



Profile
Abdulaziz Al Jouf
Group CEO & Founder

Profile: (500 words)



Abdulaziz Fahad Al Jouf is a Saudi entrepreneur and the Founder and CEO of PayTabs Group, a ground-breaking payment processing company which he started in Saudi Arabia in 2014. He is a dynamic, enthusiastic, focused and a hands-on natural leader, who is dedicated to supporting and mentoring young entrepreneurs. He is a self-confessed risk-taker, always open to opportunities as they arise and making the most of them. He recognises failure not as a failing but as a lesson from which to gain invaluable experience.

Abdulaziz started work in 1999 with the oil giant Saudi Aramco where he acquired Microsoft MCP, MCA, MCSE, MCSE +S and Cisco Networking Engineering Admin CNA. He moved to the USA at the turn of the millennium where he attempted to gain a BSc in IT from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and an ECE & E from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He later went on to attempt an MBA from the New York Institute of Technology.

PayTabs was conceived when Abdulaziz faced problems in finding a suitable payments gateway for one of his own business startups. When he couldn't find one to meet his requirements, he typically decided to set one up himself, figuring that there would be many others with the same issues -- SME owners in the MENA region needing access to a payments' platform tailored to their requirements. He was right and soon his ingenuity caught the attention of the oil giant Saudi Aramco, and PayTabs was taken under the wing of its entrepreneurship scheme 'Wa'ed.'

A visionary, Abdulaziz has created one of the most exciting and successful new e-commerce businesses in the MENA region. So successful, indeed, that he raised a \$20 million investment in 2016 to support PayTabs' expansion in the Middle East and North Africa.

He and his company have been regularly honoured by industry watchers both in the region and internationally. In 2020, PayTabs emerged as one of the top 10 funded startups in the Middle East while in 2019, it was ranked number one on the top 20 Fintech Startups list, by Forbes Middle East. In 2021, the PayTabs mobile application was awarded one of the top 15 best apps in the MENA region.

Just recently, PayTabs was picked as one of 15 Saudi startups nominated to become unicorns. This prestige is part of a program run by the Monshaat Entrepreneurship Department.

Abdulaziz and PayTabs have been the recipients of awards and recognition from media giants such as The Asian Banker, Entrepreneur Middle East, Forbes, Esameyoon & MASIC. Both PayTabs and Abdulaziz have featured on cover stories in leading media publications including Forbes Middle East, Wired Magazine, and Arabian Business. Abdulaziz is regularly interviewed by international media organizations such as Bloomberg, Reuters, Sky Arabia, CNBC, and CNN Arabic to share his thoughts and views in the Fintech space.

As he is fondly known among his peers is a husband, father, book worm, a fitness enthusiast, globe trotter and just fun to grab a coffee with.



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Profile: (150 words)

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In addition to being a serial entrepreneur, AA (as he is fondly known) is a book worm, a fitness enthusiast, globe trotter and just fun to have coffee with.

Background to Biography

Full Name	Abdulaziz Fahad Al Jouf
Other Names	AA, Jouf, Jeff
Current Position	CEO & Founder, PayTabs Group
Born (DOB)	7 July
Country	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)
Civil Status	Husband & Father
Social media links	LinkedIn – https://www.linkedin.com/in/abdulaziz-aljouf/ Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/joufaf Twitter – https://twitter.com/joufaf
Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PayTabs Group • SaleTab • Extabs • Saudi Aramco
Education	<p>New York Institute of Technology (Attempted) MBA, E-Business</p> <p>University of Missouri-Kansas City ECE & E-Commerce, Computer Engineering</p> <p>University of Nebraska at Omaha (Attempted) BS, Information Technology</p> <p>Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University (KSA) BA, Islamic Business</p>
Hobbies/ Interests	Travelling, Mentoring, Reading, Fitness, Football
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviewed by <i>Entrepreneur Middle East</i> • Interviewed by <i>Startup MGZN</i> • Featured on cover of <i>Forbes</i> magazine • Featured on cover of <i>Rowad</i> magazine • Featured on the cover of <i>Arabian Business</i> • Interviewed by <i>Bloomberg, Reuters, CNN Arabic, ArabNews, Al Arabiya</i> and <i>Sky Arabia</i>
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