

NEWSLETTER



BLCC Participates in High-Level Roundtable at the Lebanese Embassy in London

The British Lebanese Chamber of Commerce was represented at a high-level roundtable discussion hosted by H.E. Ambassador Farah Berri at the Lebanese Embassy in London. Attending on behalf of the Chamber was Mr. Amin Makarem, Secretary to the BLCC Board of Directors, who joined a distinguished group of public officials and stakeholders, including H.E. Minister Rima Karami, H.E. Minister Haneen Sayed, and H.E. Minister Kamal Shehadi.

The discussion provided a valuable platform for an open exchange on Lebanon's ongoing reform agenda, the country's current economic and political landscape, and the opportunities and challenges shaping its future.

BLCC's participation reflects the Chamber's continued commitment to supporting initiatives that strengthen bilateral economic relations and promote a thriving business environment. By engaging in discussions with key policymakers and institutional leaders, the Chamber remains dedicated to fostering meaningful partnerships, facilitating trade and investment, and contributing to stronger commercial ties between Lebanon and the United Kingdom.

BLCC and HMA: Strengthening Our Continued Engagement

The BLCC Board of Directors convened for its regular bimonthly meeting, hosted by His Majesty's Ambassador Hamish Cowell, Honorary President of the BLCC. The meeting provided an important opportunity for the Board to review the Chamber's strategic priorities and align on the roadmap for the months ahead.

Discussions focused on key organizational priorities, upcoming initiatives, and the planning of future events and activities aimed at strengthening engagement within the UK and in Lebanon. The Board also addressed several legal and governance matters to ensure the Chamber continues to operate in accordance with its bylaws and best governance practices.

The meeting reaffirmed the Board's shared commitment to advancing the BLCC's mission and delivering meaningful value to its members through impactful programs, strategic partnerships, and a dynamic calendar of events.



First Board of Directors Meeting

The BLCC Board of Directors convened at HMA residence for its first official board meeting. During the meeting, board members reviewed and approved the BLCC's short, medium, and long-term business plan, establishing a strategic roadmap for the Chamber's future growth and development. The Board also endorsed the Governance Framework, an internal document defining the roles, responsibilities, terms, and operating procedures governing both Board Directors and BLCC members. This inaugural meeting marked an important milestone in strengthening the organization's governance structure and setting the foundation for successful delivery of its objectives.

Geopolitical Briefing Webinar

In June, the British Lebanese Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the British Embassy Beirut, hosted an exclusive webinar entitled "Lebanon in a Transforming Middle East: Navigating a New Regional Landscape." The session featured Professor Lina Khatib, Geopolitical Advisor, and Olivia Campbell, Political & Economic Counsellor at the British Embassy Beirut, who shared valuable insights into the rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape of the Middle East and its implications for Lebanon's political and economic future. The webinar provided attendees with a timely opportunity to better understand the regional developments shaping the business environment, while reinforcing BLCC's commitment to delivering relevant, high-quality discussions that support informed decision-making and strengthen engagement between the UK and Lebanese business communities.

BLCC Chairman Hosts Syria Britain Business Council Delegation

The British Lebanese Chamber of Commerce was honoured to welcome a delegation from the Syria Britain Business Council (SBBC), led by its Chairman, Mounzer Nazha, for a dinner hosted by BLCC Chairman Farid Chedid in the presence of His Majesty's Ambassador to Lebanon, Hamish Cowell CMG, Honorary President of the BLCC. The delegation was en route to Syria via Lebanon as part of its regional programme, to which the BLCC was also invited to participate in activities in Syria. The evening brought together Lebanese government ministers, diplomatic representatives, and prominent business leaders to strengthen dialogue and explore opportunities for greater regional economic cooperation. Discussions focused on fostering private sector engagement, encouraging trade and investment, and supporting stronger commercial ties between Lebanon, Syria, and the United Kingdom. The gathering reflected the shared commitment of the BLCC and SBBC to promoting meaningful partnerships that contribute to regional prosperity, while providing an excellent platform for networking and constructive exchange among key public and private sector stakeholders.



BLCC Joins SBBC

A BLCC Board Member, Mr. Ziad Kanaan, recently attended the Syria Britain Business Council (SBBC) Conference in Syria, alongside a delegation of British and Syrian private-sector and government representatives. The conference provided valuable insight into Syria's evolving economic landscape and the opportunities emerging as the country moves towards a more open, free-market economy.

Discussions covered a broad range of sectors, including transport and infrastructure, finance, energy, education and tourism, alongside a dedicated session on women in business. Despite the challenges ahead, the conference highlighted significant opportunities across multiple sectors and the potential for stronger UK-Syria business engagement.

The event also reinforced the growing links between the BLCC and the SBBC, with several prominent businesses, including Dar, Chaoui Group and SABIS, connected to both networks. Looking ahead, there is an opportunity for the BLCC to explore where British expertise and business capabilities can help address technical and sector-specific gaps in Syria, creating a potential bridging role for the Chamber and its members.



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The British Embassy Beirut is pleased to announce that applications for the UK Government's flagship Chevening Scholarships programme are now open. Applicants should apply online via www.chevening.org/apply by 6 October 2026!

Lebanese citizens (and Palestinians residing in Lebanon) are eligible to apply under the Lebanon scheme in any subject area.

The scholarship offers full financial support for scholars to study for any eligible master's degree at over 150 UK universities whilst also gaining access to a wide range of exclusive academic, professional, and cultural experiences.

Lebanon is also eligible for the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies Fellowships, individually tailored leadership programmes.

For eligibility and criteria, please visit [chevening.org](https://www.chevening.org)

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Marine Insurance



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Website: www.admiral-ship.com



Al Rifai

Food & Beverage



Founded in Beirut in 1948, Rifai is a leading Lebanese food and beverage company renowned for its premium roasted nuts, kernels, coffee, and confectionery. The company has expanded internationally, including a presence in the UK through its UK-registered operations, bringing authentic Lebanese products to the British market. Built on quality, taste, and innovation, Rifai continues to showcase the best of Lebanese craftsmanship worldwide.

Website: www.alrifai.com



Antati

Skin Care & Cosmetics



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Website: www.antatiskincare.com



CRMI

Education & Risk Management



Founded in 2019, the Corporate Risk Management Institute (CRMI) is a regional centre of excellence for governance, risk management, and compliance (GRC). Established in partnership with the UK's Institute of Risk Management (IRM), CRMI delivers internationally accredited training and advisory services, helping organisations across the MENA region strengthen resilience, manage risk, and build sustainable, future-ready businesses.

Website: www.crminstitute.org

Burgan Insurance

Insurance



Established in Lebanon in 1983, Burgan Insurance Company S.A.L. is a leading provider of life and non-life insurance solutions. Formerly known as Arab Life Insurance, the company was rebranded in 2010 to reflect its renewed vision and growth strategy. With a strong commitment to reliability and customer service, Burgan Insurance continues to serve individuals and businesses across Lebanon.



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Website: www.daherandpartners.com



GFS Global Group Limited

Food & Beverage



Global Foods Solutions (GFS) is an international food trading group specialising in sourcing, import, export, logistics, and distribution of high-quality food products for retailers, wholesalers, and businesses worldwide. Headquartered in London with international operations, GFS connects global suppliers and markets through a reliable supply chain, delivering tailored food solutions while maintaining high standards of quality, service, and innovation

Website: www.gfs-group.com



Henry Heald & Co. S.A.L.

Shipping & Logistics



Founded in Beirut in 1837 by Henry Heald, an Englishman from Leeds, Henry Heald & Co. S.A.L. is one of Lebanon's oldest shipping and logistics companies, specialising in ship agency, freight forwarding and stevedoring services. With nearly two centuries of experience, the company continues to connect Lebanon with international trade, while maintaining strong links to the UK through its historic British roots and certification by the British Standards Institution.

Website: www.henryheald.com



Jubaili Bros

Energy



Founded in 1977, Jubaili Bros is a leading provider of energy solutions, specialising in power generation, renewable energy systems, battery energy storage solutions, electrical infrastructure, and turnkey EPC projects. With operations across the Middle East, and Africa, the company serves a wide range of sectors including utilities, telecommunications, healthcare, data centres, and industry, delivering reliable and innovative energy solutions through global partnerships and technical expertise.

Website: www.jubailibros.com



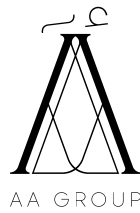
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Founded in 1998, Jubaili Moukarem Group Offshore (JMG Offshore) is a diversified solutions provider specialising in power generation, electrical infrastructure, industrial equipment, elevators and escalators, and heating solutions. Through its strategic agreement with FG Wilson, a leading UK power generation solutions provider, JMG Offshore delivers reliable and innovative energy solutions, combining technical expertise, quality products, and comprehensive services to meet the needs of diverse industries.

Website: www.jmglimited.com



KA Investments

Real Estate



KA Investments & Developments is a privately owned real estate investment and development company based in Mayfair, London, specialising in opportunities across London and the UK. The company provides expertise in property investment, acquisition, development and asset management, working with domestic and international investors. KA Investments focuses on creating long-term value through strategic investment and strong market relationships.

Website: www.kainvestments.co.uk



Kassatly Chtaura

Food & Beverage



Founded in Lebanon in 1974, Kassatly Group is a leading food and beverage manufacturer with production facilities in Lebanon and Cyprus, exporting to more than 45 countries worldwide. Renowned for iconic brands including Kassatly Chtaura, Beirut Beer, Freez Mix, and Buzz, the Group combines Lebanese heritage with innovation and quality. Its products are available in the UK, reflecting its growing international presence and export success.

Website: www.kassatly.net



Librairie du Liban Publishers (LDLP)

Education



Founded in 1944, Librairie du Liban is one of the Arab world's leading publishers and book importers, with operations across the Middle East. The company has longstanding ties with the UK through its associate company, York Press in London, and as the exclusive Lebanese agent for UK publisher Pearson. With over 80 years of experience, Librairie du Liban continues to advance education and publishing across the region.

Website: www.ldlp.com



London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) – Refinitiv Limited

Financial Market Infrastructure



Headquartered in London, the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) is a leading global provider of financial markets infrastructure, data, analytics, and risk management solutions. Serving customers in more than 190 countries, LSEG operates internationally recognised businesses including the London Stock Exchange, Refinitiv, FTSE Russell, and LCH. Through its technology and expertise, the Group supports transparent, efficient, and resilient global financial markets.

Website: www.lseg.com



MAN ENTERPRISE SAL

Construction



Established in 1971, MAN ENTERPRISE is a leading international construction and engineering company with more than five decades of experience delivering landmark projects across the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. As the flagship contracting arm of the MAN Group, the company specialises in hospitality, commercial, residential, infrastructure, industrial, and public-sector developments, combining technical excellence with a strong commitment to quality and innovation.

Website: www.manenterprise.com



Rafik El - Khoury & Partners
Consulting — Engineers

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Engineering Consultancy



Established in 1967, Rafik El-Khoury & Partners Consulting – Engineers (RELK&P) is a leading engineering consultancy headquartered in Beirut, with offices in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. The firm provides multidisciplinary consulting services across a wide range of sectors and is recognised for its commitment to quality, sustainability, and international best practices, supported by multiple ISO management system certifications.

Website: www.rafikelkhoury.com



MASRI

Consulting – Business Intelligence



Established in 1950, MASRI is a leading provider of business intelligence, due diligence, credit information, and market and feasibility studies across the Middle East and Africa. The company supports organisations with trusted commercial insights and risk analysis and maintains strong links with the UK by providing database services to a number of leading firms.

Website: www.masri.co



SABIS

Education



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Website: www.sabis.net



SADCO S.A.L.

Pharmaceutical & Healthcare



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Website: www.sadco.com.lb



Siren Analytics

Digital Transformation & Technology Consulting



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Website: www.sirenanalytics.com

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