

Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan Announced As Patron of Global Thinkers Forum 2012

London, September 19 2012 - Global Thinkers Forum 2012 (GTF 2012) is delighted to announce the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah II for a landmark event celebrating the region's leading female thinkers and innovators in Amman, Jordan, between 6-8 October, 2012.

Elizabeth Filippouli, Founder and Director GTF 2012 comments: 'As a passionate and internationally acclaimed advocate for young people, education, communities and peace, Her Majesty is the perfect voice of support for Global Thinkers Forum 2012. Her Majesty's patronage is further testimony to the incredible and wide-ranging support we have already received, and an important milestone for this innovative and inspirational conference.'

Queen Rania is also the Honoree for the GTF 2012 Award for Excellence in Global Thinking. Confirmed speakers and GTF Award Honorees include: HRH Princess Rym Ali of Jordan, Fadi Ghandour, Arianna Huffington, Deema Bibi, Professor Saskia Sassen, Majd Shweikeh, Dr Hayat Sindi, Dr. Usama Fayyad, H.E. the British Ambassador to Jordan Mr. Peter Millett and Reem N. Bsaiso.

The Forum will also co-host the GTF 2012 Awards Ceremony Dinner with Oasis500, the MENA region's premier early stage and seed investment company, which aims to invest in, incubate, accelerate and enable 500 technology startups to receive follow-on venture capital.

"We are proud of our partnership with Global Thinkers Forum and are happy to support their mission especially in accelerating leadership and innovation for females in Jordan," said Dr. Usama Fayyad, Executive Chairman of Oasis500 and former Executive Vice President and Chief Data Officer of Yahoo! Inc. "We are greatly honoured by the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania, who has risen as one of the strongest advocates for youth, women's rights and entrepreneurship in general, and Oasis500's activities and training boot camps in particular."

The Forum features Jordan Ahli Bank, Qatar Airways, Umniah and the King Abdullah II Fund for Development among its Sponsors

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The Global Thinkers Forum's Awards for Excellence in Global Thinking, Leadership, Philanthropy, Life, Media, Science, Positive Change, Innovation, Gender Equality, Entrepreneurship, Cultural Understanding will also be presented following voting and the deliberations of its Board of Advisors: Chris Cramer, Global Head of Insider, Thomson Reuters; Lindsay Oliver, International Commercial Director at Bloomberg; Salim Amin Chairman of A24 Media; Reem N. Bsaio,; Maggie Eales, Senior Vice President, CNN International; Richard Sambrook, Director of the Centre for Journalism at Cardiff University, , Professor Marc Ventresca Oxford University, and Valerie Keller, Young Global Leader and CEO, Veritas.

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About Global Thinkers Forum

The Global Thinkers Forum (GTF) is a non-profit initiative and a platform to create dialogue and bring current and future leaders together to discuss governance, society, progress and the future. GTF has been created to reposition perceptions about governance through a global perspective. GTF 2012 takes place in Amman, Jordan (October 6/7/8) and focuses on the role of the modern MENA woman, in the region and globally. This is a turning point for MENA and many preconceived ideas are changing across Politics, Governance, Business and Society. GTF promotes the extensive participation of women as a necessary imperative for our world and the creation of just societies. GTF encourages the participation of young people and welcomes students for free.

Global Thinkers Forum was founded by Director Elizabeth Filippouli, a Strategy and Development expert and former journalist with CNN International and Al Jazeera English. Elizabeth was educated at the Universities of Athens, London City, Harvard and Oxford.

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About Oasis500

Oasis500 is the first development and investment company of its kind in the MENA region. It aims to support entrepreneurs by providing them with funding and training in an effort to accelerate the transformation of business ideas into start-up companies in the ICT, digital media, and mobile technologies and content sectors. Oasis500 aims to facilitate the launch of 500 start-up companies within the next five years, which will create an incentive for aspiring

entrepreneurs and generate job opportunities within the world's fastest growing sectors. Since commencing its operations in September 2010, Oasis500 has successfully secured investments for 55 technology companies, in addition to a number of other investments that were unmatched by any investment fund in the region.

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