



H.R.H. PRINCE ALWALEED BIN TALAL BIN ABDULAZIZ ALSAUD

BORN WITH A GOLDEN HEART

Elegance and flamboyance are true signatures of H.R.H. Prince Alwaleed, while grace, self-assurance and philanthropy can be called his initials. Veterans of the industry call him a fearless leader who is invariably ready to cross boundaries to achieve his targets; he is a complete man—a legend in his own right

His Royal Highness Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud is an extraordinary man, not only because of his lineage—he happens to be the grandson of both the first King of Saudi Arabia, Abdulaziz, and Lebanon’s first Prime Minister, Riad Al Solh, and the nephew of the late Saudi King Abdullah—but also because he has successfully carried on the legacy of exceptional achievements of his family.

PRODIGIOUS PERSONALITY

He has been—at various times—one of the most influential people of the world, one of the richest people of the world, most influential Arab in the world, one of the world’s most intelligent and creative investors, Saudi Arabia’s richest man, the largest individual foreign investor in the United States of America, and one of the world’s richest people—as per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index he has a personal net financial worth of \$30.5 billion! A self-made business magnate and investor, starting in 1979 from a small pre-fabricated office in Riyadh, he scaled new heights in the real estate sector, and in a matter of 9 years was picked by Forbes’ wealth-hunting radar as one of the world’s richest. His shrewd entrepreneurial prowess, sharp analytical mind and intrepid decision making earned him the title of Arabian Warren Buffett. He is the central figure—founder and the CEO—of one of the world’s most successful investment companies, the Kingdom Holding Company, soaring it with his guiding vision to fast-paced astounding success and global recognition with a market capitalization of \$19.6 billion (as of May 2015).

VORACIOUS APPETITE FOR SUCCESS

His strategic investigation, controlling and M&As in the banking sector left many awe-inspired and catapulted him into the global spotlight when he created one of

the largest banking groups in the Saudi region by first transforming the ailing United Saudi Commercial Bank as the most profitable Saudi Arabian commercial bank in just one year, and then merging it with the Saudi Cairo Bank and the United Saudi Bank, and finally with the Saudi American Bank. His insatiable thirst for success is complemented with his zeal to make a humanitarian difference in the society at large through the establishment of the Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundations that are regionally centred but globally focused and have granted a total of \$3.6 billion towards combating poverty, strengthening interfaith and intercultural dialogue, and empowering women and youth in the last 30 years.

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PHILANTHROPIC STREAK

As a recent development, the Prince has pledged that he would donate his entire fortune (\$32 billion) to help build a better world of tolerance, acceptance, equality and opportunity for all by fostering cultural understanding, empowering women and providing vital disaster relief. The philanthropic activities would be channelled through the Prince’s charitable organisation, Alwaleed Philanthropies, in partnership with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, would occur over several years, and would be supervised by a board of trustees headed by the Prince.