

Biographical Information

Labib Abs - Director, Member of the Board International Business Development

Labib Abs is a seasoned construction and real estate professional with significant experience in construction business management, Real Estate Development Management, project development, project and programme management, business and management consulting. Labib has strong interpersonal skills and a client focused approach to his work. He holds an MSc (Eng) in Construction Management (1987) from the University of Birmingham, UK and a BEng in Civil Engineering (1984) from Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon.

His current responsibilities include, amongst other responsibilities as a director at Millennium, developing/structuring business opportunities in Iraq, Qatar & KSA. He was previously responsible for the mobilisation and setting up of Development Management operations on multi-billion dollar projects in Kazakhstan.

Prior to joining Millennium, he held the position of Country Manager of Saudi Oger in Jordan (a contracting company which is the largest in the Hariri group of companies). In this role, Labib was responsible for all of Saudi Oger's business & management activities in Jordan with contracts in excess of USD1 billion.

Prior to working with Saudi Oger, Labib was an Associate Director at Concept Realisation – a boutique firm of Management Consultants based in Dubai. At Concept Realisation he was responsible for assignments relating to real estate and capital project development. He led several significant assignments on projects such as the King's Academy in Jordan and GC5 West Hospital – a BOT Orthopaedic Hospital - in the north of England. During his time with Concept Realisation, he consolidated the firm's methodologies in consulting on real estate and capital projects and also worked in business development.

Before joining Concept Realisation, Labib worked for 18 years in the UK. He worked in London as a Director with a medium size (150 strong) management/ project management consultancy – Hornagold & Hills (now Mouchel Parkman). This firm specialised in providing Project/Programme Management together with Management Consultancy and Client Representation services for Clients on capital projects as well as consulting to organisations that secure, operate, maintain and upgrade infrastructure facilities. Prior to Hornagold & Hills, he worked, as a manager and senior manager, with Kier Management and Bovis Construction, two of the leading UK blue chip contractors and construction management specialists.

Labib worked on a wide range of projects including commercial property, resorts, urban development, transport and rail projects, hospitals and community development projects, both in the UK and overseas. His experience covers real estate and infrastructure construction, a variety of railway projects, asset management as well as non-construction projects such as the millennium transport contingency planning for London and a number of rail control systems and communication projects. His client base encompassed developers, Government sponsors and financiers.

In management consulting, he conducted work involving business process reengineering; review of operational project delivery; enterprise audits; putting in place improved project management processes and procedures; procurement; and undertaking recruitment, coaching and training.