



## **Rita Khayat-Toubia Named AUB VP for Information Technology**

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The American University of Beirut is pleased to announce that Rita Khayat-Toubia will join the University as its first Vice President for Information Technology (VPIT)/chief information officer (CIO) effective June, 2010. Khayat-Toubia will be responsible for defining the Information Technology (IT) strategy, identifying and evaluating emerging IT solutions and directing AUB's efforts in implementing IT priorities across the campus and at AUBMC. She will report directly to the president and as a member of the president's cabinet Khayat-Toubia will work closely with the provost's office, the vice president for finance, and the vice president for medical affairs to ensure that IT strategy and planning are consistent with AUB's efforts to provide secure, cutting-edge resources to faculty, students, research libraries, financial systems, administrative offices and the AUB Medical Center (AUBMC).

Rita Khayat-Toubia has spent more than 20 years in the US and Europe honing her extensive entrepreneurial and IT executive management experience. She has worked most recently as an independent IT consultant and co-founder and CEO of Fleur de Luxe. She previously served as CIO and vice president of information systems at Proxim Corporation, where she was responsible for corporate IT strategy, operations, and mergers and acquisitions. She spent 14 years in various positions at Roussel-Uclaf, Roussel-Uclaf Holdings Corporation and Hoechst-Marion-Roussel in France, the US and Germany, where she became the global director of information systems managing 1,200 employees and financial controls for 50 subsidiaries.

“A comprehensive, carefully implemented approach to information technology at the University will benefit everyone in our community—faculty, staff, students, alumni, and our patients at AUBMC,” said President Peter Dorman. “AUB is committed to embracing the technologies that will promote our mission as the region's top liberal-arts based, research-driven university. I'm looking forward to working with Rita, who brings a wealth of experience, insight, and talent to AUB.

“I'm excited to bring my IT experience from the corporate world to this prestigious organization to help achieve its mission and advance its goals through IT,” said Khayat-Toubia. “Deploying strategies that effectively and efficiently use technology across the AUB campus and for the variety of its constituencies will require a great deal of vision, teamwork and commitment. I'm looking forward to working closely with the AUB leadership and with the IT teams to help both the University and the Medical Center get to the next level”.

Khayat-Toubia received her bachelor's in economic sciences from the University of Bordeaux, France; a master's in business administration and computer sciences from ISIM, France; and an engineering degree in business administration and information systems from Polytech Montpellier (ISIM, Institut des Sciences de l'Ingénieur de Montpellier), France. She is fluent in English, French and Arabic.