

Leadership team

Mohammed Y. Al Qahtani

Downstream President



Mohammed Y. Al Qahtani was appointed Downstream President, effective July 1, 2023.

Prior to this post Mr. Al Qahtani held the position of Executive Vice President Downstream, a role he commenced on September 13, 2020.

In addition to leading the Downstream organization, Mr. Al Qahtani serves as chairman of Aramco Trading Company (ATC), Motiva Enterprises, and Saudi Aramco Total Refining and Petrochemical Company (SATORP). He is also Vice Chairman of Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), and a board member of the Saudi Arabian Mining Company (Ma'aden), S-Oil, and the Dhahran Techno Valley Holding Company. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Advisors for the Bilateral U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce.

Other boards on which he has previously served include the Saudi Aramco Jubail Refinery Company (SASREF), the King Salman Energy City (SPARK) Development Company, the Saudi Council of Engineers, the Arabian Geophysical & Surveying Company Ltd., the Pengerang Refining Company Sdn Bhd and Pengerang Petrochemical Sdn Bhd (collectively known as PRefChem), and the International Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Over the course of his career at Saudi Aramco, Mr. Al Qahtani has demonstrated versatile leadership in roles spanning the corporate, Upstream, and Downstream sectors. In 2007, he was President and CEO of Aramco Services Company in Houston, Texas. In 2008, he was appointed Saudi Aramco's Chief Petroleum Engineer. In 2009, he assumed the position of Executive Director and then Vice President of Petroleum Engineering & Development, followed by roles as Vice President of Saudi Aramco Corporate Affairs and Vice President of Corporate Planning. In 2016, Mohammed became a member of the corporate management committee, and was named Senior Vice President of Upstream, a position he held until his move across to leading Aramco's Downstream business in 2020, first as Executive Vice President and then, from 2023, in his current role as President of Downstream.

In 2025, Mr. Al Qahtani was elected as a member of the prestigious National Academy of Engineering in the U.S., one of the world's highest professional distinctions in the field of engineering. Mr. Al Qahtani was recognized for his leadership and contributions to carbon management in the oil and gas industry.

Mr. Al Qahtani earned a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering from King Fahad University of Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM) in 1988, followed by a master's degree and doctorate in the same field from the University of Southern California in 1992 and 1996, respectively. He has taken part in several leadership and management training programs, including the IMD Leadership Program in Lausanne, Switzerland; the Saudi Aramco Management Development Seminar in Washington, D.C.; and the Oil Economies Seminar and the Oxford Energy Seminar, both in London.