

**Manal Zraiq**

Mrs. Zraiq is a Partner, General Director of Massar International, and a pioneering woman supporting and lobbying businesswomen development and advancement in Palestine. She is an experienced business executive who has been with the Company since its inception. Her dedication and persistence to promote business development, particularly women, has positioned her as one of the most glaring businesswoman executive in Palestine.

Ms. Zraiq’ wide range of specialized skills include: finance, business operations, logistical planning, human resource recruitment and management, accounting and operational management, and the establishment and implementation of management systems and administrative policy. She is also a skilled communicator with demonstrated capabilities in team building and staff development, and plays an active role in human resource recruitment and management.

Ms. Zraiq has taken the lead in Massar International Group investment projects and provides oversight of new business initiatives in journalism, informational technology, financial services, real estate, media and fund management. She has managed multi-million dollar projects financed by international donors such as USAID, EU and the World Bank, supervising every aspect of the projects from bidding, awarding, mobilization, implementing and closing ([www.massar.com](http://www.massar.com)). She plays a key supporting role in the establishment of Rawabi, the first planned Palestinian City and the largest private sector project in Palestine ([www.rawabi.ps](http://www.rawabi.ps)). She currently serves on the Rawabi’s Municipal Council, Chairwoman of Rawabi English Academy and chairwoman of Rawabi Foundation.

Ms. Zraiq also serves as a board member of several Palestinian privately held companies, in addition to serving on board of the publicly traded companies such as The Palestinian Company for Rental and Leasing (Pallease) and the Palestinian Mortgage & Housing Corporation (PMHC) and the Palestinian Investment & Development Company (PID).

As one of the most dynamic and pioneering businesswomen and female executives in the Middle East, she was a founder and the first chairwoman of the Palestinian Business Women Forum, an organization that supports Palestinian female entrepreneurs. She currently still serves on the board of the organization ([www.bwf.ps](http://www.bwf.ps)). Ms. Zraiq is also a founding member of the Palestine Governance Institute [(www.pgi.ps](http://(www.pgi.ps)) and a member of the global Young Presidents’ organization ( www.ypo.org). She also assigned by the Prime Minster “ Dr. Hamdallah” to serve on the board of the Loan Fund for Undergraduate in Palestine.

In 2013, Ms. Zraiq earned the Vital Voices Global Leadership Economic Empowerment Award. She is a fellow of the Aspen Institute Global Leadership Network member of the Middle East Leadership Initiative (MELI).