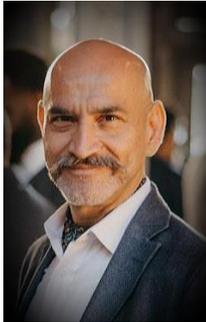




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Omer Ahmed is President of Abaris Capital Advisors, a Chicago-based boutique investments firm specializing in alternative asset management, advising and managing capital for sovereign wealth funds, global financial institutions, international private banking operations and family offices predominantly in the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and Switzerland. During his tenure, Abaris has also nurtured and developed various partnerships and business entities in agriculture, biotech/pharma, energy, hedge fund, and real estate sectors.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

As an investment professional, Mr. Ahmed has advised on and allocated to a range of traditional and alternative asset portfolios in excess of \$6.5 billion. Prior to Abaris, Omer Ahmed served as Senior Managing Director at Bear Stearns. Prior to Bear Stearns, Mr. Ahmed was President of Crescent Capital Management, LLC for a decade. He also held senior management positions at Credit Agricole Indosuez Bank, Merrill Lynch International and ABN AMRO Private Banking in the field of alternative investments, direct investments, and wealth management.

In addition, Mr. Ahmed is an Executive Board Member of the South Asia Institute (SAI), a member of the National US-Arab Chamber of Commerce, and has been an Executive member of the Four-Star Committee for ALSAC St. Jude Children's Hospital Charity, on the Board at HOBY (a youth Leadership program). Mr. Ahmed was on the International Committee at the NYMEX, a board member of the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) designation licensing program, an Advisory Board member of the J.P. Morgan Center for Commodities, a member of the Executive Committee of the Center for Financial Services at DePaul University, and a Member of the Director's Circle at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Mr. Ahmed was also the Senior Member of the Advisory Board at Vision Brazil Investments.

In managing the interest of Abaris Capital, Mr. Ahmed served on the Advisory Board as a Senior Member of the Board and President at 300 North Global Macro Fund, and a Senior Principal, Chairman of the Advisory Board of Lifeline Assets. Currently, he represents Abaris's interest in AltStrat (a multi-strategy liquid alternative vehicle) and serves as the Strategy and Risk Management partner at Alerce Investment Management (a biotech/pharma fund).

EDUCATION

Mr. Ahmed is a graduate of **Washington University in St. Louis** and additionally completed a post-graduate program on Investment Decisions and Behavioral Finance at the Kennedy School of Government at **Harvard University**.