



# MASTERCLASS: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN THE UAE

8-Hour CLPD-Accredited Executive Programme

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## OVERVIEW

Join **LexisNexis Middle East**, in partnership with **DIFC Academy**, and **Hage-Chahine Law Firm** for an intensive, in-person masterclass designed for legal and business leaders operating in the UAE.

Delivered over two half-day sessions, this programme provides a practical, UAE-specific understanding of corporate governance, combining regulatory insight with real-world application. Participants will gain the tools needed to strengthen governance frameworks, enhance board effectiveness, and manage regulatory, ethical, and risk-related challenges with confidence.

## AGENDA AT A GLANCE

- Corporate Governance Foundations & UAE Context
- UAE Regulatory & Compliance Framework
- Board Effectiveness, Duties & Liability
- Shareholder Rights & Governance Dynamics
- CSR, ESG & Risk Management
- Ethics & Practical Application

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participants will be able to:

- Analyse UAE corporate governance requirements across onshore and free-zone regimes
- Assess board roles, duties, and liabilities to improve governance effectiveness
- Apply shareholder rights and minority protection mechanisms in practice
- Integrate CSR, ESG, risk management, and internal controls into governance strategy
- Navigate ethical, compliance, and conflict-of-interest challenges

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- In-house counsel and legal advisors
- Board members, corporate secretaries, and governance officers
- Senior executives and corporate managers
- Compliance, risk, and internal audit professionals

## PROGRAMME DETAILS

Dates: 11–12 February 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (GST)

Format: In-Person

Venue: DIFC Academy

Duration: 8 Hours (Two Half-Day Sessions)

## ACCREDITATION

Participants will receive 4 CLPD Accredited Points and a certificate of completion issued in collaboration with LexisNexis and DIFC Academy.

## SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT

**Najib Hage-Chahine** is a leading authority in corporate governance and UAE commercial law, combining elite academic distinction with extensive regional and cross-border practice. He is the Managing Partner of Hage-Chahine Law Firm and a dual-qualified lawyer in France and Lebanon.

He holds the prestigious title of **Agrégé of the French Faculties of Law**, the highest academic distinction in French legal academia, and teaches corporate governance at **Saint-Joseph University (Dubai)**. He is a Professor of Private Law at Saint-Joseph University in Beirut and a Visiting Professor at **Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas**, one of Europe's foremost law schools. In practice, Najib regularly advises boards, multinational companies, and foreign investors on governance structures, regulatory compliance, shareholder matters, and complex corporate transactions across the Middle East. He is also a seasoned litigator and arbitrator, specialising in high-value cross-border disputes, enforcement proceedings, and investor-state matters.



### FEES & EARLY BIRD OFFER

Standard Fee: USD 1,089

Early Bird Rate: USD 980 (10% discount)

Deadline: 23 January

### THE PROGRAMME FEE INCLUDES:

- In-person executive instruction at DIFC Academy
- Direct engagement with the speaker and peers
- Catering and refreshments
- CLPD accreditation (for DLAD members)

### REGISTRATION & ENQUIRIES

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