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Mr. Issam Al Tawari is currently the Chairman and Managing Director of Rasameel Structured Finance company a Capital Markets focused investment company supervised by the Central Bank of Kuwait and Chairman of Rasameel Investment Bank a Dubai based , DIFC regulated bank . His latest area of interest is the development of Islamic debt Capital Markets .

He started his career with Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) , Bahrain working in the area of loans & syndication covering European market, than covered the GCC market at later stage. He then worked extensively on Corporate Finance issues with ABC's what then was a newly incorporated subsidiary in 1994 ABC Islamic Bank to become Associate Director with main responsibility on syndication and marketing. He joined The International Investor ("TII"), Kuwait in 1998 at the Structured Finance area working on Project Finance , asset backed leases and broad range of Islamic investment products . His last position with TII was the Chief Operating Officer ("COO") and a Partner with the structured Finance Group .

He served on the board of directors of a number of companies and funds. He was also the ex- Chairman of Ain Takaful Insurance company , Kuwait and ex-chairman of Binaá & Namaá (Sorooh) Investment company, Kuwait specialized in financing B.O.T. projects and co founder of Ritaj Investment Company . He constantly speaks in Islamic Banking industry conferences and seminars .

He is a member of Young Arab Leaders ("YAL") and the Kuwaiti Economics Societies. In addition he is both a Harvard University and Henley Management College Alumni and has also received his MBA from University of Hull (Dist.), England in 1998 and his B.A. in Economics and Business Administration from Kuwait University in 1987.