



Samih Sawiris
Chairman, Orascom Development Holding

Samih Sawiris was born in Cairo on the 28th of January 1957 as the middle son among three sons of Onsi Sawiris, founder and president of Orascom conglomerate in Egypt. After attending the German School in Cairo (Deutsche Evangelische Oberschule), he graduated from the Technical University of Berlin with a Diploma in Economic Engineering in 1980. He is married and has five children and lives in Cairo.

Samih Sawiris is Chairman and CEO of the newly established Swiss holding company Orascom Development Holding SA (OD Holding) with headquarters in Altdorf, Switzerland. OD Holding is the parent company of Cairo based Orascom Hotels & Development (OHD) since May 2008. The primary listing of OD Holding is on the main segment of SWX Swiss Exchange and a secondary listing is expected to take place on CASE (Cairo and Alexandria Stock Exchanges). OHD today is a leading integrated town developer in Egypt and the Middle East which develops and manages fully fledged touristic towns. With the development of El Gouna town on the Red Sea in 1989, Mr. Sawiris laid the foundation stone for OHD. El Gouna - with its modern arabesque architecture & unique interior de-sign - holds 15 hotels, managed by OHD's brands and international hotels chains such as Moevenpick, Sheraton, and Club Med. It also encompasses numerous restaurants, discos, pubs, shopping arcades, more than 10 km of beaches, various water & land-sport facilities, its own luxurious marina, an international school, a hospital and an airport. El Gouna Real Estate properties, owned by people from more than 30 different nationalities spending their vacation in El Gouna or living in El Gouna, among them 300 European families; about 400 pupils attend the El Gouna international School and 168 students the Egyptian-German Hotel School (Hotelfachschule). El Gouna was awarded four "Green Globe 21" certificates for its admirable respect of environmental principles. "Green Globe 21", granted by the World Travel & Tourism Council, promotes tourism based on the Agenda 21, which was passed in 1991 by the UNO Earth Summit. Apart from El Gouna, OHD runs Taba Heights, its second integrated town located on the Gulf of Aqaba (Sinai, Egypt). the Tala Bay Aqaba Resort in Jordan and "The Cove" Resort, which is under construction on the Persian Gulf Coast in Ras Al Kheima (United Arab Emirates). Furthermore, OHD tourism resorts under development are located on the Gulf of Oman; the project consists of 4 huge projects; Sifah, Salalah, EL Soda Island and City Complex in Mus-cat. In Switzerland, Samih Sawiris got a rare permission from the Swiss government to develop a luxury resort in Alpine Village of Andermatt covering approx. 1.4mnm2. OHD is the first company, in the Swiss history, to be granted exemptions from "Lex Koller" regulations, which relates to the restriction of non-residents to own land/real estate in Switzerland. OHD capitalized on its successful El Gouna flagship of transforming an unknown site into an international leisure destination. Last but not least, Samih has started his Low income housing project in Egypt whose target is to offer affordable housing all across Egypt. The first development is 8.4 Million square meters in Six of October city with initial target of 50,000 units built in the first five to seven years. The second development is located in El Fayoum of 20,000 square meters.