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Professor Jean-Paul Arnaout is the New Dean of the College of Business at ADU

I am pleased to announce that after a rigorous search process, Professor **Jean-Paul Arnaout** has been appointed as the new Dean of the College of Business at **Abu Dhabi University**. Professor Arnaout brings over 20 years of academic and administrative experience from the United States, Lebanon, and Kuwait. Most recently, he served as Dean of the College of Business Administration at **Gulf University for Science and Technology** in Kuwait, where he successfully led AACSB reaccreditation efforts and secured new accreditations and affiliations with ACCA, IMA, CFA, and CII. He also spearheaded the launch of the GUST Startup Lab, expanded the curriculum with over 20 academic tracks—including FinTech and Supply Chain Analytics—and established strategic industry partnerships to integrate platforms such as SAP and ZOHO into the learning experience. Under his leadership, faculty research output nearly doubled over the past five years, with a focus on publishing in top-ranked journals.

As he steps into his new role at ADU, Professor Arnaout looks forward to advancing the college's global profile through accreditation excellence, innovative programs, impactful research, and deeper industry engagement. He is particularly excited to build on ADU's strong foundation by launching new concentrations aligned with Abu Dhabi's economic priorities and enhancing student outcomes through experiential learning, technology integration, and expanded opportunities for professional certifications and microcredentials.

The College of Business at ADU consistently achieves high rankings in subject-specific evaluations conducted by renowned organizations like THE, QS, and ShanghaiRanking:

- In Business and Economics, ADU is ranked 62nd in the world and first in the Arab World in the THE World University Rankings by Subject 2025.
- The MBA program is ranked 151-200 in the QS Global MBA rankings and 8th in the Arab Region.
- In Business and Management Studies, ADU is ranked 151-200 by QS.
- In Business Administration, ADU is ranked 200-300 in the 2024 ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS).

The College of Business's programs at ADU holds accreditation from internationally recognized bodies like AACSB and EQUIS, with only 2% of business schools worldwide receiving double accreditation.

The College of Business offers programs at the undergraduate, master's, and doctorate levels, aligned with prestigious international professional certifications such as CMA, CIMA, SHRM, CFA, and others.

Congratulations 🎉🎊 Professor Jean-Paul and welcome aboard.

I would like to thank our current provost, **Professor Barry O'Mahony**, for serving as Acting Dean during the search for a new Dean.

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