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CEO, Arab Insurance Group (Arig)



As the chief executive officer of the Arab Insurance Group (Arig), the largest Arab-owned reinsurance company in the Middle East and the North Africa Region, Yassir Albaharna's reach and influence stretches far not only in the region but around the globe.

This charming Bahraini national is an Arig man through and through and has steered the company away from a global expansion programme which had cost it dearly back to its knitting as the region's main reinsurance company.

He joined the fledgling group in 1987 at the tender age of 23 after leaving university with an engineering degree and with Arig he has worked in Europe, the States, Latin America and across Asia in many lines of business.

He has been in the general management team at Arig since November 2003 and currently serves as chairman of Arima Insurance Software and of Arig Insurance Co. Ltd., UK, as well as being a board member of Takaful Re Ltd. and Arab Lebanese Insurance Group.