

Abir Leheta

Chief Executive Officer, Egytrans

Abir Leheta was elected as Chairman and CEO of Egytrans, the leading national transport and logistics provider, in 2015, thereby becoming the first woman to occupy this position in the 45-year history of the company. She has continued in the position of Chief Executive Officer of the company since April 2022 with the implementation of corporate governance best practices separating board and executive leadership roles.

Recognized by Forbes as one of the Middle East's 100 Power Businesswomen in 2020, Abir's record of transformative leadership is demonstrated through successfully implementing programs and services that have significantly changed the company. Under her leadership, Egytrans continues to grow, with the aim of building a transnational Transport and Logistics enterprise recognized within the region.

Leheta joined the family business upon graduation, spending her earlier career days rotating through various departments and learning the business operations. She first joined in 1996 as Head of Software Development, followed by several managerial and executive positions, reaching Chief Strategy Officer responsible for the development and implementation of the strategic direction of the Company.

Abir Leheta dedicates significant time to civic organizations and is a vocal advocate of women's empowerment. Leheta has been a member of the board of the Egyptian Transport and Logistics Company (ETAL) and Egytrans Depot Solutions (EDS) since 2009 till her appointment as Chairman in 2015. In addition, she is a member of the British Egyptian Business Association (BEBA), Vice Chair of the Transport Committee of the Egyptian Businessmen's Association (EBA), Co-chair of the Transport Committee at the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) and Chair of the African Women's Committee of the Egyptian African Businessmen's Association (EABA). She is also Board Treasurer of the Global Compact Network Egypt, the local chapter of the UN Global Compact and a member of the Chartered Institute for Logistics & Transport (CILT).

Abir has been recognized by multiple organizations for her business leadership as well as her community and civic involvement. She was named one of the "Top 50 Women Performing in Egypt" by Amwal Al Ghad magazine, and the "Middle East's 100 Power Businesswomen" by Forbes magazine.

Abir holds a B.Sc. in Computer Science with a Minor in Business Administration from the American University in Cairo. She later went on to attain accreditations in a number of areas including certifications in Quality and Organizational Excellence from the American Society for Quality (ASQ), Risk Management from the Institute of Risk Management (IRM) and Board Director and Chief Executive Officer Certification from the Egyptian Institute of Directors (EIoD).