

# TAKMINDS

## “SHARING THE STAGE AND EMBRACING CHANGE”

**26 FEBRUARY 2023**

**9:00<sup>AM</sup> - 4:00<sup>PM</sup>**

Beyond opening channels of communications between Middle Easterners, North Africans, and the youth of the region.

The TAKminds Forum hopes to rethink and rebuild communities, cities, and partnerships for a brighter future. Through keynotes, panel discussions, fireside chats, book signings, interactive sessions and other different activities we will raise questions, generate discussions and address issues among changemakers. With the TAKREEM AMERICA community growing bigger and more committed to bringing about tangible change, TAKminds is an organic step further on the path the organization has set on bringing forward engaging content, dynamic talks and outstanding speakers.

**09:30<sup>AM</sup> / OPENING REMARKS**



**Sara Shouhayib Alawar**  
Host

# TRACK 1 / 09:35<sup>AM</sup>

## LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIAL CHANGE



### » FIRESIDE CHAT

09:35 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SHARE THE STAGE AND EMBRACE CHANGE



**Khalid Janahi**  
Chairman at Vision 3



**Emile Haddad**  
Chairman and Chief  
Executive Officer at FivePoint



### » SOLO SESSIONS

**LEAPING BEYOND SUCCESS:  
HOW LEADERS CAN EVOLVE TO SHARE THE  
STAGE AND EMBRACE CHANGE**



**10:00**  
**Micheline Nader**  
Best-selling Author, Healthcare  
Entrepreneur, Motivational  
speaker, and Philanthropist

**HER RIGHT TO KNOW: THE VITAL  
IMPORTANCE OF LEGAL AWARENESS  
FOR WOMEN IN THE MENA REGION**



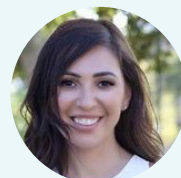
**11:00**  
**Lynn Mounzer**  
Founder at Hokouki

**LEADING CHANGE IN  
THE FACE OF IMPOSSIBLE**



**10:15**  
**Sara AbuShaar**  
Activist, Civil Rights  
& Social Justice

**OPTIMAL SOCIAL IMPACT  
THROUGH RADICAL  
INTERDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP**



**11:15**  
**Peggy Bedoyian**  
Team Califorleb

**PIVOTING DURING CRISIS:  
HOW TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE  
BUSINESS MODEL**



**10:30**  
**Meymuna Hussein - Cattan**  
Owner at Flavors from Afar  
& Founder at The Tiyya Foundation

**I AM  
BECAUSE OF YOU**



**11:30**  
**Thomas Abraham**  
Chairman at the  
Anthony R. Abraham Foundation

**SHAPED FOR PURPOSE:  
WHY BUILD A SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS  
BUSINESS**



**10:45**  
**Deborah Pandit Sawaf**  
Founder and CEO at THALE' BLANC,  
and "THE POWER OF WORDS"  
Movement.



**Coffee Break**  
15 mins



## TRACK 2 / 11:55<sup>AM</sup> AI AND TECHNOLOGY

### THE RISE OF AI: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE JOB MARKET



**12:00**  
**Adam Taha**  
CEO and Digital Finance Expert  
at Amwal Network LLC



### APPLICATION OF AI IN SCANNER TECHNOLOGY



**12:45**  
**François Zayek**  
Founder and Chief Executive  
Officer (CEO) at Astrophysics



### THE APPLICATION OF AI IN HEALTHCARE AND DRUG DISCOVERY



**12:15**  
**François Nader**  
Chairman at BenevolentAI



### SUCCEEDING AGAINST ALL ODDS: TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES



**13:00**  
**Mohamed Diab**  
Fellow Scientist and  
Co-Founder at Masimo

### DARE TO BE SELECTIVE: WHEN IS A MEDICAL INNOVATION WORTH PURSUING?



**12:30**  
**Tony Tannoury**  
Chief of Orthopedic Spine Surgery at  
Boston Medical Center and Boston  
University School of Medicine

## TRACK 3 / 13:15<sup>PM</sup> ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

### INNOVATION IS A PROCESS NOT A REVELATION



**13:15**  
**Maher Damak**  
Co-Founder & CEO  
at Infinite Cooling



### CLEAN ENERGY



**13:45**  
**Ibrahim Al-Husseini**  
Founder and Managing Partner  
at FullCycle



### POWERING UP YOUR FUTURE: STRATEGIES FOR A CAREER IN THE GREEN ENERGY INDUSTRY



**13:30**  
**Shihab Kuran**  
Investor & CleanTech Entrepreneur  
CEO at Power Edison



**Luncheon**  
**30 mins**

# TRACK 4 / 14:35<sup>PM</sup>

## ARTS AND DESIGN



### FILMMAKING

CREATING AN AUTHENTIC VOICE  
IN HOLLYWOOD IN TIMES OF CHANGE



**14:35**  
**Mohammad Malas**  
co-Founder- Managing Partner -  
at IRA Capital  
Film Producer

### SOLO SESSION

UNDERSTANDING THE GLOBAL SHIFTS  
AND TRENDS IN THE DESIGN INDUSTRY



**14:55**  
**Andy Cohen**  
co-CEO at Gensler

# TRACK 5 / 15:15<sup>PM</sup>

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### SOLO SESSION

INTRODUCTION



**15:15**  
**Bill Carpou**  
CEO at Octane

### FIRESIDE CHAT

FROM NAPKIN PITCH TO  
START-UP: HOW TO TURN  
AN IDEA TO A  
SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS  
**15:20**



**MODERATOR**  
**Bill Carpou**  
CEO at Octane



**Jeff Wolfe**  
CEO  
at Veloce Energy



**Fabian Battaglia**  
CEO at Mobix Labs



**Bryan Liu**  
Co-founder  
and CEO at Telesair



**Sesa Neervannan**  
Chief Operating Officer  
at Tarsus Pharmaceuticals Inc.

**CLOSING**  
**15:50**



**Richard Westmark**  
CEO at Triple V Management LLC  
Texas Regional Director  
at the Hedge Fund Association