



**CCI FRANCE UAE**  
**Annual General Meeting 2023/2024**  
**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDACY FORM**

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**I, the undersigned, run for election at the CCI FRANCE UAE Board of Directors.**

**Signature:**

**Date: 02/05/2024**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a smaller signature.

Please make sure to return all the below documents before **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**, to CCI FRANCE UAE by email at [ccifranceuae@gmail.com](mailto:ccifranceuae@gmail.com):

- This form
- Your candidacy video in French – 1 minute maximum
- Your candidacy video in English – 1 minute maximum
- A copy of your visa page



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**SAFRAN**

**My activity in 4 words:**

1. Aeronautics
2. Space
3. Defence
4. Innovation (IT)



**My background and what I can bring to CCI FRANCE UAE services and activities:**

With an extensive experience of 15 years in the Defense & Aerospace industry, I joined Safran in 2016 as Middle East Regional Director in charge of the Helicopter Engines – Support Division. In October 2022, I was appointed General Manager of SAFRAN Abu Dhabi and Regional General Delegate based in UAE (Abu Dhabi). Previously, I held various Senior occupations in France at Thales Defense & Security, Avisa Partners, and also in Qatar as Chief Operating Office at ITQAN Technologies. I also took a leap in my career as an entrepreneur in 2007 by founding Keawell Associates - a Consulting Firm and health-tech start-up SYNEXTY Ltd incorporated at ADGM (Abu Dhabi). With this dual experience, I can definitely contribute to the creation of a working group dedicated to the aerospace industry and also to share my experience as an entrepreneur to assist and mentor French start-up and SMEs in their business development journey in the UAE.

**My added value in the Board:**

My knowledge of the aerospace industry and its landscape can contribute to the chamber by addressing a new sector that is currently not represented and that can an opportunity to set up a new sectoral committee, working groups or dedicated clubs. I believe that I can bring significant value to the organization thanks my experience as a founder of start-up and my recent venture in the health-Tech startup in Abu Dhabi. I have gained valuable insights and expertise in various sectors about my past consulting activities in business development. Finally, being innovative and with an entrepreneur mindset can serve as an asset in supporting small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. By taking part to mentoring and providing assistance, I can help guide and enable startups to enter the market successfully.

**Why you should vote for me:**

- Extensive knowledge of the UAE – regional - market for than 15 years especially in the aerospace industry which can set an new momentum to develop new a sectoral committee, working groups and clubs
- An entrepreneur mindset always striving to give birth to new ideas which will ultimately give guidance and assistance to start-ups and SMEs seeking for ‘from the field’ – Always seeking the promote the French know-how and innovation in the UAE.