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After 25 years (1983 to 2008) spent in the banking sector, in the business and client developments, both in private banking (out of Monaco and Geneva) and commercial banking (out of Paris and Nice), and in the general management of banking institutions, last position being General Manager at Qatar National Bank in Paris from 2004 to 2008,

Hadi has concentrated since 2009 on corporate governance topics and processes and has joined the French (IFA) and Luxembourgish (ILA) Institutes of Directors.

He sat between 2010 and 2014 on the boards of directors of IDEFIE and Club des Exportateurs de France.

He has been appointed as independent director, Chairman of the Risk Committee, and member of the Audit Committee at First National Bank (one of the Alpha Banks Group in Lebanon) in 2014 and served in this position till 2022.

Since January 2015, he has also been appointed as Coordinator for the Institute for Finance and Governance (IFG), created at the initiative of the Central Bank of Lebanon at ESA Business School, where he developed various partnerships, programs and events promoting good governance. He still serves as General Secretary at IFG.

He is a regular member of the MENA Working Group on Corporate Governance at OECD, and regular speaker and panelist in conferences and forums on Corporate Governance in Lebanon and the region.