

IFRS road show 2017 – KSA Speakers' biographies

Herve Ballantyne

**Deloitte Middle East - Chairman
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Herve is an Audit & Assurance Partner in our Dubai office with over 30 years of experience in the profession. Prior to joining Deloitte Dubai in May 2016, Herve was a Senior Director in the Jeddah Office, where he was in charge of the Audit & Assurance department for over 18 years. In Dubai, Herve is responsible for the delivery of Deloitte's multidisciplinary services to the Dubai market. In his role as Managing Partner Herve is responsible for all aspects of practice management including relationships with regulators and key clients, risk management, the development and implementation of resource management and he takes an active interest in the development of the firm's professional staff and specialist industry capabilities. Herve has led numerous audit engagements in most industry sectors. He is the Lead Client Service Partner for many International Subsidiaries with the Middle East operations head quartered in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Dubai. As the Middle East Chairman of the Board, Herve manages and provides leadership to the Board of Directors of Deloitte Middle East, accountable to the Board and acts as a direct liaison between the Board and the Executive of the Middle East firm. Herve has also held several additional Leadership roles including, Managing Partner in the Dubai Office, Middle East Regulatory Partner, Chairman of the Compensation Committee and Consumer & Transport Business Leader.



Abbas Ali Mirza

**Deloitte Middle East - Partner
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Abbas is an Audit & Assurance partner at Deloitte Middle East and is a member of Deloitte Middle East IFRS Leadership Team. He is featured on Deloitte's global website www.iasplus.com under the section devoted to "Spotlight on Deloitte's IFRS Specialists." At the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, he was elected as Chairman of the 21st session of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)'s Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards on Accounting & Reporting (ISAR). He has served as the Chairman of the Auditors' Group at the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) for the past several years. This elected body represents all audit firms in Dubai (including the Big 4, other international firms and local firms). He is an author of 15 books on IFRS including: "Wiley: IFRS Practical Implementation Guide & Workbook" (in its 3rd edition) and "Wiley: IFRS Interpretation & Application" (from inception until its 10th edition) and the recently published "Wiley: International Trends in Financial Reporting under IFRS." He has delivered keynote speeches in several global conferences and has chaired the World Accounting Summit for 10 years (beginning in 2005 when it was held under the patronage of the UNCTAD) and has also addressed International Federation of Accountants' (IFAC) "World Congress of Accountants," held in Turkey.



Ranjith Chandran

**Deloitte Middle East - Partner
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Ranjith Chandran is an Audit & Assurance Partner in Deloitte's Kuwait practice since April 2010. Before that he was with PricewaterhouseCoopers Kuwait. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and a Certified Public Accountant, USA, with over twenty years of experience in Assurance services. Ranjith has a wide background in providing Assurance services to clients in Financial services, Telecommunication and Aviation sectors. Ranjith is a member of the Deloitte Middle East Accounting Technical Consultation Team. He has also handled a number of business valuations and financial due diligence assignments and is currently handling some of the IFRS 9 implementation projects in Kuwait.



Velayutham Selvaraj

**Deloitte Middle East - Senior Director
Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia**

Selvaraj has been with Deloitte Middle East in Al Khobar office for 17 years and he worked with one of the "Big Fours" in Kuwait before joining Deloitte. His present client portfolio includes multinationals, family-owned groups, as well as manufacturing, contracting, retail and trading and service companies. Selvaraj has led the IFRS conversion project for various listed entities and family-owned business groups in Saudi Arabia, and conducted many IFRS trainings for them. In addition, he serves as the learning leader of Al Khobar office. Selvaraj is a certified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in India, ICAEW- the United Kingdom, Institute of Management Accountants of the U.S.A and Information Systems Audit and Control Association, U.S.A.



Paul Manduca

**Deloitte Middle East - Senior Director
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In 2002, Paul qualified as a certified public accountant and auditor from University of Malta with a Bachelor of Honours in Accountancy. Paul served at Deloitte Malta for 12 years, including a two year stint in London, before joining Deloitte in Saudi Arabia in 2015. Paul has worked in an IFRS environment during his 12 years before moving to Saudi Arabia where he audited companies in various industries, both listed and unlisted, including financial services, distribution, shipping, healthcare, construction, consumer business and manufacturing amongst others. Over the years, Paul has led several Audit & Assurance and IFRS training programs for Audit staff and was also an approved part-time lecturer for BPP Malta for the auditing examinations of ACCA in 2009 and 2010.



Sachin Bhandari

**Deloitte Middle East – Senior Manager
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Sachin is an Audit & Assurance Senior Manager in Deloitte’s Dubai practice. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in India, and has over 15 years of experience providing Audit & Assurance services to listed companies, private companies and local groups in the UAE and India across various industries such as retail, trading, manufacturing, information technology and construction. He has experience in managing external Audit assignments under IFRS and USGAAP, Quarterly/interim reviews and Group Reporting.



Muhammad Umar

**Deloitte Middle East – Senior Director
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Umar has been with Deloitte in Jeddah office for 18 years and has led audits of clients in the manufacturing, trading, retail and service sectors – both in and outside Saudi Arabia. He is the designated IFRS specialist for Jeddah Office. He has conducted many IFRS trainings and has been the learning leader for Jeddah Office. Umar is a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan and a US CPA.



Anwar Hadidi

**Deloitte Middle East – Senior Director
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Anwar Hadidi is the Jeddah office leader. He graduated from the University of Jordan with an MBA degree in Business and Accounting. Since 1995, he has been a qualified member of the American Certified Accountants in Illinois. He is also a CFA charter holder and a member of the Jordanian Association of Accountants. Anwar has over 20 years of extensive experience in Audit and Audit Advisory in different industries.

