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**Co-Founder
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May is an Award-Winning Architect and Fashion Entrepreneur working across Art, Architecture and Fashion Sectors. She is the Co-Founder of The Cartel Fashion Platform and Concept Store in Dubai and the Editor-in-Chief of the cARTel Publication on Wearable Art. May is also a partner of The cARTel Advisory.

May curates local, regional and international emerging designers and launches them into global markets. She works closely with designers to refine edits, techniques, and adapt creations to targeted markets. She is actively present in the international fashion weeks of Paris, London, Milan, and Copenhagen.

In addition, May is an Art Curator with almost a decade of experience in directing fashion shows, achieving award winning architectural concepts and curating exhibitions in Dubai, London and Budapest including the Middle East's first Solo Show of Iris Van Herpen, and 'A Second Skin' in Paris-Sorbonne Abu Dhabi. She is an active consultant to individual brands in anticipating the evolution of the fashion industry.

May is the Recipient of Cityscape Architect of the Year Award 2008, British Petroleum Innovative Design Award 2009, Emirates Land Group Award 2012. She is a member of the Bunyan University Leadership Consortium Under the leadership of H.H. Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak.

May holds a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the American University in Sharjah and a Fashion Buying Certificate from London College of Fashion. May is an EMBA candidate with a track in Luxury Brand Management in HEC Paris.