



As globalization takes its course and capital investments are less and less restricted to the investors' respective countries, the issue of corporate governance practices in different regions takes center stage. This is particularly true for the Middle East. The region has seen large shifts in economic and regulatory policies that encourage both local and foreign investments. As a result, corporate governance in the Middle East has seen a resurgence and increased scrutiny and public enforcement against infringers.

The debate surrounding corporate governance in the Middle East has shifted from legislative reforms to enforcement and implementation, as legal and regulatory frameworks in the region evolved and developed. However, as shown throughout this volume, companies in this region are still lagging in terms of the implementation of substantive corporate governance practices, catalyzing in turn some negative perceptions by investors surrounding regional organizations.

The contents of this book respond to this dynamic. Expert scholars in the field of corporate governance have compiled research to provide insights into what is happening in this space across the Middle East. The chapters provide snapshots of the current forms and practices of corporate governance in the Middle East as a whole and across multiple countries within the region.

The aim of this book is to create a reliable go-to source of knowledge surrounding corporate governance in the MENA region. Investors, legislators, and academics can get insights on the current developments in the field specifically related to the Middle East. This resource can also help managers in the MENA region to deepen their understanding of corporate governance practices and to convert these new insights into tangible outcomes in their own organizations.

We hope that this reference will inspire future research in this field and spur legislative action that aims to improve the uptake and implementation of corporate governance in the Middle East.

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