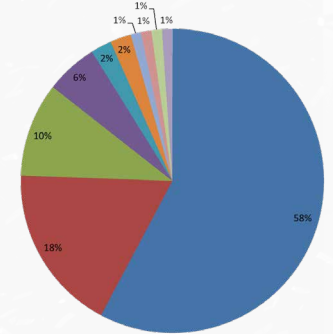
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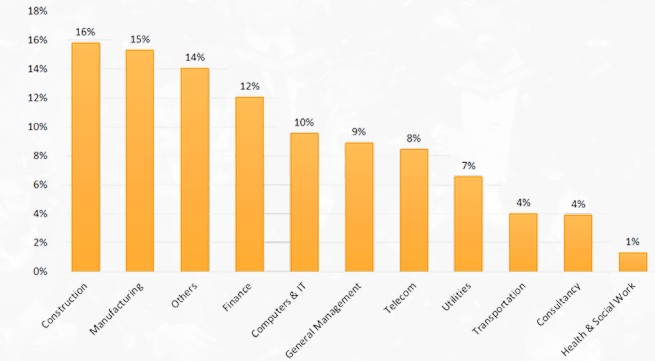


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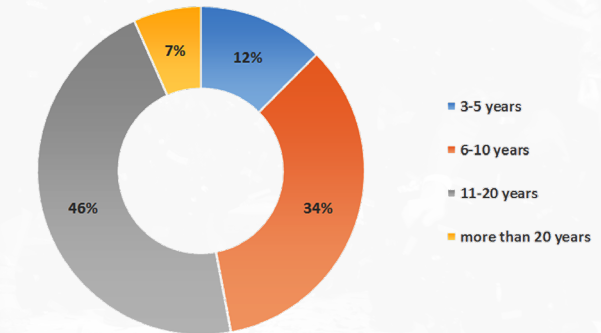
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Middle East Global MBA Student Industry Breakdown



Middle East Global MBA Student Work Experience



Welcome...

Welcome to the 2018 Annual Alumni and Student book in which we celebrate our community across the Middle East and share our personal stories and successes.

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Randa Bessio Middle East Director The University of Manchester

It is my pleasure to introduce the Middle East Annual Alumni Book 2018 as the regional community of students and alumni comes together once more, for our important annual social occasion. As working professionals, our network of contacts is essential and of course one of the major benefits of the Global MBA or part-time Master's degree is the quality of the peer group that you meet and work alongside during your studies.

I am delighted to share with you that we have had very successful recruitment campaigns this year, for the Global Part-time MBA (more than 150 new students), industry-led Masters and executive education courses. With the addition of the new Master's programmes, we now enjoy more frequent intakes and so our student community is growing and welcoming new members on a more regular basis.

This year's theme for Gala Dinner is Diversity as one of the unique features and strengths of the Middle

East Centre is its diversity and the regional student and alumni body reflects the demographics of the regional business community, which continues to attract international talent from across the world. There is no doubt that this diversity enriches the learning experience of all students, as well as creating a unique teaching environment for faculty. Our programmes also benefit enormously from this shared experience.

In terms of the programme portfolio, we introduced three new Master's programmes – the Kelley Manchester MBA, International Healthcare Leadership, and Reliability Engineering & Asset Management – and we can already see the quality of the first cohorts and the positive impact these new students will make on our shared community. In addition, we have been actively bringing new executive education courses to the region, including the Manchester Management Development Programme.

It has been an extraordinary 12 months for the Middle East Centre, with a series of notable highlights and new initiatives;

MBA graduation

Graduation is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year. We were honoured that the 2017 ceremony was held under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, UAE Minister of State for Tolerance. A total of 65 students celebrated their achievements of the Manchester MBA degree, joined by family and friends. The Presiding Officer at this fifth graduation ceremony in Dubai was Fiona Divine - OBE FAcSS FRSA, the Head of Alliance Manchester Business School, and the ceremony was conducted in the presence of Dr. Abdulla Al Karam, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director General of the Knowledge & Human Development Authority (KHDA), who also addressed the congregation.

New collaborations

The Middle East Centre and the Society of Engineers UAE signed a Strategic Talent Partnership

Memorandum of Understanding to promote professional education in the field of engineering, research, practice development and professional networking across the Middle East. The new partnership includes activities such as joint marketing and events for members, affiliates, students and alumni; professional networking events, executive education and professional development programmes. The Society of Engineers-UAE has over 49,000 members.

Dubai SME, the agency of the Department in Dubai mandated to develop the small and medium enterprise (SME) sector, and the Middle East Centre signed Strategic Talent Partnership Memorandum of Understanding to help promote innovation and leadership among entrepreneurs and across the SME sector in Dubai. The agreement will create professional development and career opportunities for the University's community of current part-time Masters students and alumni in the region, and Dubai SME's staff and members.

These new partnerships add to the growing list of diverse, leading organisations with which we enjoy active collaborations including EMIR, The Economist, and Forbes Middle East; and leading corporates including GM, Philips, and our latest partnership agreement with EITC (Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company – the holding company behind Du) with a focus on leadership and management development.

Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives (CSR)

This year, the university staff, students, alumni, and community members participated in various CSR initiatives, including volunteering with the Emirates Red Crescent for Iftar Project, a Ramadan Fridge Stocking, donating clothes and food to 100 workers this Ramadan, and gathering donations for Senses – Residential and Day Care Centre for Special Needs. All of which focused on giving back to the community, and working with the Middle East Centre community across the region including students and alumni, partners and other friends of the school.

Other engagements

In addition to CSR, the Middle East Centre also support other initiatives, which are led by our some of our alumni. Most recent project is Qlickcash – a business concept originating in the Middle East designed to bring financial services within reach of the under-banked and especially the SME sector – has been presented with an Ignition Award by UMPI, The University of Manchester Intellectual Property. The new company will provide access to business banking services and financial accounting solutions through its own SaaS platform. Saad Ansari, a current Middle East Centre-supported Global MBA student and serial entrepreneur, is the CEO of the team behind the company. Through the Ignition Award, the business benefits from an injection of funds and, just as importantly, the prestige that comes with the recognition.

I should also mention that the new year 2018 started on a very positive note as The 2018 Financial Times survey ranked our MBA 10th in Europe, 36th in the world and 4th in the UK.

On behalf of the entire Middle East Centre team, I would like to thank all our students and alumni for your support and contribution to the regional Alumni Association.

We are now looking ahead to an exciting 12 months, as the University continues to grow and develop in one of the most dynamic regions of the world.



Richard Screaton
Deputy Director
Alumni Engagement

Having worked within the alumni relations team of the University for several years, I have had the privilege of seeing the contribution that our alumni make become a fundamental part of the University's success. As they succeed in their careers, our alumni are also contributing to our vision of being a world leading University, delivering outstanding student experience, and having a positive impact on society.

The strength of our alumni network depends on you and may even be one of the reasons you chose to study with us. The alumni team are here to ensure that your relationship with the centre and the University continues after graduation, and to help you stay in touch with your classmates - please do keep your contact details up-to-date by registering with the Manchester network (network.manchester.ac.uk). Here, you can access a directory of your fellow alumni making it even easier to strengthen existing bonds and establish new ones.

In fact, there are many ways that you can stay connected with us, and make the most of your alumni network. We run dozens of events for our alumni annually, in Dubai, the UK and overseas, keeping you informed about what's happening at the University.

Ours is a global network, with over 350,000 alumni worldwide, and centres in six key business destinations. Wherever your career takes you next, it's very likely that there will be Manchester alumni nearby.

I'd be delighted for you to stay involved with us as you progress in your career. Our alumni contribute to the University's success in a host of ways: mentoring, employing graduates, bringing a practitioner perspective to our teaching, helping to inspire the next generation of students, and acting as ambassadors to communicate the strengths and successes of the University in your own networks.

There is an active Middle East alumni group that works closely with the centre running events and initiatives to engage alumni and students alike. I would like to extend my thanks to those on the committee who work alongside colleagues at the centre to provide support to the alumni network. Please do stay in touch. I look forward to visiting the Dubai centre soon, and hopefully meeting some of you in person.

Richard Screaton
Deputy Director (Alumni Engagement)



Lisa Samberg
Head of Alumni Relations
(MBA/DBA)

Alumni Relations continues to work hard to ensure that you are able to benefit from the vast alumni network you are a part of, and utilise our services to the full.

The popularity of our LinkedIn Group continues to grow with membership now standing at over 13,400 alumni, staff and students of Alliance MBS. The topical discussions continue to attract more of our experienced alumni to join, and we are seeing more and more register each day from across the globe.

For those of you who wish to become involved with the Middle East Alumni Association (Dubai), please do get in touch, as we always welcome new ideas and alumni who bring new and positive energy to the group.

The Manchester Network - the University of Manchester's online professional networking platform - provides you with further opportunity to expand your network regardless of whether you are a student or have graduated. This platform (www.network.manchester.ac.uk) enables you to both seek advice from experienced professionals and offer your expertise with little commitment.

I encourage you to stay involved with the School, and would be delighted to hear from you should you wish to offer your services as a mentor, speaker or ambassador in the region or if you have a placement within your workplace for an intern or graduating student.

Feel free to get in touch with me at any time should you have any questions.

Wishing you a wonderful evening celebrating your achievements.

Lisa Samberg
Head, Alumni Relations (MBA/DBA)

The value exchange: why hundreds of alumni remain involved with the School each year

The knowledge and skills that set you up in your career continue to prove invaluable throughout your professional journey. To enhance the student experience, we encourage alumni to impart the knowledge they have acquired with current classes, to further our shared vision of a world-class business school.

Each year, more of you choose to devote your support to getting involved in a range of student-centric initiatives.

MENTORING

Volunteering as a mentor can help boost your own career by providing opportunities to communicate your professional expertise as well as offering others the benefit of your experience.

The University of Manchester Gold Mentoring scheme has developed into one of the largest Higher Education employability mentoring schemes in the UK. Highly praised by both recruiters and students, the programme provides excellent opportunities for students to meet with professionals from a wide range of sectors and industries.

SPEAKING AT EVENTS

Speakers and contributors with relevant experience in industry, are crucial to the development of current students and the success of online and face-to-face events.

SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCES AT ADMISSION TIME

There are many opportunities for you to help identify prospective students and participate in the recruitment process.

Whether representing AMBS at local fairs, interviewing potential candidates or responding to inquiries from prospective students about your experience, your involvement can help influence the final decision making process.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH PROJECTS AND RECRUITMENT

During your time at the School you experienced first-hand the quality of knowledge imparted from alumni to students - now it's your turn.

ASSISTING WITH PROJECTS

By participating in AMBS projects, you will have access to our talented students, many of whom have work experience in global firms. Their course supervisors can help you to design and steer a world-class project that will offer long-lasting benefits.

RECRUITMENT

Whether as part of a recruitment programme or arising from business requirements, job opportunities are promoted to our various student groups including, undergraduate, masters, MBA and research, by our Postgraduate Careers Service and the University Careers Service.

Advertising is completely free of charge, making it one of the most cost-effective recruitment methods.

"The feeling of returning as an alumnus to speak at one of the oldest international business schools, takes some beating. The experience is challenging in the preparation, enjoyable in the delivery, and gives you a shot of intellectual oxygen."
Paul Ballington (Global MBA 2010)

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Awardees & Ambassadors



Ferdinando Scalamandre

Engineering Pathway
January 2015 Cohort

Hadi Nazari Mehrabi

Global Pathway
January 2016 Cohort

Khaled Khedr Aly

Global Pathway
July 2015 Cohort

Saad Ansari

Global Pathway
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Nayana Gopi

Global Pathway
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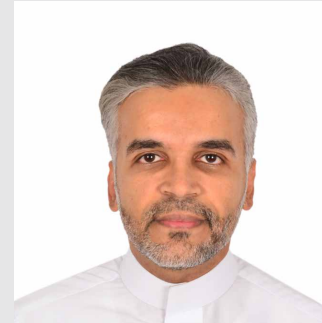


TRANSFORMING LIVES...

Our mission is to give everyone the opportunity to transform their lives and, in doing so, help them transform the organisations they work for and the wider communities in which they live.

Every alumnus has a unique and individual story of transformation - a story of personal, professional and life journeys; we invited Alumni to share their personal transformations with us.

These are some of their stories...



Bandar AlMusallam

In 2007, I was working as a Finance Director in Al Safi Danone (joint venture between Al-Faisaliah Group and Danone) where I researched the top business school and I came across Manchester Business School which offered me the possibility of blended learning and I was able to pursue my learning and practice those learnings at work and also it did not hinder with my professional life.

The MBA helped me in my career and I progressed to becoming VP of Finance and later on moving as the CEO of Hoshan Pan Gulf, leader in office supplies in MENA and the African continent. I then progressed as the Deputy Governor for a Government entity specialized in Agriculture field and Food Security, participating heavily in achieving the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030. This MBA has upgraded my knowledge and enhanced my leadership skills. The interaction with other students and study groups have widen my networks worldwide and given me the opportunity to enhance my knowledge of other industries. The one thing special about the Dubai Centre is its cosmopolitan nature as students all over the globe came there to study, which in turn helped me to understand cultures and diversity. I would like to thank Manchester Business School – Middle East Centre for this opportunity and a life memory to cherish and pass on to the future generation.



Merve Yurdagul

For years, I was battling the odds in a male-dominated, tech industry. I took the MBA programme with AMBS, with the intention to boost my skillsets and the aim to actually get recognised for my achievements. The 2.5-year course was by no means easy, as I had to juggle a pressurized job and having a baby during that time. But hard work and dedication, and many cups of coffee later, it certainly paid off. Within a couple of months after graduation (Dec'17), I seamlessly transitioned from a programme management role to a senior field consultant role, as part of my organisation's very selective and exclusive internal MBA initiative. Now I am finally beginning to re-engineer my career goals, focus on what I want to achieve, and get there with a great deal of confidence.

Three words that define my MBA experience? Stamina, people and papers!



Rola Baydoun

Working on Al Maktoum Airport – UAE, which is designed upon completion to be the biggest airport in the world, entitles engaging various international consulting firms for the sake of employing the best expertise in this field.

My Global MBA studies empowered me with appropriate talents to comprehend how and why companies merge while acknowledging the influences and effects of the divergent cultural background that each company originates from.

My MBA studies assisted in evaluating these business relationships within the evolving competitive environment context that globalization and the constant change in technology brought up to our era.

Consequently, attaining such deeper understanding of our business and our global technological world aided in acquiring successful negotiation and coordination processes with all parties involved through my career and my daily life practices.



Kareem Hassan

I was turning 30 years old when I joined July 2015 AMBS MBA class. A new chapter in life started. It's about career, wider relations, and self-actualization. A time in my life when everything is possible, which is really exciting and really scary. It's about ambition, growing, passion for learning new concepts and opening my eyes to the big world. In 2016, less than a year after joining the programme, I changed my career to become Sales Manager in Fortune-500 multinational corporation. In 2017, I found my soulmate and in coming October, I'm getting married. Here we go, we're in July 2018 and I'm graduating from my MBA programme turning 33 years old, still learning and still growing.

3 words that summarise my experience with the MBA programme: Remarkable, Enlightening, and Reshaping.



Maazza Almagthob

Joining Manchester Business School was one of the most important and difficult decisions of my life.

As a single mother of two teenage boys, a full time employee, and a self-taught English speaker, studying was not an easy task; however, with time management and commitment to success I graduated with an MBA in just 2.5 years.

Combining my 22 years of work experience with my studies made me a more effective leader, manager and mother.

I was able to use my studies to help me develop my team from inexperienced individuals into a highly cohesive and efficient team of remarkably engaged individuals. I was able to incorporate the principles I was learning into my coaching and have been rated as one of the most sought after coaches in my organization. I enjoy helping fellow employees identify their strengths and utilize them effectively for their personal and professional development, and often encourage others in their pursuit of further education."

Three Words that define my MBA Experience? Challenging, enlightening, friendships



Omar Al Halawani

After working several years in the construction industry and coming from an electrical engineering background, I always felt the need of diversifying my knowledge and education to improve my managerial skills. MBA was certainly the best option due to the diversity in courses covering all aspects of business administration.

The experience in AMBS Global MBA programme was a unique one due to many reasons. First is the flexibility and interactive tool of blended learning. The course is designed in a way that helps students to balance between studies and their careers. The second unique advantage is the "Global" privilege that the course offers, I was lucky to get the chance to travel and attend workshops in Dubai, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Manchester; this offered a great opportunity in getting to know different business environments and learn from their success stories. Finally, it is the chance to build up alumni networks from different countries worldwide and from different industries, this is a unique advantage that very few business schools can offer.

After graduating in 2017, I believe that my commitment towards the business school Alumni network is endless with the big mutual benefits that can be achieved.

I sum up my ongoing experience with AMBS in three words: Ambitious, Joyful, Prosperous!



Mohamed Elashri

I started my MBA Journey in Jan 2015, at the same time I joined one of the leading IT services companies in the region called ITWORX as a senior Project Manager; through the 2.5 years of MBA, I was responsible for managing strategic projects in Saudi Arabia. Most of my recent projects were related to supporting the Saudi Government with the capability to execute the required strategies and manage the Vision 2030 initiatives through advanced systems developed by my company. After my graduation in Nov 2017, I was involved in many interviews with many international companies, and by early 2018 I succeeded in joining PwC as a Consulting Senior Manager and became a part of PwC team who is responsible for consulting Saudi Government to achieve vision 2030 objectives.

Manchester MBA Program supported me to leverage my capabilities and knowledge from single industry focus and experience to being able to work with different industries and different challenges. Currently as a senior consulting manager, I am responsible to support different Ministries and Vision Realization offices in managing strategic Portfolios and to effectively manage their Initiatives to achieve Vision 2030 objectives.



Ibrahim Hamdan

I had the encouragement and faith of my wife to pursue MBA just before my little two kids start their school journey. The decision I took to get back to classroom education and enroll in MBA was one of the toughest. Obtaining MBA from the prestigious University of Manchester was a long-awaited dream.

I have expanded my professional network and made many new friends from Nigeria, Brazil, Germany and China. Together, we brought different perspectives and trained our minds on higher thinking horizons on how the world should be. Together we produced many interesting and recognizable work for ourselves and for the community.

Since completing my MBA in Nov. 2017, I advanced my career and got promoted to Department Head of Strategy & Performance. This has not only rewarded me with financial & career benefits, but also with the skills of being humane and highly motivated for creative thinking.

Three Words that define my MBA Experience? Determination, Exposure, New Life



Graduation Ceremony November 2017

The University of Manchester held its 2017 MBA graduation ceremony for Middle East students of the University's business school, in Dubai. A total of 65 students celebrated the completion of the Manchester MBA degree. Of the 65 graduates, 9 graduated with Merit, and 42 with Distinction. The graduating students reside in 10 countries and are of 27 nationalities; around two-thirds of the graduates reside in the UAE. Best individual female (business and professional women represented around 20% of the class) and male students, and best group project awards for the Middle East were presented as part of the ceremony.

The Presiding Officer at the graduation ceremony was the Head of Alliance Manchester Business School, Professor Fiona Devine - OBE FAcSS FRSA, and the ceremony was conducted in the presence of Dr. Abdulla Al Karam, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director General of the Knowledge & Human Development Authority, who also addressed the graduates.



Annual Students and Alumni Gala Dinner October 2017, H Hotel

The Annual Student and Alumni Gala Dinner is one of the highlights of the annual social calendar and last year's event attracted a large group of guests – students, alumni, family and friends of the University - to the H Hotel in Dubai, for a special occasion marking the first gala event held as The University of Manchester. The theme for the dinner was "Happiness" and we hosted Mo Gawdat – former Chief Business Officer for Google X, an entrepreneur, an author of the book "Solve for Happy" as our keynote speaker to share with our audience his happiness formula. The event included a raft of entertainment and was held in support of Emirates Red Crescent Society and the evening's prize draw raffle raised funds for the charity.



The Middle East Centre's Event on SMEs Scaling Up and Growing Business

The University of Manchester Middle East Centre hosted a panel discussion on the topic of 'SMEs: Scaling Up and Growing Your Business' which was attended by 80 people, including students and alumni, partners, and the business community. The speakers discussed the opportunities and challenges about growing business in the UAE, as well as sharing some of their business success stories. Speakers included representatives from Google, Dubai SME, Innovest ME, NOWMoney, CCM Consultancy, and Dubai Properties.



CSR Initiatives 2017 / 2018

Dubai Cares “Walk for Education”

February 16th - Middle East Centre supported Dubai Cares “Walk for Education”. Middle East Centre staff, students and alumni participated and joined around 14,500 members of the UAE community for a walk in solidarity with millions of children in developing countries who walk long distances every day to go to school.



“Gulf for Good” Stair Climb

February 16th Middle East Centre supported “Gulf For Good” Stair Climb. Gulf For Good is a UAE based nonprofit organisation that offers adventure challenges across fabulous destination to help underprivileged kids and support worthwhile charities at the same time.

Business Masterclasses and Public Seminars

The Middle East Centre hosted free Business Masterclasses across the region, including the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman and Egypt. The events were open to the wider business community free of charge as part of our knowledge sharing initiative within the community, and delivered by senior faculty members of University of Manchester. Topics included Economics and Finance.

Ramadan Initiatives

Volunteering with the Emirates Red Crescent for Iftar Project

Students, alumni, and staff joined the Emirates Red Crescent in packing 700 Iftar boxes for the workers.



“Earth day” End Plastic Pollution

In support with Earth Day Network, Middle East Centre organized an event aimed at bringing awareness to our community on the importance of ending plastic use.

Donations to Senses – Residential and Day Care Centre for Special Needs

The centre collected books, toys, clothes, canned food and other items which were donated and delivered to the children at Senses.

Stocking Ramadan Fridges

The centre staff contributed to “Stocking fridges” with food supplies during 1st week of Ramadan for the less fortunate ones in our communities.

Donations to 100 Workers

In addition to clothes and food items, the UoM Middle East Centre community also donated Subway packed lunches to 100 workers. Students, alumni, staff, and community members contributed.



SOS Children's Villages International

This year's Gala Dinner is supporting SOS Children's Villages International - the umbrella organization for the global federation of national SOS Children's Villages associations. They work together with a single mission: to ensure that every child grows with love, security and respect. Today SOS Children's Villages supports over 553,600 people in 135 countries. Their mission continues to be to build families for children in need, while helping them to shape their own futures and sharing in the development of their communities. Their vision for the world's children is that every child should belong to a family and grow with love, respect, and security.

In the Middle East and North Africa, they have been providing care and protection to the most vulnerable children for more than fifty years; working to ensure they can grow in a family-based environment, within a strong community and with the promise of a brighter future.

SOS Children's Villages is also committed to ensuring the rights of all children and takes action to improve policies and practices that undermine their well-being, and that of their families and communities. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the UN Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, and international frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals are the foundations of our programme and advocacy work.

For further information please see www.sos-childrensvillages.ae

Annual Career Fair and Networking 2018



Panel Discussion on Employment Trends 2018



Students and Alumni Networking with company representatives and recruiters



Fintech Talk

Careers and Alumni Events 2018



Career Change Workshop



Careers and Alumni Team travel the GCC region to deliver career workshops and one on one counseling sessions to students and alumni



Employment Trends and Career Planning Workshop

MSc Reliability Engineering & Asset Management January 2018 Cohort

The University of Manchester launched a new industry-led part-time Master's programme for working professionals and new engineering graduates in the Middle East.

The new MSc Reliability Engineering & Asset Management (MSc REAM) was introduced in January 2018, led by Professor Jyoti Sinha CEng, FIMechE, programme director, to help meet the region's need for professional maintenance strategies and asset management, as the regional economy goes through a digital and industrial transformation, with new clean industries emerging and the traditional industries in managed decline, making cost management critical. The first cohort was comprised of 18 working engineering professionals from the region.

The Master's programme focuses on the practical application of theory to real-world industry needs, while students continue to work and apply their new knowledge in the workplace. It covers various aspects of applied management and technology in the field of REAM, and aims to enhance the capabilities of existing managers in the field through the programme structure and content, as well as new graduates entering the field or those with limited industry experience. The programme's teaching staff is internationally recognised professionals with years of experience working in industry and academic institutions.

In the Middle East, The University of Manchester's MSc REAM is a part-time two-year programme delivered through a flexible blended learning approach to give managers the technical and managerial expertise to help their companies thrive in the fast-changing global marketplace.



MSc International Healthcare Leadership September 2017 Cohort



The University of Manchester Middle East Centre has inducted the first student cohort for the new MSc International Healthcare Leadership – the first of a series of new industry-led Masters programmes introduced into the region by the University. Senior healthcare professionals in clinical to administrative roles came together in Dubai for a session by programme leader, Dr. Stephen Brookes, senior fellow in public leadership at The University of Manchester.

The first cohort for the MSc International Healthcare Leadership started with 21 students enrolling on the new industry-led part-time programme, following a recruitment campaign across the Arabian Gulf region. Of the new students, 9 are female; 12 students are resident in the United Arab Emirates, six reside in Saudi Arabia, together with students from Kuwait, Lebanon and Bahrain.

The face to face induction session at the Middle East Centre comprised an introduction to the programme elements, and an invitation to complete a 'Personal Pledge' towards improving the healthcare system in which they work.

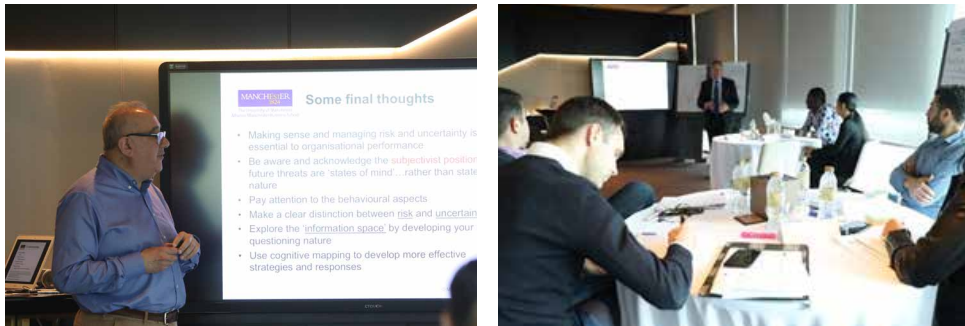
The new MSc International Healthcare Leadership is delivered in a part-time two-year blended learning format for experienced clinicians and managers already in general management or leaders in healthcare who need to enhance their leadership skills, and those managers who need practical preparation before moving into clinical, project, specialist or business leadership positions. It is designed to equip leaders and managers with the latest knowledge and global healthcare best practice, and to help facilitate experienced managers transfer their skills into the healthcare economy, while they continue to work.

Kelley-Manchester Part-time Global MBA



Other programme developments included the innovative Kelley-Manchester Global MBA which will be awarded by each school's home university. Together, the two schools will provide students with professional development and exposure to global business.

Executive Education



The University launched the Manchester Management Development Programme (MMDP) in the Middle East. The MMDP is an Executive Education programme that runs on campus in Manchester and has been tailored to working professionals in the Middle East. The new three-day programme is one of a series of new executive education programmes launched during 2017 and 2018.

The University of Manchester Middle East Centre is excited to announce the recently signed partnership with the below companies.



Message from the Middle East Centre Team

To all our students and alumni,

The annual student and alumni gala dinner is our way of celebrating your success and achievements! At this social gathering we acknowledge the contributions you have made towards the University of Manchester, its Middle East centre and the community as a whole. This is also an opportunity for us to welcome the new students that have become a part of the University of Manchester's student body over the last 12 months. Since the last year, we now have a wider community of students across our Global MBA, MSc in International Healthcare Leadership and MSc in Reliability Engineering and Asset Management programmes.

We, at the University of Manchester's Middle East centre, strive to deliver the best experience to you through our highly motivated teams from recruitment to student support to careers and alumni services. Our work with students and alumni is a source of professional pride and we are deeply interested in the work, studies and success of every one of you.

We are delighted that the Middle East Centre continues to be the largest and fastest growing in the university's international network and the reason for this is the quality of our students and alumni, and the diversity of our community, which is an added strength.

Thank you for your continuous support and commitment to the University of Manchester!



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WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE

General Motors Africa and Middle East has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Manchester Middle East Centre that will promote higher and professional education, research, live projects, career services and professional networking. GMC, one of the GM brands, is proud to sponsor the Annual Gala Dinner 2018. Built on the philosophy of 'We are Professional Grade', which celebrates GMC vehicles and customers - people who passionately live life to a higher standard - GMC has manufactured pickups since 1902. With a rich heritage in the Middle East and an impressive 115 years of presence, innovation and engineering excellence is built into all GMC vehicles. The brand is evolving to offer more fuel-efficient pickups, crossovers and SUVs.

This year's Gala Dinner is supported by:



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