



Matched pairs

#1 Edition

French Emirati Women Committee





MENTOR

Farah Chahma

CEO of NUVIA SIGMA & NUVIA MENA (Abu Dhabi)

- Chartered Chemical Engineer, Grande École française.
- 20+ years in nuclear industry (AREVA, NUVIA, Vinci Group).
- Former Operation Director at Cruas Nuclear Power Plant (France).
- Manages multi-functional teams, EPC negotiations, risk analysis, business development.
- Specialties: project development (early & late stage), strategy implementation, EHS management.
- Leads two entities in UAE: NUVIA SIGMA (60% Emirati owned) and NUVIA MENA.
- Passionate about localization and nuclear programme support in UAE & MENA.



MENTEE

Alia Al Rubaiey

L3 – Economics and Management

- Strong in macro/micro economics, data analysis, research.
- Seeks to apply economic theory to real business challenges.
- Wants to strengthen negotiation and strategic decision-making.

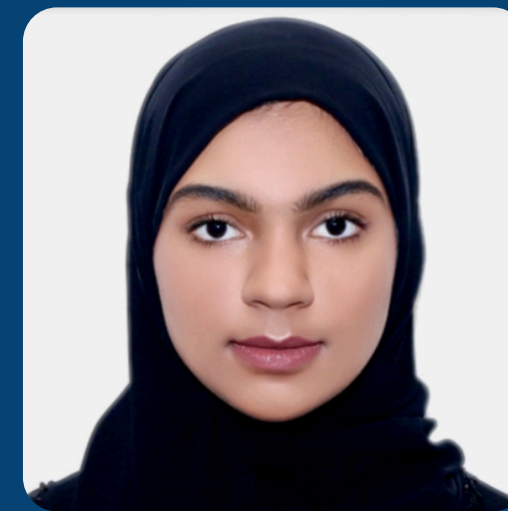


MENTOR

Abeer Al Mehairbi

Social impact entrepreneur, Founder of Tally & Co | ME Regional Director at Archipel & Co | Executive Advisor at ADNOC Onshore

- 20+ years across corporate, government, international environments.
- Pioneered women empowerment programs across UAE early in career.
- Led large-scale human capital and CSR initiatives within ADNOC.
- Focus: translating societal challenges into actionable, scalable solutions – women entrepreneurs, sustainability, innovation.
- Deep commitment to people development and community impact.



MENTEE

Alya Alzaabi

L2 – Business and Foreign Languages

- Polyglot (Arabic, English, French DALF C1, Turkish, Italian, Spanish).
- Entrepreneur, content creator, live translator (Iftar of Peace event in Paris).
- Aspires to become an ambassador. Seeks female leadership guidance.



MENTOR

Rokia Moukrite

Director, Corporate Banking, BNP Paribas Dubai

- 20+ years in corporate and institutional banking across MEA.
- Advises leading multinationals on treasury, liquidity, transaction banking.
- Bridges sales practicality with transformative power of AI – passionate about democratisation of AI in finance.
- Seasoned speaker at intersection of finance, data, and innovation.
- Challenges traditional banking models with pragmatic, visionary lens.



MENTEE

Juline Bertin

M1 – Finance, Banking and Fintech

- Background in hospitality management (EHL), finance internships at UBS (HNW client reporting) and Estée Lauder (corporate finance).
- Seeks clarity in wealth management and strategic advisory roles.
- Values female mentorship in finance.



MENTOR

Alexandra Taleva

Director Corporate Communications and Sustainability Middle East – EDF Group, EDF Power Solutions & Dalkia

- 19 years in marketing & communication across Europe, Middle East, North Africa.
- Experience in financial, digital, and clean energy industries.
- Responsibilities: digital marketing, advertising, public relations, public affairs, sustainability, sales support, event management.
- Proven track record in disruptive marketing initiatives for corporate and governmental institutions.



MENTEE

Fatmat Soufiane

L3 – Double Bachelor Philosophy & Sociology

- Skills: event organisation, public speaking, writing (Glazed Magazine).
- Seeks to apply humanities background to business/policy.
- Needs guidance on translating interdisciplinary skills into professional value.

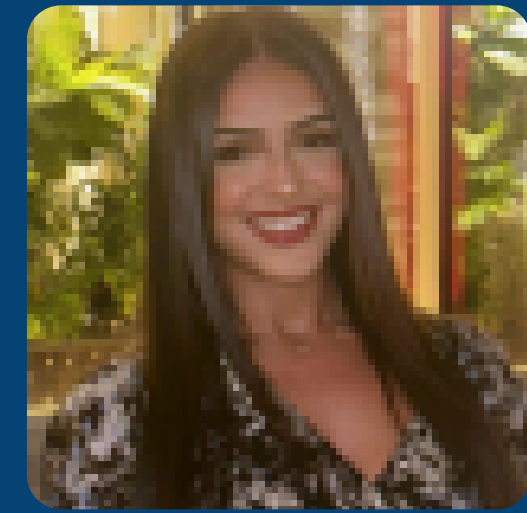


MENTOR

Agnes Lopez Cruz

Managing Director of CCI France UAE

- 20+ years in management, business development, communication (UK, France, UAE).
- Started as Product Manager at BT (London), then Orange Business Services (Paris).
- Moved to Dubai in 2008; joined French Business Council Dubai, became Business Development Director, then Managing Director.
- Led merger of French Business Council Dubai & French Business Group Abu Dhabi into CCI France UAE (2021).
- Received Dubai Quality Award (2018) and “Best Performing French Chamber of Commerce abroad” (2018).
- Member of steering committee for CCI France International network.
- Non-executive board member of a creative branding agency; mentors young female talent through Dubai Business Women Council.



MENTEE

Yasmine Bouhmidi

L3 – Economics and Management

- Moved abroad alone at 19. Aspires to finance/consulting.
- Strong in team management, customer service, logistics coordination.
- Seeks to become a role model for young women. Values resilience and leadership.



MENTOR

Ghadah Yousuf Al Ojaili

Legal Counsel TotalEnergies Middle East | Omani qualified lawyer

- Master's in International Business Law (Paris Descartes). Licence in Law & Political Science (Paris Sorbonne).
- 8+ years experience: TotalEnergies, OQ, Clyde & Co.
- Lead legal counsel for TotalEnergies' largest blending plant in Middle East; supports 5 entities in UAE, Qatar, Kazakhstan.
- Expert in international sanctions, anti-corruption, compliance, anti-counterfeit (100+ investigations, 50+ raids per year).
- Handles operational, procurement, EPC, storage, and off-take agreements.
- Former secondment to OQT – drafted sales contracts with BP, ADNOC, Vitol, Mitsui, etc.
- UAE representative for Twice committee (TotalEnergies) and member of CCI France female board.



MENTEE

Myriam Chotard

L3 – Law

- Legal intern at Lalos Chaumeil (Paris), event coordinator for international conferences. Class representative.
- Overcame serious health challenges (cancer remission).
- Seeks career in entrepreneurship and cross-disciplinary law.