

Biographical Information

Labib Abs

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 BEng in Civil Engineering (1984) from Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon.

Labib is currently working with Millennium Development International (member of Saraya Holdings which is part of the Hariri group of companies) as a Director. His current responsibilities include, amongst other responsibilities as a director in the company, the mobilisation and setting up of a Development Management operation in Kazakhstan on a multi-billion dollar project entitled Aktau New City at the Caspian Sea where he is the Country Director.

Labib has comprehensive experience in all aspects of construction and capital projects, and was recently managing a construction business, with a turnover in excess of USD 1 billion.

Prior to joining Millennium, he held the position of Country Manager of Saudi Oger in Jordan (also part of the Hariri group of companies). In this role, Labib was responsible for all of Saudi Oger's activities in Jordan covering business and technical responsibilities under different forms of contract. He had responsibility for managing Head Office as well as overseeing work on projects.

Prior to working with Saudi Oger, Labib was an Associate Director of 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 and also worked in business development. During his time with Concept Realisation, he consolidated the firm's methodologies in consulting on real estate and capital projects.

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 specialises in providing Project/Programme Management together with Management Consultancy and Client Representation services for Clients on capital projects (Development through to completion) as well as consulting to organisations that secure, operate, maintain and upgrade physical infrastructure facilities. Prior to that 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's experience in construction covers a variety of projects in real estate and physical infrastructure projects, as well as asset management. He worked on a variety of projects including commercial property schemes, transport and rail projects, hospitals and community development projects, both in the UK and overseas. His client base encompassed developers, Government sponsors and financiers.

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

Furthermore, Labib has a sound engineering and technical background.

