

## **Mr Jan Bladen - Chief Operating Officer**



Jan Bladen was born in the Netherlands and is both a British and Swiss citizen. Raised in the Far East, Middle East, Europe and Africa, he was educated in French embassy and British public schools.

Mr Bladen's professional skills combine operational, strategic and consultancy experience on international levels. He is currently the founding Chief Operating Officer and longest serving member of the Executive Board, having joined the DFSA in 2005.

Prior to the DFSA, Mr Bladen spent eight years with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in both Geneva and Dubai as a member of the Global Risk Management Practice. His professional experience with PwC focused on corporate strategy, enterprise risk management, new methodology developments and included international mandates spanning over 37 countries from 1998 to 2005. Mr Bladen is a regular key note speaker on the subjects of Corporate Governance and Risk Management and was one of PwC's lead experts on Enterprise Risk Management. He transferred from PwC Geneva to PwC Dubai to lead the development of Risk Management Services for the Middle East.

Prior to PwC, he spent three years as a management consultant with legacy McKinsey Partners, Value Management Group. From 1998 to 2003 he was



elected President of Executives International in Switzerland and was nominated to the Committee of the British Swiss Chamber of Commerce.

In 2011, Mr Bladen was one of the first certified independent Board Directors, in the Middle East, to be admitted to the Mudara Institute of Directors (IOD), having successfully undertaken the IOD's Director Development Programme, passed the required exams and jury interviews. He is also fluent in English, French and Spanish and obtained a Master in Business Administration (summa cum laude) from Lausanne in 1993.

Mr Bladen is a member of the Board of Governors of Abbotsholme School, a leading private boarding school in England. His leisure activities include a passion for polo, horses and mountaineering, counting both a Mount Everest Expedition in Nepal and the Lunana Snowman Expedition through the Kingdom of Bhutan. Mr Bladen is a member of both Desert Palm Polo Club (Dubai) and Guards Polo Club (UK).

He is married with three children.