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Ferial Khoury Moussa

Book dedication from Ferial Magazine to Ziad Khalil Abdelnour.

In the name of Ferial magazine, I would like to express my sincere and wholehearted compliments, recording them here to keep them eternal, reflecting the imprint of the success achieved by an exceptional human being of our time.

Man dies, but books and stories remain a living truthful mention that recount the chapters of history's periods and eras.

I Ferial Moussa, am grateful for the opportunity that allowed me to meet you Ziad, a meeting that enriched my experiences and my capability to delve into the depths of interesting characters like yours. You are endowed with a strong, adventurous, courageous personality, a man of sound decision and firm determination, which made your name a global success in the world of economics and finance.



These lines are written to convey once more the success story of an outstanding Lebanese that has become an internationally famous personality, in the hope that Lebanon, in its turn, will return to playing its shining role in the world, a country that cradles intelligent people who have left their mark across the globe.

Dear reader, in the past, the book “How to Become a Millionaire” was published, but today we will complement your life by publishing “Be Ziad Abdelnour”, in order to take possession of a universe full of glory, knowledge and success.



Hiba Osseiran

Ziad Abdelnour’s investment insight and decades of success as a financier, entrepreneur, and venture capitalist bolsters his unique brand of straightforward, unequivocal financial, wealth creating advice and mentorship.

His business and investment acumen originates with his Lebanese roots extending back to the Phoenicians, considered among the world’s first entrepreneurs and traders.

Ziad is generous in sharing his wealth of investment experience through his books, masterclasses, and conferences.

As they say: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has”. Ziad Abdelnour is a game changer who is indeed changing the world.

“Foresight of A Global Financier” is a must read for those seeking financial independence and freedom.





Fadi Nahas

About Ziad Abdelnour?

One of the most driven and intense individuals I ever met in my life.

A few things for sure:

He knows what he wants .

He joins the race in order to win it.

He is enough equipped with «Balls» and moral values and wealth in order to resist and reject threats and bribes.

He confronts threats , he doesn't negotiate with threats.

He embraces proudly success and makes it possible for dummies (if they are determined).

Epicurean and «joie de vivre « are his best allies .

You rather have him as a friend and never as your enemy . LUCKY IS HIS FRIEND.

He always says yes in case of a needed support or a helping hand .



THE MORE YOU CHALLENGE
HIM ,THE MORE HE EXCELS.

Ziad K. Abdelnour is a rare
individual outstanding in his own
right.



Gregory A. Wahl

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PREFACE “VISIONS OF A GLOBAL FINANCIER”

Our ego leads us to believe that our life has been harder than others. I remember my father lecturing us that he walked up hill in the snow and ice for miles carrying concrete, rocks, newspapers, etc. but it was up hill both ways, of course. However, not many of us have moved to a new country learned a new culture, language, lifestyle and system. Ziad Abdelnour; a long-time friend and business associate has gone from the depths of living in war torn Lebanon to cruising the American Dream on Wall Street becoming a consummate deal maker and networker, leading to his conquer of Manhattan.

Living the dream. Ziad continues to thrive and expand his appeal to the masses by taking on the establishment, leveraging his knowledge and experience with economics and history to be a powerful disruptor in the age where the majority of people have a sheep mentality following the mainstream agenda.



Loyalty to his family and where he cut his teeth in learning the harsh reality of life in the Middle East and the dynamics between politics, power struggles and day to day hardship for survival.

Ziad Abdelnour's previous books are best sellers. Ziad's the "StartUp Saboteur" taught us the challenges and realities of playing in the entrepreneur game. His book "Economic Warfare: Secrets of Wealth Creation in the Age of Welfare Politics," was written for investors that need to navigate the troubled geopolitical waters of the post 2008 crisis world, providing out of the box investment tactics and strategies to outsmart the system.

An evolution from his international experience and his continued readings and writings, Ziad has blessed the world with the "Foresight of A Global Financier" so that we can read, listen to our inner voice, reflect, learn, strategize and execute to become wealthier.

"Foresight of A Global Financier" is for any financier or entrepreneur



that is looking to expand their circles in the realm of international finance.

I enjoyed reading “Foresight of A Global Financier” and I hope you enjoy this adventure with Ziad.

Ziad understands that due to the advancement of technology and the increase in globalization, financial markets around the world have become more connected. International trading and investments have increased and businesses find it easier to grow beyond their home countries and participate in global markets. Ziad’s goal is to ensure that we recognize the integration of global finance and that it affects all of us in some way.

Global finance is defined as the international framework of economies, regulations, and financial institutions and how these things interact with each other. Global finance covers a range of topics such as financial regulations, exchange rates, investments, trading, and other important topics associated with international financial management. All of which are always in flux.



Ziad is an experienced expert with international interactions on all major financial topics and he can help us manage any global financial crisis.

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Stanford B. Silverman

**Founder and CEO
of RVAS Capital
Management, Inc. a
Private Equity Group**

Ziad Abdelnour journey as a child refugee from war-ravaged Lebanon four decades ago to the pinnacle of being showcased as one of the 500 Most Influential CEOs in the World is a quintessential tale of immigrant success.

As one of the world's pre-eminent serial entrepreneurs and financiers, forged in the fire of Drexel Burnham Lambert under the tutelage of “junk” bond icon Michael Milken, Ziad has brokered over 20 billion dollars in the private equity, high-yield bond, and distressed debt markets. He is the paradigmatic enterprising financial surgeon who pushes the limits and often identifies financial opportunities and then makes a killing leaving very little blood on the table.

He is also the author of the bestselling books “Economic Warfare: Secrets of Wealth Creation in the Age of Welfare Politics” and “Startup Saboteurs: How Incompetence, Ego, and Small Thinking Prevent True Wealth Creation.” His books are to the creation of individual wealth what



the Mahabharata is to Indian history and philosophy.

Ziad has empowered and counseled innumerable business leaders and politicians and his efforts to fuse private profit with a strong conservative belief in America as a land of opportunity for all and its constitution defined him: What distinguished him is his deft negotiating skills, his rapier tongue, activist endeavors, his passion, and his out-of-the-box thinking.

A fluent speaker of Arabic, French and English Ziad has a genius for finding alternatives to obstructions that satisfied both political and economic imperatives. He understands power and the management of public perception and the media vehicles that shape it.

In the perception of many Ziad's name is synonymous with that of a self-made man, a raised from the fire Phoenix of human transformation and rebirth that each of us must undergo to one degree or another to create or recreate what we desire in ourselves, for ourselves or in our lives.



Barry Monies

“A Renaissance man is a person with genuine competence in and understanding of multiple different fields, all of which complement one another to make him a more talented and productive person”. Nothing could better describe Ziad Abdelnour. A man with all the time in the world for family and those close to him, but no time at all for drama, lies or incompetency. With robot like perfect precision, Ziad is able to assess, dissect and creatively construct successful business deals at any level, whether a ten million dollar start up or a ten billion dollar take over. Spend ten minutes with Ziad and you will understand his analogy of “Business is war.” He is a “Take no prisoners” and “Burn the boats” kind of operator where failure does not exist. A worldly man with expert knowledge of geopolitical affairs, with strong opinions on governments interventions in business and our personal lives, Ziad vehemently fights for his beliefs and financial freedom for those that strive for it. When he is not on the business battlefield, he



is running the Financial Policy council (a non-political organization that brings together and shares information amongst wealth creators), appearing in news outlets, posting to his extensive social media presence or mentoring those with a thirst for his knowledge.

In the twenty five years since starting Computronix, a technology services company focused on the financial industry, I have never met anyone quite like Ziad Abdelnour. I am often asked how I met Ziad. Almost 10 years ago, I was invited to an exclusive dinner in New York City for the The Ayn Rand Institute. There were only about twelve people at the table, one being Ziad. Even before speaking, Ziad's presence was known and felt. Once he began speaking, it was apparent that he was a man with a strong will that does not mince his words. After speaking to him that evening and several more phone discussions over the next few months, Ziad asked me to join the Board of Directors for the Financial Policy Council. I have sat on many Boards over the years and had no intention



of sitting on another one, but Ziad's Board was different. In truly magnetic business fashion, Ziad's Board was filled with top business people, some representing multi-billion dollar, world class companies. I asked why Ziad wanted me on the Board as I did not have a large, international company and he replied, "You are a true entrepreneur, dedicated to surviving and growing your business for over 15 years without giving up. You are a real wealth creator and that is what the Financial Policy Council is all about." That was the start of a great business relationship and a true friendship. I can honestly say, if you are fortunate enough to earn Ziad's respect and penetrate his inner circle, you will have one of the strongest allies on the planet who knows no end to helping you achieve your loftiest goals.

Not everyone will agree with or even like Ziad, especially with his sometimes brash outbursts to get his point across in making it clear that he does not accept indecisive or unfocused people. But once you get



past the hardened business armor, you will find a man with a heart of pure gold.

Ziad is a master of the financial world and more importantly, a master of understanding and utilizing human capital to the fullest potential to achieve his laser focused objectives, especially when tapping into his extensive rolodex of expertise to assemble an elite business team to assure success that often defies the odds. If anyone truly deserves to have a book written about them, it is Ziad as his story will teach, motivate, entertain and sometimes piss you off. But that is what living is about, living life to the fullest and experiencing emotions at all different levels.

To the rebels, mavericks and wealth creators of the world, if you do not study, get to know and interact with Ziad, you have not achieved your fullest potential!



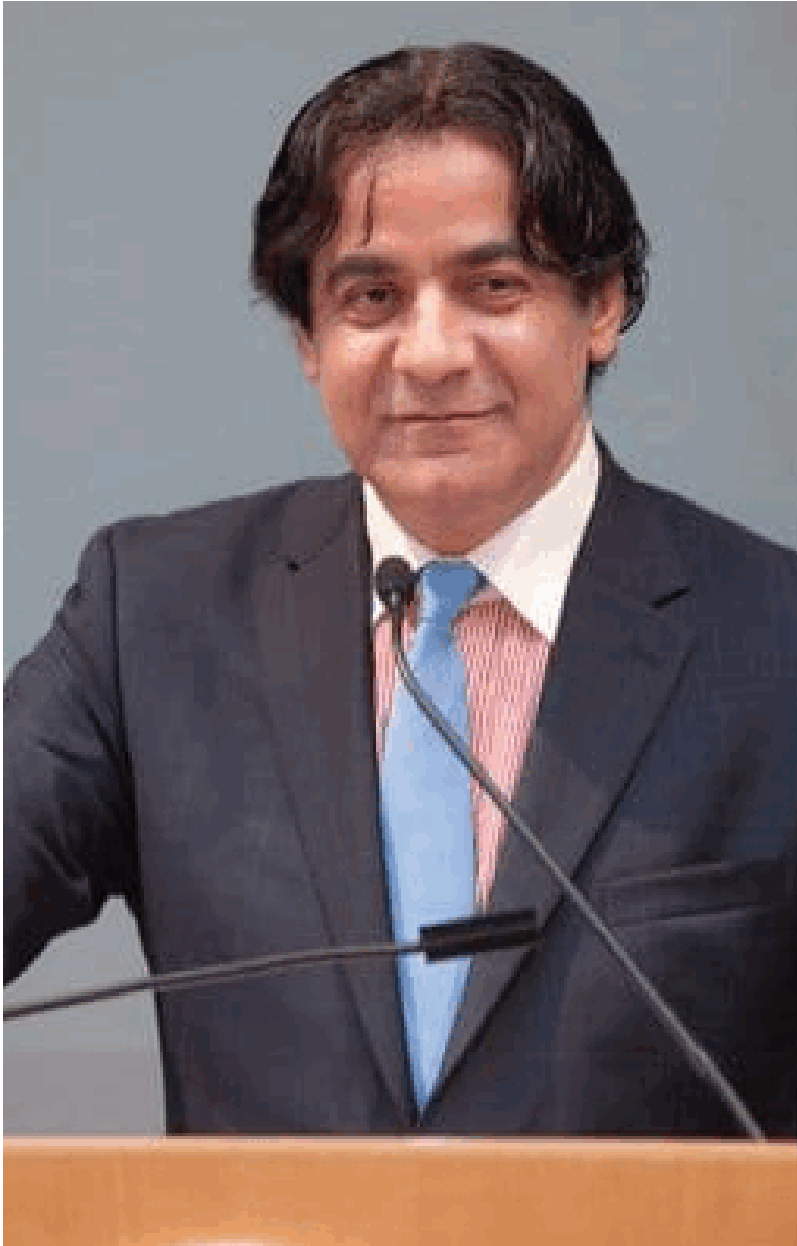
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This book depicts the story of Ziad Khalil Abdelnour, a global leader and financier who created success out of moving from his country, leaving behind him the family's wealth and ancestral homeland for a different world. A world where money, power, major investments, companies and businesses have been affected by his blessed touch and competency, bringing him success and triumph, and ensuring his place close to the most important dignitaries, men and presidents in America and elsewhere in the world.





Ziad achieved success because he was determined never to give up, believing that every person must not give in to any circumstances and search for his inner light to attain distinction in his life.

As an unbeatable steely leader, Ziad Abdelnour's heart and mind are housing a calling that is not ordinary. He keeps asking his homeland Lebanon why you cannot be free, independent, and sovereign, away from carrying out the imposed policies of other countries such as Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Iran?

Why should the successful young people of Lebanon be today imprisoned by corruption, living in a country ruled by corrupted politicians who blatantly stole people's money and lost the country and its citizens to an unknown fate?

Through his accomplishments, Ziad sends to his father in heaven a message of longing and appreciation that resonates the cry of truth he taught him, and to his mother and family a message of love and endearment.

Realizing that many successful people around the world are of Lebanese origin, it is the corrupted ones who have alienated and driven away the influential Lebanese from the land of the cedars. Lebanon has no fault. Rather, it is captive in destructive hands, creating its miserable fate.

Dear readers, I wish you all an enjoyable reading while getting to know Ziad, the person, Ziad the success story, and much more. I hope your life will be a fortunate and prosperous journey, as we are just visitors on this earth. Regards from Ziad, the human being and the leader, to all of you.





Introduction





Introduction:

This introduction is the gate for you to go into the life of a world leader, a distinguished man of our universe.

Ziad Khalil Abdelnour represents the success story of a young man who became a world leader because of his sheer ambition, relentlessness, and smart work. He is brilliant, serious, loves life because it is a one-time journey and is altruistic to the truest sense of the word, helping others secretly without asking anything in return. Ziad made on his own, an empire of success in America surrounded with an incredible team of people he recruited over the years to get where he



wanted to. He stayed up late at night and never got tired but truly enjoyed the result of his hard work. He defied everyone and was up to any challenge facing him. Ziad Abdelnour left the golden spoon he was born with to make his own precious spoon, bearing his fingerprint. He loves his family and sends them the sincerest heartfelt feelings.

Ziad roots for his homeland, but the latter never appreciated or meet its sons and daughters' ambitions as its megalomaniac and incompetent rulers are causing the brain drain and human capital flight due to their endless corruption. To grasp Ziad's message, you have to understand Ziad's pioneering mind, the leader, the strict, the firm, the frank, the clear. These qualities made him one of the most successful businessmen around the world, a unique, universal, intellectual genius that is hard to be replicated.

This global leader is adopting the cry of all young people of Lebanon; lost between choosing to emigrate to survive; shouting out, protesting that Lebanon's political leaders have destroyed the country, killed people, deprived parents of their children, scattering families all over the world. Enough unscrupulousness and corruption. It is high time for Lebanon to rise back again like a phoenix from the ashes. Enough is enough.

We are here proudly participating with Ziad to write this message to all people about the tale of a young man that



presents his success story to the world and that led to the creation of a world leader. Thank you Ziad Abdelnour for your trust. We are proud of you always and forever.





Ziad Khalil Abdelnour in brief. Success with international standards.

It all started with a bold idea. .

At the age of twenty, the strong and mighty Lebanese striver Ziad Abdelnour decided to travel to America, forcibly leaving Lebanon for various reasons and circumstances, leaving behind comfort, wealth and a life of luxury to build his future armed with self-reliance and ambition.

This is the story of a warrior who marched on the path of success despite all difficulties and obstacles he had to face.

Although Ziad is proud of his family history, being the son of Lebanese industrialist and former Member of parliament



Khalil Abdelnour (1992–2000) and the nephew of the former financier and MP Salem Abdelnour (1960 – 1964 and 1972–1992), Ziad soon realized that Lebanon does not give way to achieving great ambition to move up in the ladder of life and that he had to chart his future elsewhere.

His journey began in 1982 when he left tormented Lebanon, in which the drums of the Israeli invasion were beating and following the assassination of President Bashir Gemayel. He



carried his suitcase with a few thousand dollars in his pocket and his degree in economics from the American University of Beirut and boarded to America on the road to the unknown, alone, without friends, family, or companions, to begin his journey towards the future.

The first job he landed was at a major money center New York bank in its wealth management group. Like any ordinary citizen, Ziad traveled by train and available means of transport.

It was not too long before Wall Street opened its doors to him and offered him a trading position at one of the fiercest investment banks on the Street trading securities under the tutelage of junk bond czar Michael Milken while earning his master's degree in financial engineering summa cum laude from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ziad Abdelnour was among the few who (managed) to enter Wall Street with an Arabic name, despite the challenge that America at that time was very strict in opening up to other cultures as it is today. Proof of this is the success of the Lebanese American Ziad Abdelnour as a symbol of self-challenge and achieving results, to be taught later on about how to invent success and prosperity.

Ten years after starting his Wall Street career, Ziad was able to amass a wealth that way exceeds that of his father and family, and after gaining the trust of a large number of self-



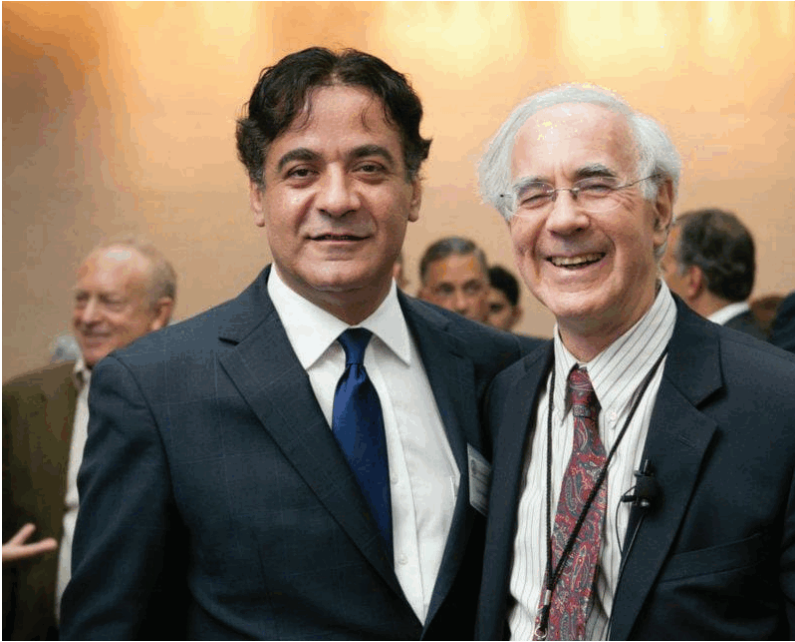
made billionaires and multinational companies and became the talk of the town in the world of money and global investments. Simple to say, Ziad overcame foreignness with success, and defeated money with more money.

Besides his preoccupation and great success in the world of trade and finance, Ziad became a recognized lecturer, well versed in investments, economic and financial affairs and made his mark in the world of American politics with the



Republican Party by becoming close to the top and most important officers in the Republican Party, including and not limited to Presidents George W. Bush and Donald Trump in particular.

Notwithstanding becoming an author of his two best-sellers “Economic Warfare: Secrets of Wealth Creation in the Age of Welfare Politics” and ” Startup Saboteurs: How Incompetence, Ego, and Small Thinking Prevent True Wealth Creation”, Ziad also wrote the blueprint of US policy on Lebanon by co-authoring alongside one of the most important and prolific American writers of the time, Daniel Pipes, a Harvard graduate, his famous book “Ending Syria’s occupation of Lebanon: The



US Role” that gained a lot of sensation throughout the media along with founding in 1997 the U.S Committee for a Free Lebanon (USCFL), the center of pro-Lebanon activism in the United States.

Continuing the tradition, Ziad is currently working on his 4th book “Capitalism from the Inside Out: How the 99% Can Build Wealth, Fight Crony Capitalism, and Restore America’s Promise” due soon. This work of art he believes will pretty much disrupt the way people should do business and create true wealth and influence.

Ziad Abdelnour’s story is a journey of struggle for a young



man, from which we learn that insisting on success generates success despite any circumstances, no matter who your parents are or were.

This is Ziad's message to all the ambitious Lebanese youth, not to give up and to achieve success despite any difficulties and hindrances faced in life.

A few words that still resonate with me when doing research of my work on Ziad and interviewing many of his close associates, friends and foes alike and which constantly come to my mind.

Make no mistake about it; money for Ziad is first and foremost about freedom. "It is not about acquiring things nor flaunting it in front of family and friends. It is all about freedom. Freedom to do whatever you want, whenever you want. Freedom to tell your boss or whoever is running your life to take a hike. He adds: This is the key reason I immigrated to the United States back in 1982. To find freedom and make it big time. This is the reason I created Blackhawk Partners back in 2008"

Adding. "My failures in my career led me to become much more resilient than ever and to adopt causes much bigger than myself to rise above the pack and reign supreme.

Having said that, there is more than one cause I strongly believe in in this world.... It is the "democratization of capital" worldwide.



Just as it has in the United States, the worldwide democratization of capital will democratize industrial assets and produce an explosion of job creation. But the capital revolution, which so changed America in the last third of the 20th century, is only the prelude to the other two major revolutions of the 21st century — the worldwide democratization of health care and of knowledge.

These three revolutions, each aided by emerging technology, provide hope that the 21st century will be able to avoid the terrible conflicts of the past hundred years and become a new Age of Enlightenment”.

It is hoped that Lebanon’s leaders will understand this one day. This is the only hope for Lebanon and which is





unfortunately the opposite of all what is happening today in the homeland.

“You want to liberate Lebanon? Let it be free first. All the rest is an exercise in futility. I would rather die free than live in shackles like a slave”.





Ziad Abdelnour's life philosophy

Ziad's life philosophy is quite simple.

He constantly reminds us that we are our most precious asset. This message may get lost in our aspirations and our possessions but take it from a New York financier in the trenches for the last 30 years.: Invest in yourself, don't waste your time following empty talk and corrupt leaders, do something you love, be daring, bold and controversial and surround yourself with people you admire.

His 7 rules of business and life at larger are summarized below

1. Invest in yourself before anything else

Investing in yourself is the best thing you can do—anything that improves your own talents. Don't listen to all the noise and propaganda out there

2. Break bad habits or they'll break you

The chains of habit are too light to be felt until they are too heavy to be broken.

3. Understand your strengths and weaknesses

You don't have to be an expert on everything but knowing where the perimeter of that circle of what you know and what you don't know, and staying inside of it, is all important.





4. We spend a third of our lives working, so finding a career you enjoy is key

You really should take a job that, if you were independently wealthy, that would be the job you would take not a job to fill in your time. If not, just start your own company and go scale it as much as you can. The BEST revenge is “obscene wealth”.

5. Surround yourself with the right people

Pick out associates whose behavior is better than yours and you’ll drift in that direction. Always remember: You become the average of the 6 people closest to you. If they are superstars you will become one. If they are losers, you will become a bigger loser.

6. Utilize your time effectively

There are only 24 hours in everyone’s day. Use them wisely. After all, I have the same 24 hours you have. What have you done in the last 24 hours?

7. Seize opportunities

We don’t do very many things, but when we get the chance to do something that’s right and big, we’ve got to do it. And even to do it in a small scale is just as big a mistake almost as not doing it at all. You’ve really got to grab them when they come because you’re not going to get 500 great opportunities in your life.

Now you understand what it takes to make it big time.



Ziad's success has become greater than a homeland that made people slaves seeking to secure a livelihood and that limits their thinking to be miserable lifeless collectibles.

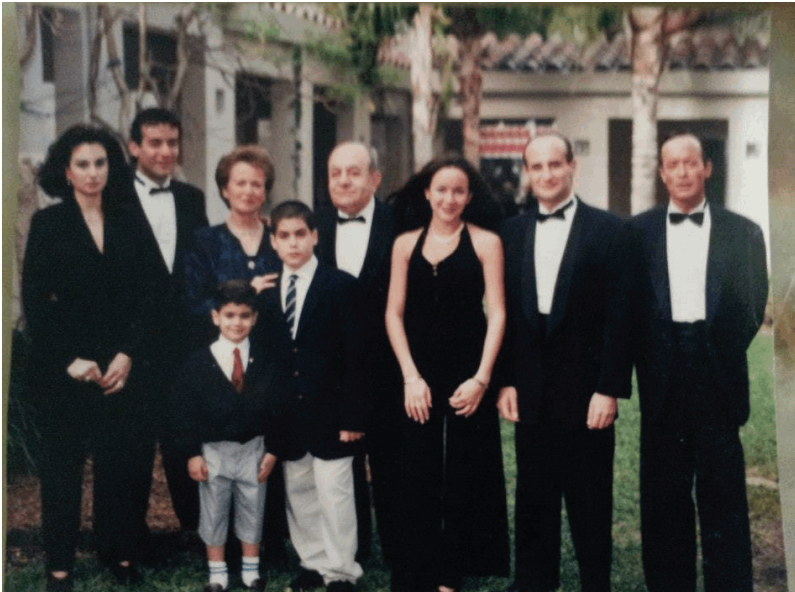
His qualities freed him of trivial concerns that limit the discovery of real life, those concerns that make other humans of today captive and lost while trying to secure their livelihoods and find a meaning to their lives.

Ziad read over 500 books during his lifetime and keeps reading a book a week despite his extremely hectic schedule. Books of various subjects, genres and languages. This shows you the man's insatiable curiosity and desire to understand perspectives from a variety of writers, personalities, and expressiveness.



Asked about who were his biggest mentors and inspiration in his life his answer was simply: “My mentors and inspiration are people larger than life. I am talking about people such as JFK, Ronald Reagan, Donald Trump and Winston Churchill and many such people on the political side along with people such as John D. Rockefeller, JP Morgan, Michael Milken and Elon Musk on the business side. There is something extremely valuable to learn from these amazing individuals. They taught me tenacity, relentlessness, thinking smart and acting upon it. At the end of the day, only dead fish go with the flow. Do not go with the flow.”

Ziad is not just a single human being. His resourceful personality makes you realize when you meet him that you are







in the presence of a philosopher. Life endowed him with its secrets and wonder.

Although he left the homeland, he is a true patriot. By alienating him, it was Lebanon's loss.

Ziad Abdelnour is a Lebanese expatriate, a man of success, not of business.

Sometimes he is labeled all kinds of names by newspapers and the likes without realizing that they are far away from his status and place. The reason being he cannot be bought, controlled, or swayed in their direction. He is a man of his own and a man of success because he has become greater than the businesses and the labels.

He has become bigger than a nation that is lost in the orbit of businessmen, who are people controlled by business and not the opposite.

Lebanon is a country resembling the tears of nostalgia spilled on the sidewalk of a painting of Beirut, in a library drown in dust. Time for Lebanon to wake up and find a way to bring these titans like Ziad back home.





Ziad Abdelnour's relationships in America and around the world.

Ziad Abdelnour never brags about himself and does not need to. The best bragging, he says is “when people brag about you not when you brag about yourself”

Other than being mentioned as part of the 300 Top American financiers in US history <https://www.famousfix.com/list/american-financiers> Ziad has developed over the years extensive relationships with some of the most preeminent captains of finance and industry while undertaking the financing of very large government and commercial projects the world over. His name has become a global encyclopedia of knowledge and relationships from various economic and political fields, figures of crucial presence in all continents who rule the affairs confidentially and successfully with an iron fist and copious funds.

I can go and reciting the list of people Ziad knows and interacts with on a global basis but this defeats the whole purpose as the man is a private one.

Ziad does his generous share of helping compatriots even when being physically far from Lebanon. His philanthropic activities and engagements are not carried out in public. He never likes to be boastful or seeking praise though he backs and finances a number of NGOs in Lebanon known only by their managers.



Lebanese expatriates are Lebanon's last chance to have it back to the homeland.

We may offer you a book about Ziad

But are people today a nation of reading or a nation of clapping, whistling, and walking away?

Lebanon was the nation of reading; it was the library of the world, and today it is the graveyard of ambition

Be Ziad, be your yourself, make your success in the sea of life. Do not accept half a life, you are not half a human being.

A person comes to life once, not for breathing, eating and sleeping but to leave his mark on humanity. Be that person. Every human being in us is great because he is the son of life.



Ziad Abdelnour: The visionary

They say..." Visionary Leaders see the World Differently. Indeed, visionary leaders can often see what no one else sees, finding potential and opportunity in a time of change or even company contraction. They see what's not there—or what's not there yet".

Precisely how Ziad Abdelnour who envisioned Lebanon's economic crisis 5 years before it happened and warned us about the character of Riad Salame. Yet no one reacted because it was not politically correct to stir the pot and disrupt the status quo. The Lebanese Establishment was too cozy and corrupt to make any changes. Now they are paying the price very heavily.

They also say Visionary Leaders Help Others See the Vision. For teams working in the midst of change or grasping to understand their role within the larger vision, it can be hard to see that grand vision. This is when visionary leaders have to become people uniters, bringing teams and entire organizations together and leading them in a common direction.

To that effect, and by the summer of 2016, Ziad Abdelnour was already warning us of the dangers of electing President Michel Aoun as Lebanon's President. In his various writings and speeches on the subject matter, Ziad didn't shy away from warning us about the deadly alliance between potential President Aoun and Hezbollah if this would ever happen which no one even cared about.



You can see as of today the damages created by this partnership which was all predicted by Mr. Abdelnour stating loud and clear” If we are we are to win the battle that is now going on between freedom and tyranny, this alliance should never happen”. Unfortunately, all falling on deaf ears and a catastrophe second to none.

Visionary leaders recognize that the individual, collective team and even an entire nation must align with the vision, have a clear goal and understand their role in making this vision for the future a reality. This has been the “mantra” of Ziad Abdelnour throughout his life.

A visionary leader ensures the vision becomes reality by stating clear goals, outlining a strategic plan for achieving those goals and equipping and empowering each member to take action on the plan at the organizational, team and individual levels.

Ziad’s vision gave him the direction to attain his purpose and make it a reality no wonder.

He is a giver who does not dry up or satiate from the springs of life, a man who is not a trader, but a success maker.

His inner faith made his fortune in line with people’s expectations for him, to be today a shining star of success on our planet Earth.

Ziad sees a bright future no matter the state of the global



economy. He makes money, whether the market is up or down. Why? Because it's not about the industry but about the people executing in that industry. It is all about having the right people at the right jobs doing the right things.

Ziad believes in the human spirit. He believes in the human potential as long as you learn from your mistakes. It is a fact that you never learn from your successes. You learn from your failures.

At the end of the day, it's not how smart you are. There are a lot of smart people out there. It's not how rich you are or how big your balance sheet is. There are a lot of companies like that too. It is how you gather intelligence and act upon it. Remember: Business is war. It is neither a hobby nor a 9 to 5 job.



No wonder intelligence agencies and their proxies run the world.

The strong president and leader in Ziad Abdelnour's opinion

When asked Ziad what makes an exceptional President capable of lifting Lebanon from the abyss

Ziad responded by saying that achievement striving is found to be one of the best correlates of greatness for a President and competence a big predictor of presidential success.

Presidents who succeed set ambitious goals for themselves and move heaven and earth to meet them. Bachir Gemayel was such a man, but Michel Aoun is the exact opposite as his Administration achieved practically nothing but failure and deceit.



A great president scores low on vulnerability, which indicates an exceptional ability to tolerate stress and adversity. Fouad Chehab, Camille Chamoun and Bachir Gemayel scored high on achievement striving, competence, self-discipline, and deliberation.

A lousy president on the other hand is a megalomaniac who talks big but can't deliver squat being under the influence of people running the show... He is simply a puppet; pretty much like every single President since Elias Hrawi including Emile Lahoud, Michel Sleiman and of course the puppet champion of all Michel Aoun.

The strong president should be great in his qualities as a nation builder not a puppet arranging jobs, practicing



favoritism, and having limited ambition to build a homeland but filling his pockets.

The president should seek to construct, defeat unemployment, secure hospitalization, human rights, and supervise various sectors and industries, large and small, for public interest and not for private interests.

Is it conceivable for a man like Ziad to predict the name of a president who would move Lebanon from one state to another? Does the new world order allow for a strong president like Ziad Abdelnour, or such universal Lebanese figure who possesses vast wealth, wisdom and influence around the world?

What prevents these bright persons from being in power?

We interviewed millions of people of expatriation, and







today we extend our hands to Ziad Abdelnour.

Ziad considers that a strong president or manager is a man of action and not of emotions, fabrications, interviews, and compliments, and we have so much of these characters here in Lebanon writing thereby their mark in the sand.



Everyone is looking for a solution. Always looking for solutions, means we are always having problems that need to be solved.

We are looking for a president and men of knowledge. Every day we conduct dialogues from the far corners of the earth, to find millions of clever Lebanese, capable to lead the making of a country whose land is brimming with success and ambition, where there are no limits, enjoying freedom without restrictions. Those Lebanese are cosmopolitan, secular human beings coming from a land of flourishing life to weave a tale full of life in our land.

What are we doing still electing the same antiquated politicians for the last decades?



Managing Power.

I believe that Ziad Abdelnour is a true version of US President Donald Trump.

A vivid version in firmness, decisiveness and dialogue in words, deeds and actions.

In managing power and authority, there is no place for emotions or megalomania. It is all about reason, firmness and the power of a lethal mind.

This mighty giant understands life is a journey and despite his stunning success, Ziad is not the kind of person who holds on a materialistic life and chases mundane things. On the contrary, he respects every person regardless of their religion and color and empowers them to do their best. Success for him



is about empowering people and this is how he derives his power and wealth.

Ziad is aware of the inevitability of death, rules of life, disease, etc. He faces and accepts what life brings with it with courage, recognizing that money is just a means, not the end goal in life.

Ambition is a key component for Ziad in the whole equation. People should learn, study and work. He refuses killing people's brains and minds behind obsolete concepts, religious and political slogans and special interests as it is the situation in Lebanon today.

He believes that having President Bashir Gemayel assassinated along with Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, Kamal





Joublatt and a multitude of other Lebanese icons was done to kill the dream of having a free, prosperous and vibrant homeland ever. “Anyone who does not recognize this fact is just delusional” he adds

Ziad flees the noise of modern life to nature to practice his hobbies. He is a man who loves to lift his spirit and mood to return stronger to work.

He sows goodness in people’s paths, helps many, his noble deeds are carried out without exhibitionism or bragging.

Whoever knows Ziad realizes that he is vivacious, enjoys life, work, music and reading. He is a global figure capable of shaking the world. Who knows what the future holds for such a brilliant financier?



Be Ziad to be meaningful. The decision is yours and yours only.

Ziad Abdelnour and his philanthropic activities

Ziad Abdelnour truly loves authentic art and the literary and artistic history of Lebanon. He is a man who delved deeper into the agreeable world of literature, art, reading and culture.

His kind and caring nature never lets him forget to give, to put a smile on the faces of poverty-stricken people.

This is the man of change for our country, Lebanon.

A man of change because he is a man of deeds not of words, emotions, and fame; a man of proven numbers who made the world of economics his trademark of excellence in work and performance.

Such man with international specifications who appreciates art and artists, and the message of the word is the best example for Beirut and Lebanon salvation.

Yes, he has the qualities of salvation because he is bold, free, strong and courageous, whose motto is action, not emotions, and speech devoid of action.

He helped many over the years, offered the aid to a countless number of people and supported his countrymen tirelessly, with pleasure and love towards his native land.

What motivates Ziad is basically making a difference.



Remember Niccolo Machiavell? “One of the most challenging things in the world is to change the order of things”. Ziad is plainly and simply a “disruptor” who likes to change the order of things for a smarter and better world.

Once again, success after all is empowering people not clipping their wings and controlling them with endless government propaganda.

Ziad Khalil Abdelnour is a planet of luck, fortune, success, and generosity - a kind and abundant force for good in the universe.

Time to wake up and start differentiating the wheat from the chaff.

Ziad Abdelnour and the similarities with his children in the philosophy of life

The great Gibran Khalil Gibran once said in his writings to us:” Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life’s longing for itself.”

And the people of wisdom said: “Do not tell me who your father and mother are but tell me who you are”

From here, the decision was to write about Ziad, who went abroad and did not boast to life saying, “My father is Khalil Abdelnour.” He did not say, “I am from a wealthy family.”

Rather, he made his way and created his mark, great wealth, work, and relationships armed with his ambition, knowing that he was born to be a leader over himself.



Today the journey is going on. Ziad is the proud father of his children Karl, 35, and Mark, 32. When he meets people, they tell him, “You are Karl’s father, the father of Karl, the successful, ambitious Wall Street superstar who made himself independently of his father, to be as ambitious as Ziad the leader.”

Karl and Mark aspire to be chief rulers in order to instill ambition in the minds of young people.

Wealth for Ziad and his children has never been a way to buy cars, antiques and houses. No, these people’s ambition is never to love things and collectibles, but rather to enjoy the utmost success in work, reaching top positions.

Their goal in life is completely different from the mainstream. People’s dream of money to buy cars, phones and clothes are really simple things because if the human mind brings its light out of the crypt of darkness, he would be always a leader.

True leaders are the ones who empower people generating success, wealth and power.

About Ziad Abdelnour’s exciting career and overflowing success – in depth

Who is Ziad Khalil Abdelnour, the Financier, Powerbroker and Activist?

Ziad K. Abdelnour is the founder, president, and CEO of Blackhawk Partners, Inc. It is a private “family office” that acts



as an equity investor in strategic corporate investments, and an associate partner with Kenzi Management Inc.; a trading platform focusing on the financing of real estate, infrastructure, and project finance properties, the monetization of financial instruments and the trading of bitcoins on a massive scale.

Founder & Chairman of the Board of the Financial Policy Council; a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization designed to give its select group of supporters the opportunity to have a direct face-to-face dialogue with the nation's quintessential power brokers and policymakers.

Chairman of the Advisory Board of Hawkstorm Global – a business specializing in providing a wide array of elite services ranging from Emergency Response and Asset Protection to Security Consulting and Risk Assessments by former members



of Navy seals, CIA, DOJ, Blackwater, FBI, State Department, and DEA Agents.

Author of the best-sellers “Economic Warfare: Secrets of Wealth Creation in the Age of Welfare Politics” and “Startup Saboteurs: How Incompetence, Ego, and Small Thinking Prevent True Wealth Creation”

Mr. Abdelnour has over 30-year experience on Wall Street backing over 150 companies and serial entrepreneurs’ worth in aggregate over 20 billion dollars in the private equity, high yield bond, and distressed debt markets.

Today, Mr. Abdelnour continues to be featured in hundreds of media channels and publications every year and is widely seen as one of the top business leaders by millions around the world.

Mr. Abdelnour has just recently been featured as one of the 500 Most Influential CEOs in the World and among the most famous 300 American financiers in US history.

This success did not come at the stroke of a pen, but due to Ziad striving to achieve his goals and succeeding.

Numbers become his game with the conscience of a person who loves success and loves the success of people especially the young ones.

Since 1990, Ziad is considered one of the biggest businessmen in the world in all sectors, where he sows the



seeds of success wherever he goes.

He finances the largest international projects that need in their incorporation structure above \$100 million while retaining a certain stake in the company.

These projects consist of establishing large factories, building tourism projects, and large-sized companies and institutions.

Hence, the presence of Ziad's name in about 150 companies because he supports their establishment, therefore, he is the supporter and the cornerstone in building the success story of many ambitious people.

“With money we make dreams come true” he says.

Ziad is further involved in oil trading projects with Russia, China and America. Oil trading in these countries is the field known internationally and the concern of the entire global village.

The empire of Ziad is unshakable because it is built on the love of work, passion for success and the intelligence of a human being who has become a universal leading light.

We touched on the subject of Ziad's work because when the reader peruses such a figure, he will be curious to get to know Ziad, the successful, and get to know his work. I would like to say that this is a brief history of the work for more than 30 years in a country that is considered one of the most



competitive in the world, during which he was able to build his kingdom , an imprint that conveys joy and hope to everyone who will look at Ziad in the hope that every person will be able to achieve his ambition in life, because why do we live if we are not going to be zestful?

The cry of a leader to a homeland without leadership

It is the cry of Ziad Khalil Abdelnour.

He looks from afar at Lebanon, the country of beauty and humanity, and says where is Lebanon?

Indeed, where is Lebanon when everything in it turns into a false political game, wasting the country and people.

Religion came to glorify the name of the Creator and unite people, but in Lebanon, every party has a religion, color, leading to human anguish.

Religion is man treating his fellow man with love, appreciation, and respect.

Respect because he is a human being regardless of whether he is rich or poor, regardless of his political affiliation or opinion.

Religion is love, but most of the clergy have become politicians, trading through religion their views and slogans, making it a screen to hide behind it, to mislead people under the pretext of protecting the sect from demise.



The sect is fine but where are the people? Where is the youth? where is the faith?

Policies that contribute to the loss and dismantling of the thinking of a society and the destruction of a nation.

Policies that have lost the country and the people, because the men behind them do not have the leadership quality.

Outdated traditions and customs are outdated laws.

Political discourses in which life flourishes on paper only, so that Lebanon becomes a memory of a homeland of the past, and on paper as well.

So and so visited so and so, the latter met with the former, politicians meeting around dinners and receptions, everything looks ridiculous and false, while people are dying of hunger!

Everywhere fake masks, dropping down with the collapsing homeland. However, they are impudent and shameless, not acknowledging that they are wilting the country and the population for their narrow interests, deals, checks and money.

The ship is sinking, and the rulers see life is fine.

Of course, it is fine for their trivial ambition to collect few millions instead of building a successful vibrant country made with the help of its citizens. They managed to turn Beirut, 'Lady of the world' into a world of gloom and darkness, half of which is destroyed, and the other half is closed, but their motorcades are well and fine.



Lebanon is subjected over the history to a lot of suffering and agony. Why this great injustice? Is there any available measure, any near solution or any relief in sight?

The solution would have been here, if you have not wiped out yourselves, you are too weak to deserve leadership.

A car that does not reach its destination safely and securely through a proper journey kills its driver and the passengers in it.

What distinguishes man from the law of the jungle is the law, but the law is written in libraries to be in the service of the official and favoritism. It imprisons the oppressed and releases the offender, appoints the subservient judge and banishes the strong judge. It has become closer to the law of the jungle.

It is the cry of a leader whose name has become globally close to the world's top presidents and financiers.



The cry of a man who loves his country and his land, the cry of Ziad AbdeInour, that will resonate to all parts of the world to destroy you with the sword of the word. You are false, your words are false, and of course without generalization.

What happened to our homeland?

We see nothing but the remains of the homeland.

A country in which mothers pine to hear the voices of their children in diaspora, parents lasting and deep pain for they might die without seeing their children, and a son who crossed the world to satisfy his ambition and his only fault is that he lives in a country whose rulers destroy the homeland instead of building it. Another son spent his years learning and studying but does not work in his specialty, one is a martyr whose right is lost and his killer is unknown, while the judge is absent because he receives orders from his appointer.

It is the story of years stolen in every way, and life destroyed in a country disrespectful to life and human beings.

How many homes have been destroyed by wars so that tears are filling every corner of a sad storybook?

We are in the year 2022, Lebanon is without electricity, water, possible hospitalization, and people's savings in banks and banks kept most depositors out of their savings?

Who robbed people and imprisoned them under the banner of a homeland?



They are the men of corruption, men who care about their own interests, who do not have the leader's capabilities. The leader makes a homeland and not mini states within a homeland that has become outside the civilizational progression as if we were in the Stone Age.

You people lacking conscience and remorse, how long will you continue with your lies? Are you waiting for the Cannes Film Festival acting award? Come take all the awards but give us back Lebanon.

People are dying at the hospital doors.

Young generation is lost, all people are lost,

Companies are bankrupt, factories have closed their doors, unemployment is everywhere, nothing but problems and disputes,

You are going on with your theatrical performance, wearing the best clothes, writing speeches and rhetoric, talk to the media, as if the situation was perfect.

Don't you have a conscience or are you helpless?

The incapable of doing something resigns with dignity. There are men who have the power to change, but you restrain their existence because it banishes your presence forever.

The cry of this leader is the cry of every true patriot in pain who witnesses the robbing of people's lives and dreams and the destruction of an entire nation.



Decision-making men of a country living on loans and donations for reform. When donations come, they go into their private bank accounts.

The day came when they became ousted of global trust. No more donations or loans, so they robbed their citizens.

A corrupted regime whose men are lifeless. Success does not mean owning cars, private planes, big houses, palaces, and servants.

Success in leadership is making a generation of knowledge and success,

Creating a pioneering nation with science, innovation. Leadership characteristics are not even close to those men who are walking the path of corruption.



Around the world, millions of leaders of Lebanese origin have been driven away from the country because their presence erases the corrupted existence forever, and because their mental outlooks completely different.

They are pioneers of success, they would invest in their home country for the sake of achievement and not for the sake of small interests.

They are isolated from the decision-making countries and the big countries. Why isn't Lebanon like the UAE, and other countries that know how to create success?

Ziad Abdelnour, you are a world leader, and we are proud



that you are Lebanese, hoping that a day will come when the voice of conscience will wake up, the evil of titles will fall, and the right leader will be in the right place.



Conclusion



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This world is home to millions of stories for us to learn from.

Among them is the story of an exceptional leader, Ziad Abdelnour, presented to you in the pages of this book, which will be call of a leader to the whole world, all people, the homeland, and a good lesson for life.

The story of a man who made his success alone to leave a historical and universal mark. His call includes the cry of every mother and father whose children went far away due to the corruption of the homeland, and became hostages to distance and longing, communicating through social networks or by phone. Ziad's call is the cry of an entire generation, and his success is for an entire generation. He is Ziad Abdelnour, a hero from Lebanon that we are proud of.

Thank you to everyone who has read these pages. The word remains the greatest weapon that lasts and chronicles a human's journey in time.

We hope that people will understand the powerful Ziad closely through this book of his success and learn from him how to create the future and success; that the corrupted see the characteristics of a true leader who restores dignity to the homeland and elevates people to humanity sublime levels, and not degrading them to loss, corruption and rob them their life.

Lebanon in dire need for someone like Ziad to return back



to the homeland to fulfill the dreams of its children, a homeland for people to live in with dignity and prosperity.

This is an imprint of a distinguished and elegant mark of Ziad Khalil Abdelnour, the story of a true universal man who will enter the honorable history from the gates of universality to Lebanon.

We learned from him that religion is a man's treatment of his fellow man.

We learned from him how to create success and never to give up.

We learned from him the qualities of a true leader and a real boss.

We learned from him his love of books, sports and reading and hence his endless curiosity.

We learned from him the unconditional love of the free homeland, not constrained by the policies of other countries off its territory.

His calling is the cry of every mother who has been separated from her children by time, circumstances, difficulties, or a success story.

We learned from him the love of parents, brotherhood, great frankness, love and giving.

Thank you, Ziad, for these lines, which will be a lesson for all times.