



**Talat M. Othman** is a seasoned Executive. As President of Grove Financial, Inc., an international investment management firm located in Chicago, Illinois, he specialized in managing Private investment funds and U.S.-Middle East business. Mr. Othman is a past Independent Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Amana Mutual Funds, Bellingham, Washington.

From 1983 to 1995, Mr. Othman served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dearborn Financial Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois.

From 1978 to 1983, he was General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Saudi Arab Finance Corporation, Luxembourg, and General Manager of the Saudi Investment Group, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, including its merchant bank branches headquartered in Paris, France.

From 1956 to 1977, Mr. Othman was associated with the Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago, Illinois, as Vice President and Division Administrator of the International Money Management Division, including the International Economic Research Unit.

He had served on several Corporate boards including: Chairman of the Board of Dansk International Design, Ltd., Mt. Kisco, New York; Chairman, Goodson Polymer Corp. Dayton, Ohio; Bank One Wisconsin Corporation, Milwaukee; Hartmarx Corporation, Chicago; Texas Power Corporation, Houston; E Z Serve Corporation, Houston, Harken Energy Corporation, Dallas; Pathogenesis, Skokie, Illinois and a member of the Advisory Board of Ovation pharmaceuticals, Deerfield, Illinois.

Mr. Othman has been involved in many civic and professional organizations. He served as President of the Arab Bankers Association of North America in New York, and was the founding President of the Mid-America Arab Chamber of Commerce in Chicago, Illinois in 1974. In 1973, he founded the Midwest Chapter of the Forex Association of North America. He served as an Honorary Member of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago, member of the advisory board of the Catholic Theological Union, Cardinal Bernardin Center, Chicago, and the Hashemite Association for International Economic Co-operation, Amman, Jordan, a past member of the board of the Industrial Areas Foundation, Chicago – a national community organizer that founded United Power for Action and Justice. In 1991 he founded the Arab-American Business & Professional Association, Illinois and served as President, promoting cross-border relations, trade and investment, while enhancing the professional image of Arab Americans and developing leaders in the community.

Mr. Othman served on the Dean's Council of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the Advisory Board of the Greater Middle East Studies Center at RAND, California, the Board of Trustees of the Center for Excellence in Education, Washington D.C. and the Board of Directors of the Kahlil Gibran Centennial Foundation, Washington, D.C. Additionally, Othman. served on the boards of Trustees for the Illinois State Universities Retirement System and the Illinois State Finance Authority.

Mr. Othman has frequently written and spoken on the international monetary system, international money markets, and international economic issues. In addition, he contributed the first chapter of The Techniques of Foreign Exchange Trading.

Other volunteer activities, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Middle East Policy Council, Washington, D.C. and a member of the President's Circle of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. He also serves on the Board of Governors of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and is a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of ALSAC, the hospital's fund-raising arm.

In 2003, he co-founded the "Chicago Ten" a group of high profile individuals representing the three Abrahamic religions to promote peace in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and assist in economic development in Gaza and the West Bank. Mr. Othman with friends initiated the Palestinian Student Scholarship Fund for Bright but impoverished Palestinian students in Israel at the University of Haifa and later to other Universities in the West Bank and Gaza.

Mr. Othman received many honors including a Tribute on the floor of the House of Representatives on November 25, 1994 by Congressman Nick J. Rahall, In 1997, Jim Edgar, Governor of Illinois, issued a proclamation declaring November 1, 1997 as Talat M. Othman Day in Illinois. On May 19, 2005, he was the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the Catholic Theological Union.

Mr. Othman served as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee that founded the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago in 1992.