



# Feras Jalbout

| Founder & CEO

Feras Jalbout is a serial investor turned entrepreneur. Most recently, Feras served in a dual capacity as Head of Investments at Wamda Capital – an early-stage venture fund focused on deploying capital into high growth companies across MENA and Managing Director of Aurora Partners, a single-family office based in Dubai with an unconstrained global investment mandate. His work included developing and executing global investment theses in areas of mega growth across public and private markets.

In July 2020, he set out to build baraka – a UAE-based fintech on a mission to connect young, urban, millennials to regional and international investment opportunities. Since then, he has brought together, and now leads, a dynamic team geared towards growing baraka’s vibrant and transparent open investing platform that educates, enables and empowers individuals to take control of their investments.

Before embarking on his latest venture, Feras executed and structured hundreds of public and private investments across a 15-year career in investment management. He has experience setting up tailored asset allocation models, multi-generational holding structures and executing investments across a wide range of asset classes including public markets, venture capital, real estate and private equity. Feras is a seasoned board member and active angel investor who has deployed his own capital in dozens of startups to date.

His previous employers include Barclays & Standard Chartered where he worked in a Private Banking capacity advising ultra-high net-worth clients on investments. He is a graduate of Carleton University in Canada with certificates from Carnegie Mellon in Corporate Innovation, Singularity University in Exponential