

## **Talal Shair Joins AUB Board of Trustees**

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The Board of Trustees of the American University of Beirut is pleased to announce the selection of Talal Shair as the newest member of the University's board. "I know I speak on behalf of all of my fellow trustees when I say how pleased we are to welcome Talal to the AUB board. His years of experience at Dar Al-Handasah and familiarity with the international business community will be an invaluable contribution to the University," said AUB Chairman of the Board Philip S. Khoury.



Since 2008, Shair has served as chairman of Dar Al-Handasah (Shair and Partners). He launched his career at Dar 20 years earlier when he joined its Structural Department later becoming department director after earning a master's degree from Cornell University. Shair is an AUB alumnus, having studied at the University in 1983-84. He received his bachelor's in civil engineering from Princeton University. "AUB is the region's premier academic institution and has an unequalled tradition of educating the future leaders of our area and beyond. It is truly an honor to support the University in its mission and development," said Shair.

Born in Beirut, Shair attended high school at International College (IC); he now serves on the IC Board of Trustees. He is a founding member of the BADER Young Entrepreneurs Program and chairman of its Building Block Fund. He has been an active member of the Middle East Advisory Board of AUB's Suliman S. Olayan School of Business since 2003.