

Naguib Sawiris

Date of birth: June 15, 1954
Domicile: Cairo
Languages: Arabic, German, English, French
Married, four children



Education and Career

Naguib Sawiris holds a Diploma of Mechanical Engineering with a Masters in Technical Administration from the Swiss Institute of Technology, ETH Switzerland and a Diploma from the German Evangelical School, Cairo, Egypt.

Since joining Orascom, the family business, in 1979, Naguib Sawiris has continuously contributed to the growth and diversification of the company into what it is today – one of Egypt's largest and most diversified conglomerates. The Orascom Group is the country's largest private sector employer and has the largest market capitalization on the Cairo & Alexandria Stock Exchange. Naguib Sawiris established and built the railway, information technology, and telecommunications sectors of Orascom. Naguib Sawiris has chaired Orascom Telecom Holding since then up until May 2011 and has dynamically led the growth of the company to become the leading regional Telecom player and among the highest regarded Emerging Markets players in the world.

After the successful takeover of a majority stake in Wind Telecommunications in Italy in 2005, Naguib Sawiris took over the management as its Chairman. In April 2011, Wind Telecom merged with Vimpelcom Ltd, becoming the world's sixth largest mobile telecommunications provider by number of subscribers with operations in 20 countries serving 181 million customers. As part of the merger deal, Naguib Sawiris has spun off Orascom Telecom's non-gsm operations and Egyptian-based telecom assets into Orascom Telecom Media and Technology Holding of which he is currently Executive Chairman

Seats and functions at Boards, Committees and Councils:

- Executive Chairman of Orascom Telecom Media and Technology Holding S.A.E
- Founder of Orascom Telecom Holding S.A.E.
- Member of the International Advisory Committee to the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Board of Directors (IAC) since November 2005
- Board Member of the International Advisory Board of the National Bank of Kuwait
- President of the German-Arab Chamber of Industry and Commerce
- Board Member of Mentor Arabia
- Board Member of the Supreme Council of Sciences and Technology among a galaxy of scientists including Nobel Laureate Dr. Ahmed Zewail, Dr. Farouk El Baz and Dr. Magdi Yaqoub.
- Vice- Chair, Sawiris Foundation For Social Development
- Member of both the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of the Arab Thought Foundation
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the French University in Cairo
- Board Member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs
- Board Member of the Consumer Rights Protection Association of Egypt
- Founder of the first and most dynamic liberal party in Egypt, the Free Egyptians Party, the leading defender of democratic values, pluralism and the preservation of the civil nature of the Egyptian state

Honorary degrees, Industry awards and Civic honors:

- „Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur“ - France
- „Commendatore dell'Ordine della Stella della solidarieta italiana“
- „Sitara-e-Quaid-e-Azam“ Award - Pakistan