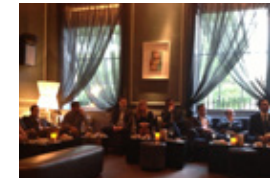
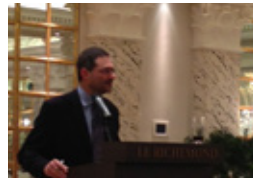




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## LIFE's New CEO

On April 18th 2013, Paola Barbarino joined LIFE as its Chief Executive Officer after an extensive global search. She previously served as Director of Development & External Relations at Cass Business School and before that, she Headed the Individual Giving Department at the Tate.



## LIFE's New Director of Finance and Operations

Sarah Muir has joined LIFE as its Director of Finance and Operations on July 18th 2013. She previously served as CFO and COO of the



Industry and Parliament Trust (IPT).

## Rouane Nahas, LIFE's Executive Director, takes up a new challenge back in finance



After 3 most fruitful years as Executive Director of LIFE, Rouane Nahas has decided to take up a new challenge back in Finance.

She was instrumental in helping LIFE reach new heights over the last few years. Her diligence in establishing LIFE's financial reporting across jurisdictions, her focus on setting up our website and her resolve in advancing our scholarship program are some examples of her enormous contributions to our organization.

## LIFE's New Board members

LIFE held its Board elections in April 2013 where 3 new members got elected, while 2 existing members got re-elected: Paul Raphael, Head of Global Emerging Mar-



Adel Afiouni



Ahmed Deek



Ziad Tabet

kets (GEM) Wealth Management at UBS, based in London and Camille Abousleiman, Senior Partner at Dechert, based in London were re-elected.

Adel Afiouni, Managing Director at Credit Suisse in the Investment Banking Division, based in London, Ahmad Deek, Managing Director at

## NEWS

Goldman Sachs & Co, based in New York and Ziad Tabet, Portfolio Manager at Jambre Capital, based in Geneva were newly elected to the Board of Directors of LIFE.

Please join us in welcoming the three new members, congratulate those who have been re-elected and thank the Board members who stepped down for their time and service to the organisation.

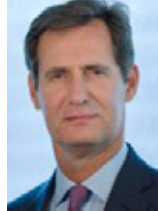
The three Board members who stepped down at the end of their term are:

Carl Faker, Head of EMEA Interest Rates Sales and Co-Head of the Pension and Insurance Solutions Group at Goldman Sachs, based in London, Fares Fares,

Chairman and founder of Wedge Alternatives, based in London and Rudolph-Riad Younes, Head of International Equities at Artio Global Investors, based in New York.

Carl and Fares remain Board members of LIFE Generation, LIFE's UK-based charity arm.

### BofA Appointed Anwar Zakkour Co-Head of Global TMT Banking



BofA Appointed JPMorgan's Anwar Zakkour Co-Head of Global TMT Banking Bank of America Corp. hired Anwar Zakkour from JPMorgan Chase & Co. (JPM) as Co-

Head of Global Telecommunications, Media and Technology Investment Banking. Anwar is a LIFE senior member and Board member, based in New York.

### Recent Achievements

A LIFE Junior Council was formed with representatives in each chapter, giving the junior community the chance to work together on projects aligned with LIFE's main objectives. A LinkedIn page was set-up along with a sub-page for every LIFE chapter – we would like to seize this opportunity to invite you to join us if you haven't yet and to add a note on your CV mentioning your LIFE membership.

## CONNECT

### LIFE London



The monthly Tuesday drinks hosted by LIFE senior members continue to be well attended, with over 25 junior and senior members regularly participating. Patrick George, Global Head of Equities at HSBC, kicked off the season by covering the topic of "Equity Capital Markets in the current market environment". Michel Antakli, Managing Director at Morgan Stanley, and

Spiro Youakim, Partner at Lazard Frères, shared their personal experience discussing "The largest Natural Resources M&A deal: Xstrata-Glencore-Qatar Holding transaction". Carl Faker, Head of EMEA Interest Rates Sales and Co-head of the Pension and Insurance Solutions Group at Goldman Sachs, shared his views on the "Investment opportunities and careers in Fixed Income post crisis". Sam Abboud, Founding Partner at Pioneer Point Partners, discussed his perspective on "Investing in Private Equity". Finally, Fawzi Kyriakos-Saad,



former CEO of Credit Suisse EMEA and Executive Board member of Credit Suisse Group, shared his personal experience and described "The route to CEO in Investment Banking".



LIFE also held a Junior event at the Lansdowne club in July giving junior members the opportunity to share their concerns and problems they are facing in the current job market environment. The discussion was moderated by LIFE's new CEO, Paola Barbarino, and the main speakers were Spiro Youakim - Partner at Lazard Frères,

Wahid Chammas - Fund Manager at Janus Capital, and Jean-Marc Jabre - Executive Director of MSPE at Morgan Stanley. More than 35 junior members attended raising several questions/topics that were discussed by the speakers and the attendees in an open and interactive forum.

### LIFE Paris

The Paris Committee held several Mix and Drinks where members met for networking at the Travellers Club. Naim Abou-Jaoude, CEO of Dexia Asset Management and Chairman of its Executive Committee, hosted one of the sessions and lead a discussion around “Asset Management and its most promising sectors”. The Paris members were also invited to a breakfast with Ziad Hayek, General Secretary of Lebanon’s Higher Council for Privatisation, who shared his personal experience. Several roundtable dinners also took place in Paris with speakers such as Guillaume Poitrinal, who served as the Chief Executive Officer and then Chairman of Unibail-Rodamco SE. Mr. Poitrinal shared his experience with the “Rigidities of the French economy” which he faced as head of the largest French Commercial Property Company. Georges Pauget, Honorary President of the LCL, President



of the OIFD (Observatoire International de la Finance Durable) and President of the SAS Economie, Finance et Stratégie, who discussed “The transformation of the European Banking landscape”. Last but not least, Sebastien Bazin, CEO of Colony Capital Europe, shared his views on “The real estate market in France and Europe”.

### LIFE Dubai

The Dubai Committee hosted a lunch with H.E. Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Executive Chairman of the Dubai MultiCommodities Centre Authority (DMCC), who took part in a Q&A session around “The Latest Developments in the Dubai Economy and the Global Commodities Trade”. A senior roundtable also took place this spring around the latest developments and challenges in the financial services’ sector with a particular emphasis on the



employment market.

### LIFE Geneva

The Geneva Committee organized a meeting where the new committee members were introduced along with the new objectives they have set for LIFE in Geneva. Joseph Bahout, Professor at Sciences Po-Paris and Researcher at Académie Diplomatique Internationale



(ADI), was also present at the dinner and gave an insightful talk around “The results of the Arab spring”.

The committee also held a dinner with the Governor of the Lebanese Central Bank, Mr. Riad Salameh, who discussed “The current state of the Lebanese financial sector”.

### LIFE New York

The New York Committee organized its first career event with the participation of the following panelists: Habib Kairouz - Managing Partner, Rho Capital Partners (Venture Capitalist), Riad Younes - Head of International Equities, Artio Global (Hedge Fund), George Bitar - Managing Director, Blackrock (Global Private Equity), Samer Nsouli - Chief Investment Officer, Lyford Investment Group (Hedge Fund), Ghassan Bejjani - Lebanon for Entrepreneurs Partnership (Venture Capitalist) and Marc Malek - Founder and Portfolio Manager, Conquest Capital Group.

New York-based senior members also attended a dinner/discussion with Robert Khuzami, former Director of the Division of Enforcement of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The highlights of the discussion were Mr. Khuzami’s experience as “Director of the SEC’s

Enforcement Division” appointed in the immediate aftermath of the financial crisis and the revelations surrounding the Madoff Ponzi scheme, as well as his observations on prosecutions arising out of the financial crisis and for insider

trading. He also shared his experience as a criminal prosecutor in the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York.

The New Committee finally held its last mixer drinks with Nassim Nicolas Taleb,

best selling author, essayist and scholar, who focused on “Why Lebanon is stable because of disorder”.

**NURTURE**

**Students’ Selection**

The Nurture Committee is currently in the process of selecting scholarship candidates for the academic year 2013-2014 and is aiming at granting twenty new

scholarships.

In the last academic year, LIFE has granted 21 scholarships tiered as follows: 6 Undergraduates, 12 MBA students and 3 Masters students. These scholars are

studying in the following countries: Lebanon (13), France (4), UK (2) and the US (2). Out of the 21 students, 7 will be graduating this year.

**PROMOTE**

The initiative to accelerate the development of the IT start-up ecosystem in Lebanon was launched in March of this year. Under the name “Lebanon for Entrepreneurs”, it aims to help all the stakeholders create a common platform for the

improvement of the environment facing entrepreneurs and venture investors on the ground. The Promote Committee will be holding information sessions on this project in Paris, London and New York in the upcoming months. Please contact

Ghassan Bejjani if you would like to get involved. (gbejjani@lfepartnership.com) For further details on the IT initiative please visit our website on the following link: [http://lifelebanon.com/committee/promote/promote\\_itProject.html](http://lifelebanon.com/committee/promote/promote_itProject.html)

**NEW MEMBERS**

**LIFE New Members January – July 2013  
JUNIOR MEMBERS**

Rami Abboud	PwC	France
Anthony Abou Khater	Bank Audi	France
Jad Azkoul	Societe Generale	France
Khalil Bou Sader	Casino	France
Joe Ghanem	HEC Paris	France
Anthony Kassis	HSBC	France
Christophe Abi Nassif	American University of Beirut	Lebanon
Christine Kachouh	Deloitte&Touche	Lebanon
Araz Ladayan	Deloitte&Touche	Lebanon
Marguerita Yazbeck	American University of Beirut	Lebanon
Jad Karam	BLOM Bank Switzerland S.A	Switzerland
Rami Abou Jaoude	McKinsey & Co	U.A.E.
Jade Abdallah	Imperial College London	U.K.

Karim Agha	Kleinwort Benson	U.K
Souheil Ali Hassan	Imperial College London	U.K
Joanna Bidar	College of Higher	U.K
Majed Chaaraoui	Blenheim Chalcot	U.K
Cedric El Hage Chahine	SGIB	U.K
Nader Fawaz	Credit Agricole CIB	U.K
Joe Frem	The Blackstone Group	U.K
Etienne Haddad	Baring Asset Management	U.K
Michele Haddad	American Express	U.K
Raji Khoury	George Khoury & Co.	U.K
Bernard Massaad	Goldman Sachs	U.K
Azmy Rajab	Goldman Sachs	U.K
Ali Saad	Goldman Sachs	U.K
Shadi Salman	Credit Suisse	U.K
Lara Suleiman	Benoit & Associes	U.K

**NEW MEMBERS**

Hani Zogheib	Macquarie Group	U.K
Mark Abdalla	CIBC	United States
Raja Carmi	Morgan Stanley	United States
Rani Daher	Wharton School	United States
Marwa Darkhabani	Georgia State University	United States
Bernard El-Khoury	Oliver Wyman	United States
Lara Fadlallah	White Wolf Capital LLC	United States
Peter Hamamji	Conquest Capital Group	United States
Ramzi Khleif	NBK Capital	United States
Elie Mekanna	Columbia University	United States
William Melki	Dewey & Leboeuf	United States
Noubar Pechdimaljian	Columbia University	United States
Sebastien Wakim	Columbia University	United States

**SENIOR MEMBERS**

Khalil Kanaan	One William Street Capital	United States
Walid Moukarzel	Bank Audi	Switzerland
Sobhi Tabbara	HSBC Private Bank Morgan Stanley	Switzerland
Habib Achkar	Stanley	U.K
Dory El Hage	LF Finance	Switzerland
Antoine Rahme	Bridport	Switzerland
Cyril Tabet	Moelis & Company	U.A.E
Roy Awad	Argos Soditic	France
Mazen Daou	Union Bancaire Privee	Switzerland
Karl Naim	Mubadala Development	U.A.E
Marwan El-Asmar	Company Corsair Capital	U.K
Farid Habib	Barclays	U.K
Imad Kahi	GFI Group	U.K
Bassem Daher	SGG USA Inc.	United States