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Namir is also a passionate entrepreneur and owner of Marj Group (www.marj.com), a private holding and investment company he established in Dubai in 2008 with investments that span across multiple sectors such as Food & Beverage, Pharmaceutical Distribution, Child Education, Pet Care, and Facilities Maintenance. With an avid interest in technology and the way it has been evolving over the past decade, Namir invested, through Marj Group, in a technology fund which holds a portfolio of renowned Middle Eastern tech companies such as Property Finder, Careem, fetchr, shedul, and bayzat.

Prior to the role of Managing Director, Namir volunteered to establish the inaugural GMIS in 2017 at the Paris Sorbonne University in Abu Dhabi by leading all marketing and operational logistics on behalf of the organising committee. During his tenure as a volunteer, Namir was instrumental in transforming GMIS into a platform for global good. This transformation has transpired in the launch of GMIS' first endeavor - the Mohammed bin Rashid Initiative for Global Prosperity (www.makingprosperity.com), a global impact initiative which aims to unite the world's leading manufacturers, start-ups and entrepreneurs, governments, UN agencies and philanthropists, academia and researchers, to form a community dedicated to spreading global prosperity through the art of 'making'.