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Curriculum Vitae

Surname:	El-Chaarani
First Name:	Hani
Date of Birth:	to be completed
Academic Qualification:	2009 **PhD in Business Administration – Financial Management**, Montesquieu University, Bordeaux, France 2004 **Master's in Business Administration (MSc) – Management**, Institut d'Administration des Entreprises (IAE), Bordeaux, France 2003 **Master of Business Administration (MBA) – Financial Management**, Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon 2001 **BA in Business Administration** (major: Accounting and Finance), Lebanese University, Tripoli, Lebanon
Venia Legendi (qualification to teach):	Not applicable. Academic rank: Professor in Business Administration – Finance, Faculty of Business Administration, Beirut Arab University (since 2024).
Further Qualifications:	Apr 2025 Global Internal Audit Standards – Lebanese Association of Certified Public Accountants (LACPA) Sep 2018 Diploma in Teaching Skills – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA Sep 2018 Diploma in Rural and Economic Development – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA Dec 2017 Quality Assurance for the Educational Sector – Beirut Arab University Dec 2017 Critical Thinking in Education – Beirut Arab University Dec 2016 Team Management – Beirut Arab University Dec 2016 Budget Planning – PwC Oct 2012 International Accounting Standards – Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Professional Training Group Aug 2012 Strategy Implementation – Continuing Education Program (LAU and Safadi Foundation) Dec 2011 Classroom Management – Beirut Arab University and El-Meouchy Educational Consultancy Dec 2011 Teaching Methodology – Beirut Arab University and El-Meouchy Educational Consultancy Oct 2011 Communication Skills – Beirut Arab University and El-Meouchy Educational Consultancy

At the Higher Education Institution (to be accredited) since:	2010 (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business Administration, Tripoli Campus; Professor since 2024)
Level of Employment (part-time or full-time):	Full time

Teaching Focus:	Finance (main focus), with further courses in management and decision making: • **Finance:** Financial Management, Portfolio Management, Securities, Financial Economics • **Management:** Management, Decision Making • **Institutions:** Beirut Arab University (since 2010); previously the Lebanese University (Tripoli), Université Saint-Joseph (Beirut) and CNAM (Tripoli); visiting lectures in France, India and Poland
Interdisciplinary Aspects:	• Teaching and research connecting finance with management, corporate governance and entrepreneurship • Research linking finance with healthcare management, human resource management, sustainability and energy economics • Work on financial technology: fintech, blockchain, cryptocurrencies, and AI and big data for financial decision-making • Academic work combined with practice in financial consulting, university leadership and the management of an international fair

Activities in the Areas:	
- **Further Education**	• Lecturer in continuing education at CNAM – Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Tripoli (2008 – 2018): Financial Management, Management, Portfolio Management • Seminar on Portfolio Management for bank directors in the North Lebanon region, Tripoli (2012) • Focal point and supervisor of the entrepreneurship programme for North Lebanon in The HUB project (COSV and BAU Tripoli Campus), including follow-up and support of new start-ups (2016 – 2020)
- **Research**	• **Research interests:** corporate finance and corporate governance (boards, CEO characteristics and compensation, audit oversight); bank performance, liquidity and risk in the MENA and GCC regions, including Islamic banking and the effects of COVID-19 and financial crises; family business, SMEs and entrepreneurship; fintech, blockchain and cryptocurrencies; portfolio management and investor behaviour • **Output:** 90 scientific papers and 4 books, including articles in the *Journal of Risk and Financial Management*, *EuroMed Journal of Business*, *Journal of Strategic Marketing*, *International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behavior & Research* and *Competitiveness Review*; co-editor of four books (Springer, IGI Global, CRC Press, Productivity Press) • **Conference presentations:** University of St. Gallen (Switzerland, 2013), Lappeenranta University of Technology (Finland, 2014), University of Bordeaux (France, 2012), European Business School Paris/INSEEC (France, 2021, virtual) • **Methods:** quantitative and econometric analysis (Stata, SPSS, EViews)
- **Consultancy**	Financial consultant since 2010, including: • Financial Consultant to the Minister of Finance, Lebanon (2012 – 2015): financial advice; study of the Ministry's financial plan • Financial Consultant, Tripoli Free Economic Zone (2019 – 2021): financial advice, budget control, dealing with international contractors

How are personal research activities reflected in teaching activities?	Research on corporate governance, bank performance and liquidity in the MENA and GCC regions – including the effects of COVID-19 and the Lebanese financial crisis – is brought into Financial Management and Securities as current regional case material. Work on portfolio performance, investor behaviour, cryptocurrencies and AI-based stock-price forecasting feeds into Portfolio Management and Financial Economics. Research on family firms, SMEs and entrepreneurship, together with experience supervising The HUB entrepreneurship programme and judging business-plan competitions, informs the Management and Decision Making courses. Experience with quantitative and econometric methods (Stata, SPSS, EViews) is used to guide students' research-based assignments and projects.

Work experience:		
- **General**	since 2025	**Chairman and General Director**, Rachid Karami International Fair, Lebanon – national and international representation, strategic leadership, governance and compliance, financial sustainability and investment partnerships
	since 2024	**Professor**, Faculty of Business Administration, Beirut Arab University (Tripoli Campus) – Financial Management, Management, Portfolio Management, Securities, Decision Making
	since 2023	**Director of Tripoli Campus**, Beirut Arab University – planning and supervising the administrative staff and operational activities delegated by the University President; relations with stakeholders. Also General Supervisor and board member of the University Council
	2019 – 2021	**Financial Consultant**, Tripoli Free Economic Zone
	2014 – 2025	**Director of the Faculty of Business Administration**, Beirut Arab University (Tripoli Campus) – programme delivery standards and team leadership under the supervision of the Dean
	2014 – 2024	**Associate Professor**, Faculty of Business Administration, Beirut Arab University (Tripoli Campus)
	2012 – 2015	**Financial Consultant** to the Minister of Finance, Lebanon
	2010 – 2014	**Assistant Professor**, Faculty of Business Administration, Beirut Arab University (Tripoli Campus)
	2009 – 2015	**Lecturer**, Université Saint-Joseph (USJ), Beirut – Portfolio Management
	2008 – 2018	**Lecturer**, Faculty of Business Administration and Economics, Lebanese University, Tripoli – Financial Management, Management, Portfolio Management
	2008 – 2018	**Lecturer**, CNAM – Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Tripoli – Financial Management, Management, Portfolio Management
- **Activities as an Expert:**	since 2017	Member of the Business Education Committee, Ministry of Education, Lebanon – studying, approving and monitoring the academic curricula and action plans of academic institutions in Lebanon
	current	Editorial board member: *Journal for Global Business Advancement* (Inderscience); *Journal for International Business and Entrepreneurship Development* (Inderscience); *Management & Sustainability: An Arab Review* (Emerald); *International Journal of Sustainable*

		Entrepreneurship and Corporate Social Responsibility (IGI Global); *Arab Economic & Business Journal* (Elsevier)
	current	Reviewer for international journals, including *Journal of Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies*, *Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences*, *Cogent Economics & Finance*, *Cogent Business & Management*, *Risks*, *Applied Economics*, *EuroMed Journal of Business*, *FIIB Business Review*, *Journal of Risk and Financial Management*, *Competitiveness Review*, *Journal of Strategic Marketing*, *Mathematics*, *Foresight*, *International Studies of Management & Organization*, *Journal of Applied Economics*, *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Innovation* and *Corporate Governance*. Web of Science reviewer profile: webofscience.com/wos/author/record/940995
	2021	International Scientific Committee Member, ICBT 2021 Conference, EuroMid Academy of Business & Technology (EMABT), Turkey
	2016 – 2017	Programme Board Member, Management International Conference (MIC) – Croatia 2017 and Italy 2018
	2011 – 2018	Jury member for entrepreneurship prizes in Tripoli – Fadel Prize, Rounds I–III, with Kafalat (2011 – 2013), Thimar Prize (2016) and MIT Prize for Entrepreneurship (2018): evaluation of participants' business plans

Publications:	90 scientific papers and 4 books in total. Full list: Google Scholar – scholar.google.com/citations?user=zY4FNuQAAAAJ; ResearchGate – researchgate.net/profile/Hani-El-Chaarani **Edited books** El Samad, M., Nassreddine, G., El-Chaarani, H., & El Nemar, S. (Eds.). (2024). *Industrial applications of big data, AI, and blockchain*. IGI Global. Jafar, S. H., Hemachandran, K., Akhtar, S., Khan, P. A., & El-Chaarani, H. (Eds.). (2024). *The adoption of fintech: Using technology for better security, speed, and customer experience in finance*. Productivity Press. El-Chaarani, H., El Dandachi, I., El Nemar, S., & El Abiad, Z. (Eds.). (2023). *Navigating the intersection of business, sustainability and technology*. Springer. Jafar, S. H., Hemachandran, K., El-Chaarani, H., Moturi, S., & Gupta, N. (Eds.). (2023). *Artificial intelligence for capital markets*. CRC Press. **Journal articles (2023 – 2025)** Abraham, R., Bhimavarapu, V. M., & El-Chaarani, H. (2025). The impact of audit committee oversight on investor rationality, price expectations, human capital, and research and development expense. *Journal of Risk and Financial Management, 18*(6), 321. https://doi.org/10.3390/jrfm18060321 El Abiad, Z., El-Chaarani, H., Binsaddig, R. O., El Nemar, S., & Thrassou, A. (2025). The impact of innovation and digitalization on the international performance of SMEs. *EuroMed Journal of Business*. https://doi.org/10.1108/EMJB-01-2025-0011 El Abiad, Z., Abraham, R., El-Chaarani, H., & Binsaddig, R. O. (2025).

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El-Chaarani, H., Abraham, R., & Azzi, G. (2023). The role of liquidity creation in managing the COVID-19 banking crisis in selected MENA countries. *International Journal of Financial Studies, 11*(1), 39. https://doi.org/10.3390/ijfs11010039

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Memberships:	• Member, Lebanese Association of Certified Public Accountants (LACPA), Reg. No. 2841 (since 2013) • Member, Arab Union for International Conference and Exhibition (AUICE), representing Lebanon (since 2025) • Board Member, Family Business Research Center, Bratislava, Slovakia (2021) • Board Member, International Business and Economic Research Academy (IBERA), Paris, France (2020) • Active Member, International Strategic Management Association, Greece (2017) • Academic Member, IRGO – Institut de Recherche en Gestion Organisationnelle, France (2009 – 2020)
International experience through:	
- **Management Activities**	since 2025 Chairman and General Director of the Rachid Karami International Fair – representing the Fair internationally and attracting investors since 2025 Member of the Arab Union for International Conference and Exhibition (AUICE), representing Lebanon and contributing to the strategic vision of the meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions sector in the Arab region 2016 – 2020 Focal point and supervisor for North Lebanon in The HUB entrepreneurship project with the Italian NGO COSV; in 2016 secured EUR 100,000 for BAU's social entrepreneurship project (COSV with CGM and BRD, Italian NGOs)
- **Academic Activities**	• Doctoral and master's studies in France (Montesquieu University and IAE, Bordeaux) • Fulbright Junior Faculty Development Program, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Washington, D.C., USA (June – September 2018) • Visiting lecturer: ESAM Business School, France (Financial Management, 2021); Woxsen University, India (Financial Economics, 2020); Lublin University, Poland (Portfolio Management, Erasmus+, 2018) • Staff Week mobility programme, EMUNI University, Slovenia (2025) • Presentations at international conferences in Switzerland, Finland and France; editorial board and reviewer roles for international journals; co-editor of books with international publishers

- **Personal Background/ Experience**	• **Languages:** Arabic (fluent), English (fluent), French (very good), Spanish (basic) • Higher education in Lebanon and France; faculty development in the USA (Fulbright, 2018)

Other:	**Awards:** 2025 Award of Excellence in Teaching and Social Contribution, Beirut Arab University 2025 Award of Most Active Researcher, Beirut Arab University 2012 Best Research Paper, IFERA Conference, Bordeaux University, France 2010 Best Study on Family Businesses in France, Ministry of Education and Research / ASMEP 2005 Best Master's Research in France, Les Echos / ASMEP **Research software:** Stata, SPSS, EViews; Microsoft Office