


Abdulaziz Al Jouf
CEO & Founder of PayTabs
 Background to Biography

Full Name	Abdulaziz Fahad Al Jouf
Other Names	AA, Jouf, Jeff
Current Position	CEO & Founder, PayTabs
Born (DOB)	07/07/1979
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Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PayTabs Holding Company - SaleTab - Extabs - Saudi Aramco
Education	<p>New York Institute of Technology MBA, E-Business</p> <p>University of Missouri-Kansas City ECE & E-Commerce, Computer Engineering</p> <p>University of Nebraska at Omaha BS, Information Technology</p> <p>Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University (KSA) BA, Islamic Business</p>
Hobbies/Interests	Travelling, Mentoring, Reading
Recognitions	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Cover interview with <i>Arabian Business</i>, June 2018</p> <p>file:///C:/Users/Abdullah/Desktop/Saudi's%20PayTabs %20is%20this%20the%20future%20of%20banking %20-%20ArabianBusiness.com.html</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PayTabs among the top 10 most funded startups in the Middle East: 2020 - #1 on the top 20 Fintech Startups in 2019 by Forbes Middle East - #1 on <i>Forbes' Middle East's 'Top Fintech Startups to Watch in 2018</i> - The Gulf's Fintech Company of the Year, 'Arabian Business Achievement Awards', May 2018 - Innovation Leadership Achievement Award, <i>The Asian Banker</i>, 2017 - Named 'Top Fintech Influencer in the Middle East' by the London-based global fintech hub LATTICE80, 2017 - Number four on <i>Forbes' Middle East's</i> list of 'Top 100 Global Startups 2017' - Number one on <i>Forbes' Middle East's</i> 'Most Promising Startup' in 2016 - Enterprise Agility Achiever: Payment Solution of the Year (PayTabs) – 'Enterprise Agility Awards: Entrepreneur of the Year' in 2015' - Abdulaziz recognised by <i>Forbes Middle East</i> as one of the 'Top 100 Most Promising Saudi Entrepreneurs in 2014'

Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interviewed by <i>Entrepreneur Middle East</i>, Dubai, 2018 - Interviewed by <i>Startup MGZN</i>, 2018 - Featured on cover of <i>Forbes</i> magazine - Featured on cover of <i>Rowad</i> magazine - Interviewed by <i>Bloomberg</i>, <i>Reuter</i>, <i>CNN Arabic</i>, <i>Al Arabiya</i> and <i>Sky Arabia</i>
More information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For more information on the above go to: - https://site.PayTabs.com/en/newsroom/

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Abdulaziz Al Jouf

Biography

(500 words)

Abdulaziz Fahad Al Jouf is a Saudi entrepreneur and the Founder and CEO of PayTabs, a ground-breaking payment processing company which he started in Saudi Arabia in January 2014 and is now based in Bahrain. Abdulaziz started PayTabs having already gained considerable experience in setting up other e-commerce companies, including SaleTab and Extabs.

Known to his staff as AA, he is a dynamic, passionate, focused and a hands-on natural leader who is fiercely supportive of his team and their personal growth and development. He believes in giving back and he does so by tirelessly mentoring the region's 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 gained a BSc in IT from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, an ECE & E from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He later went on to try 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 needs 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 creation caught the attention of the oil giant Saudi Aramco and PayTabs was taken under the wing of its entrepreneurship scheme 'Wa'ed'.

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 other countries in Asia.

Abdulaziz and PayTabs have been regularly lauded by their peers both in the region and internationally. Just recently, 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 2018, Abdulaziz figured on the cover of *Arabian Business* and PayTabs was awarded the title of 'Fintech Company of the Middle East' at the prestigious *Arabian Business* Achievement Awards.

Both PayTabs and Abdulaziz have also been featured in leading magazines including *Forbes Middle East* and *Entrepreneur* and in interviews with international media organisations such as *Bloomberg*, *Reuters*, *Sky Arabia*, *CNBC* and *CNN Arabic*.

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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.

After studying in the USA, he returned to his native country and started PayTabs when facing problems in finding a suitable payments gateway for one of his own business startups.

PayTabs is 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.

He and his company have regularly been honoured by industry watchers both in the region and internationally. Just recently, 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

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Abdulaziz Fahad Al Jouf is a US-educated, Saudi entrepreneur and the dynamic Founder and CEO of PayTabs, an exciting, highly successful and ground-breaking payment processing company. He is a serial entrepreneur and self-confessed risk taker.

Abdulaziz and PayTabs have received many accolades and awards. Abdulaziz figured on the cover of *Arabian Business* and was featured in a major interview in 2018 and was conferred with a CEO Excellence Award in Riyadh in April 2019. Most recently, PayTabs emerged as one of the top funded startups in the region. He is a regular commentator on international media organisations, including *Bloomberg*, *Reuters*, *Sky Arabia*, *CNBC* and *CNN Arabic*.

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Photography & Headshots



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