



Khalid Al Tayer

Chief Executive Officer, Retail
Al Tayer Group

Khalid Al Tayer was appointed in 2011 to the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Retail business of Al Tayer Group, a multi-division conglomerate based in the UAE. The Group represents over 60 luxury, lifestyle, beauty and hospitality brands including Armani, Coach, Jimmy Choo, Gap and Crate & Barrel, and has licenses for both Harvey Nichols and Bloomingdale's.

Khalid graduated with a Bachelors of Science in entrepreneurship, corporate finance and economics from Babson College in the US in 1999. His first venture in retail began shortly after as co-founder of Makook.com with college classmate Rishi Bojhwani. The internet start-up was launched in July 2000 and provided an online auction platform, similar to that of eBay, to the UAE market. It was a winner at the Dubai Internet City E-Biz Challenge.

In his time at the helm of the retail business, Khalid has spearheaded Joint Venture arrangements with Gucci, Prada, Bulgari, Saint Laurent, Bottega Veneta and Ermenegildo Zegna. Prior to joining Al Tayer Group as Group General Manager in 2005, Khalid worked at McKinsey & Co. and Emirates Financial Services. Khalid currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of the UAE and the Board of the Retail Business Group at the Dubai Chamber.