

## **Imad Telhami**

Founder and Chairman of Babcom Centers

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### **Personal Profile:**

Mr. Telhami is a businessman and an entrepreneur with substantial management experience and a long, successful history as a manager in global markets.

For 25 years, he had held managerial positions in the international divisions of Delta Galil Industries, including the role of CEO.

In 2008, Telhami founded Babcom Centers Ltd in northern Israel, and as of 2019 the company is employing around 2,500 employees, of which 70% are from the Arab sector, and 80% are women. Babcom operates at several sites across the country. The company provides call center services to leading Israeli companies, as well as software development and high-tech operation services.

Babcom's primary mission is twofold: investing in people, and at the same time providing top quality services including call centers, software, and more.

In line with Mr. Telhami's vision, his company involves Arab and Jewish stakeholders, and it was co-founded by him in partnership with the late industrialist and Israel Prize laureate Dov Lautman.

Mr. Telhami has devoted his life to the empowerment and advancement of Israel's Arab society. He serves in several committees and boards, and has taken part in various projects which share his aspiration, such as The Lautman Foundation, Appleseeds Academy, the governing council of the University of Haifa, the governing council of Kav Mashve, Al Fanar, The Israel Democracy Institute, and many more.

In 2014, Mr. Telhami founded an investment fund for Arab entrepreneurs, named Tawkin Labs, in partnership with Chemi Peres and Erel Margalit. The fund aims to help Arab entrepreneurs to successfully integrate into the Israeli "start-up nation" and to realize their full potential within the high-tech industry.

In 2010, Mr. Telhami was selected by The Marker Magazine as one of the 101 people with the greatest positive influence on Israeli society and economy.

In 2018, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Ben-Gurion University, for his endeavor to incorporate social contribution in his business activity.

In the same year, Harvard University in the US included in its academic curriculum a case study dedicated entirely to Mr. Telhami and Babcom Centers Ltd.

In 2019, Mr. Telhami received the Hugo Ramniceanu Prize in Economics, awarded by the Tel Aviv University.

