

CHRISTIAN SCHUHMACHER

Major Career Roles

Executive Chairman, Emirates Hospital Group, Dubai (UAE)
Non-Executive Director, smc Hospital Group, Riyadh (KSA)
Non-Executive Director, VITREA Switzerland
Non-Executive Director, King's College Hospital Casablanca (Morocco)
Founder, Swissglobal Advisory
Managing Director International, VAMED Management & Services
CEO, King's College Hospital Dubai
Hospital Director, Mediclinic City Hospital (UAE)

Other Career Highlights

Non Executive Directorships Across GCC, Africa & Europe
Leadership Roles, University Hospital Basel (Switzerland)
Project Development Leadership Across GCC & Africa
Strategic Advisor to Healthcare Investors & Providers

Christian Schuhmacher is a senior healthcare executive with more than two decades of international leadership experience across hospital management, health system development and cross border healthcare operations. Most recently, he founded Swissglobal Advisory, where he supports healthcare investors with market entry, turnaround strategies and operational and financial restructuring across the GCC, Africa and Europe. Christian serves as Non-Executive Director on multiple boards of healthcare providers in the GCC, Africa and Europe.
Prior to this, he served as Managing Director International at VAMED, leading complex multi country healthcare projects across the Middle East, Africa and the Asia Pacific region, including major expansions into the Saudi Arabian market and long term development programmes in Kuwait, Bahrain, Djibouti and Algeria.

Earlier in his career, Christian held multiple CEO and senior operational leadership roles within major healthcare organisations. As CEO of King's College Hospital Dubai, he led the creation and scale up of one of the region's most prominent healthcare providers, integrating UK clinical expertise with regional market requirements and driving ambitious clinical and commercial growth. Before this, he served as Hospital Director at Mediclinic City Hospital, where he oversaw key milestones including affiliation with Mohamed Bin Rashid University, establishment of the UAE's first private sector organ transplant and the development of a comprehensive cancer centre. His earlier experience also includes leadership roles at the University Hospital in Basel and within Mediclinic's European and Middle Eastern networks.

Through his executive, advisory and non executive roles, Christian has built a reputation for leading high performing, multicultural teams and enabling organisations to operate effectively in complex regulatory, financial and clinical environments. His work continues to focus on strengthening healthcare delivery, improving operational resilience and supporting sustainable growth across emerging and mature health systems.

Christian brings deep cross sector expertise in:

• Healthcare operations & hospital management — leadership across major hospital platforms in Europe and the Middle East.
• International health system development — multi country project leadership at VAMED across the GCC, Africa and APAC.
• Turnaround & restructuring advisory — supporting investors and providers on operational and financial transformation.
• Clinical service expansion & capability building — overseeing major milestones including transplant programmes and specialist centres.

Christian holds a Master of Law (MLaw) from the University of Basel, an Executive MBA from the University of St. Gallen and an MBA from the University of Toronto, alongside further executive education in Strategic Marketing Management and Digital Healthcare Management from Harvard University.