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## Context

The Europe Bangladesh Federation of Commerce and Industry (EBFCI) is a non-governmental and a not-for-profit organisation that has been established to promote and encourage trade, investment and business relations between the Europe, UK and Bangladesh. With extensive knowledge of industry and markets within Bangladesh and throughout the Europe and UK, the EBFCI promotes an up to date awareness of Bangladesh's rapidly evolving economy, business and investment opportunities for UK and European partners. The federation has members from Netherlands, Belgium, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, and Bangladesh. In near future, EBFCI will expand its services for businesses in other parts of the world including Middle-East and North America.



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Message from  
**Peter J Fowler** CMG  
Chief Advisor, EBFCI

Since its inception in 2008, EBFCI has witnessed a remarkable journey, navigating through a complex landscape marked by economic fluctuations, Brexit, and the global COVID-19 pandemic. These challenging times tested the resilience of businesses worldwide, including EBFCI. After a period of adjustment, EBFCI is now strategically positioned to enter a new phase, especially in light of Bangladesh's evolving landscape, paving the way for a promising future. EBFCI remains firm in its commitment to delivering innovative consultancy and business support services to its members and businesses.

As EBFCI transitions into this new era, its members can expect substantial advantages from the organisation's bespoke approach and expert support for enhancing skills, knowledge, abilities, creative development, leadership, networks and policies. With a renewed emphasis and forward-thinking strategies, EBFCI is exceptionally well-equipped to provide invaluable support to businesses operating within the EU-UK-Bangladesh corridor. I firmly believe that through close and strategic collaboration, the EU, UK and Bangladesh can achieve sustainable economic prosperity.

EBFCI's role as a bridge between these regions is crucial in realising this shared ambition.

**Peter J Fowler, CMG**  
Chief Advisor, EBFCI  
Former British High Commissioner to Bangladesh





Message from  
**Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin** MBE DBA JP FRSA  
President, EBFCI

I am honoured to lead the Europe Bangladesh Federation of Commerce and Industry (EBFCI) at this pivotal moment in the relationship between the UK, EU, and Bangladesh. As we embark on a new era of business collaboration, we are driven by a vision of bringing positive change and fostering sustainable growth in all three regions. In recent times, it is truly commendable to witness the inspiring spirit of Bangladesh's young generation, specially their resilient determination to bring about positive change, and their aspiration to embrace the modern world.

EBFCI wholeheartedly embraces the vision of a prosperous Bangladesh and is dedicated to supporting its economic growth. Through our extensive network of businesses, experts, and policymakers, we aim to facilitate bilateral trade, identify promising investment opportunities, and address trade barriers. By fostering collaboration, sharing best practices, and building capacity within Bangladeshi businesses, we seek to create a knowledge-sharing ecosystem that drives innovation and growth.

We are also committed to promoting responsible business practices, environmental sustainability, and social impact, ensuring that our efforts contribute to a more equitable future. Moreover, we will actively engage with governments, business networks and policymakers to advocate for policies that create a conducive business environment.

By working together, we can unleash the full potential of the UK-EU-Bangladesh partnerships and forge a brighter future for all. I am confident that our collective efforts will pave the way for a more prosperous trading relationship between our regions.

**Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin, MBE, DBA, JP, FRSA**  
President of Europe-Bangladesh Federation of Commerce and Industry (EBFCI)  
United Kingdom's First Honorary Consul-General of Bangladesh in Scotland

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Message from  
**Salim Sharif**  
Managing Director, EBFCI

The beginning of a new era in Bangladesh, driven by the students' strong call for reform, has created a compelling opportunity for the country. This transformative moment opens up a distinctive landscape for Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) and businesses from the EU and UK to play a significant role in Bangladesh's economic development.

As the Managing Director of the EBFCI, I am excited to lead our business delegation team to Bangladesh during this pivotal period of transformation. Our primary objective is to engage with the younger generation to understand their aspirations for Bangladesh's economic development, their ideas for advancing the business sector, and their perspectives on global market competition. By aligning our support with their goals, we can contribute effectively to foster sustainable economic growth.

Our delegation will also be exploring current challenges faced by the businesses in Bangladesh. With global competition intensifying, ongoing improvement and skill development are essential across various sectors including IT, finance, healthcare, education, RMG, renewable energy, travel & tourism and hospitality. Our goal is to identify specific, relevant, and manageable challenges and develop potential solutions through collaborative efforts and bespoke support interventions.

Following a comprehensive analysis of the information and overall business environment, the EBFCI will develop a tailored suite of services to support businesses in the EU, UK, and Bangladesh. These services will include sharing market intelligence, B2B connectivity, trade advisory, investment facilitation, training, consultancy, networking, and advocacy.

I am confident that our collaborative efforts can significantly contribute to a brighter future for Bangladesh while reinforcing the connections between our regions. The EBFCI delegation's visit to Bangladesh represents a key step towards realising this vision.

Salim Sharif  
Managing Director EBFCI





## Key objectives of EBFCI:



Promoting commerce and industry between EU, UK and Bangladesh.



Promoting commerce and industry amongst the Bangladeshi diaspora within the UK, EU and the EU Member States.



Providing a network and resource facility for the business community of Bangladeshi origin/interest.



Setting up of chambers or similar entities with each of the 27 EU countries and others.

## Key functions of EBFCI:

The Europe–Bangladesh Federation of Commerce and Industry (EBFCI) serves as a pivotal organisation dedicated to fostering and enhancing business relationships between the Europe, UK and Bangladesh. Its primary functions include:

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**Advocacy and Representation:** EBFCI advocates for its members' interests and lobbies for favourable trade policies.

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**Networking Opportunities:** EBFCI organises networking events and fosters a collaborative environment.

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**Business Support and Development:** EBFCI offers comprehensive support services, including training and advisory.

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**International Relations:** EBFCI maintains strong ties with international trade organizations and facilitates cross-border trade.

**Market Access and Trade Promotion:** EBFCI facilitates market access, promotes trade, and provides market insights.

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**Business Recognition and Awards:** EBFCI acknowledges and celebrates the successes of businesses.

**Information and Research:** EBFCI conducts research and shares information on market trends and economic conditions.

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**Training and Education:** EBFCI organises educational programs to enhance business professionals' skills.

**Community Engagement and Corporate Social Responsibility:** EBFCI promotes CSR and supports community development.

**Dispute Resolution:** EBFCI offers mediation and arbitration services to resolve disputes.

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## Wider Activities of EBFCI:

- Representation at National & International forums
- Recommendations for promoting Exports & Inward Investment
- Promote Joint Ventures
- Provide Expertise to Exporters, Importers and Investors
- Facilitate participation in Trade Fairs and Exhibitions
- Promote improvements for Industrial Relations
- Business Information and Research Services
- Strengthen local chambers and associations across UK and Europe
- Promote Entrepreneurship



## Service offer to businesses:



**Membership:** EBFCI offers range of membership packages for eligible businesses from the EU, UK and Bangladesh. Membership offers will also be available for many other countries across the world including Middle-East and North-America.



**Consultancy:** A range of business consultancy support available for businesses including finance, health, technology, travel & tour, marketing and social media, branding, manufacturing, food and beverage, project management, research and business consulting.



**Advisory:** Trade and investment, immigration, travel and tour, business setup, start-ups, business expansion, market analysis and research.





# History & Impact of the EBFCI

The Europe Bangladesh Federation of Commerce and Industry (EBFCI) was founded in 2008 with the mission to enhance trade, investment, and economic collaboration between Europe and Bangladesh. As a non-governmental, non-profit organisation, EBFCI serves as a vital link between the business communities of both regions, helping to promote mutual understanding and partnership opportunities.

Since its inception, EBFCI has been actively involved in a range of activities aimed at fostering bilateral economic relations. These include organising trade fairs, facilitating business delegations, and conducting seminars and workshops on various aspects of trade and investment. The federation has also played a crucial role in representing the interests of Bangladeshi businesses in European markets, advocating for favorable trade policies, and encouraging European investments in Bangladesh. Notably, EBFCI has coordinated closely with numerous chambers of commerce and industry associations across Europe and Bangladesh, establishing a robust network that supports both large enterprises and SMEs.

EBFCI's efforts have had a significant impact on improving business conditions and resolving challenges faced by companies operating between Europe and Bangladesh. For SMEs, the federation has provided critical support in overcoming barriers to entry in European markets, such as navigating regulatory complexities and establishing distribution channels. For larger businesses, EBFCI has been instrumental in facilitating joint ventures and partnerships, leading to increased foreign direct investment in Bangladesh. Furthermore, the federation has contributed to resolving trade disputes and addressing logistical challenges, thereby smoothing the path for more efficient and profitable business operations.

Through its ongoing initiatives, EBFCI continues to play a key role in strengthening the economic ties between Europe and Bangladesh, contributing to sustainable economic growth and development in both regions.

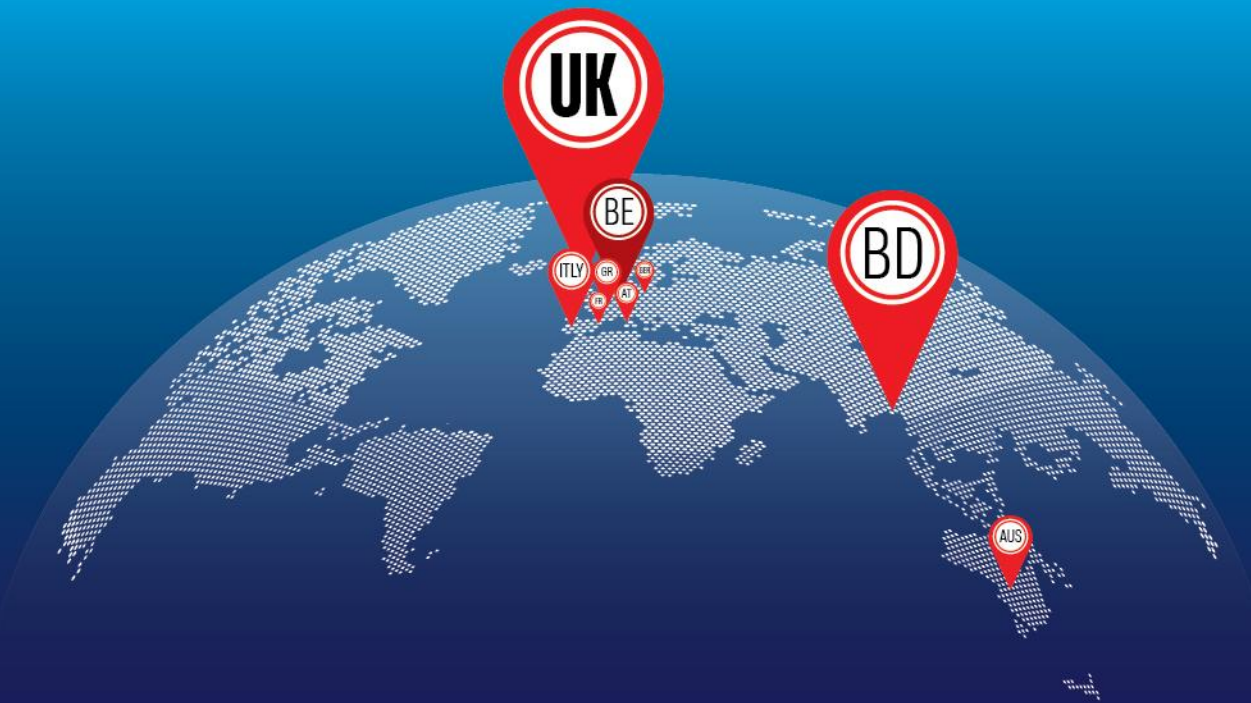
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# EU-UK-Bangladesh Potential Business Opportunities

The EU-UK-Bangladesh business relationship, primarily anchored in Bangladesh's RMG exports, offers a solid foundation for exploring new avenues of co-operation. As Bangladesh seeks to diversify its economy, the EU and UK can play a pivotal role in identifying and supporting emerging business sectors.

One promising area lies in the realm of services. Bangladesh has a growing pool of skilled professionals in information technology (IT), business process outsourcing (BPO), and healthcare services. The EU and UK, with its demand for IT solutions and outsourcing services, can provide a lucrative market for Bangladeshi service providers. Collaborative ventures in areas like software development, data analytics, and medical transcription could foster mutually beneficial partnerships.

In addition to services, Bangladesh's potential in manufacturing and agricultural products deserves exploration. The country's manufacturing sector, beyond RMG, has shown growth in areas like pharmaceuticals, leather goods, and ceramics.

The EU and UK can provide technical assistance, market access, and investment opportunities to support the expansion of these industries.

The agricultural sector also offers potential. Bangladesh has a rich agricultural heritage and produces a variety of crops, including rice, jute, and tea. The EU can support Bangladesh in improving agricultural practices, enhancing food safety standards, and facilitating market access for its agricultural products. This would not only benefit Bangladesh's economy but also contribute to global food security.

Beyond 2024, the EU -Bangladesh relationship can be further strengthened through strategic partnerships in renewable energy, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development. Bangladesh's commitment to renewable energy aligns with the EU's climate goals, and joint projects in solar power, wind energy, and energy efficiency can create new business opportunities.

Furthermore, the EU and UK can support Bangladesh's efforts to promote sustainable development and address social challenges. Collaboration in areas such as education, healthcare, and women's empowerment can contribute to the country's overall progress and create a more conducive business environment.

The EU-UK-Bangladesh business relationship offers a wealth of opportunities beyond the traditional RMG sector. Through partnerships in sectors such as services, manufacturing, agriculture, renewable energy, and sustainable development, the EU, UK and Bangladesh can unlock new opportunities for economic growth and prosperity.

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# EBFCI Delegation team-Profiles



**Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin** MBE DBA JP FRSA  
President, EBFCI, United Kingdom

A Visionary Leader

Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin, a renowned businessman, philanthropist, and community leader, has carved a distinguished career spanning decades. Born in Moulvibazar, Bangladesh, in 1952, Dr. Uddin immigrated to the United Kingdom in 1967, where he began his entrepreneurial journey.

Dr. Uddin's entrepreneurial acumen is evident in his successful ventures in the restaurant industry. As the founder and owner of renowned establishments such as Verandah, Lancers, and Britannia Spice, he has consistently demonstrated a keen understanding of the market and a commitment to excellence. His restaurants have acquired numerous awards and accolades, solidifying his reputation as a leading figure in the industry.

Beyond his business endeavours, Dr. Uddin is deeply committed to philanthropy and community service, playing a crucial role in raising funds for disaster relief, education, and healthcare initiatives. As the former chairman of Sylhet Women's Medical College, he has significantly advanced healthcare and educational opportunities in Bangladesh. His contributions, both through personal initiatives and support for ground-level organizations, have profoundly impacted countless lives. Additionally, Dr. Uddin has been instrumental in strengthening the Bangladeshi community in the UK and enhancing ties between the two nations, serving as a leader in various community organisations, including the Europe-Bangladesh Federation of Commerce and Industry (EBFCI), the Bangladesh-British Chamber of Commerce, and the Council for Bangladeshis in Scotland.


Dr. Uddin's exceptional achievements have been recognised with numerous awards and honours. He has received several honorary doctorates, including a Doctorate in Business Administration from Queen Margaret University and a Doctor of Letters from Heriot-Watt University. He has also been awarded the Member of the British Empire (MBE) for his services to race relations, was appointed as the first Honorary Consul-General of Bangladesh in Scotland and has been well recognised for his contributions to the restaurant industry and community service.

Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin's unwavering commitment to excellence, philanthropy, and community leadership has made him a respected figure both in the UK and Bangladesh. As a visionary leader, he continues to inspire and motivate others, paving the way for a brighter future for both nations.



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## Salim Sharif

Managing Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom

A business and management consultant with extensive professional expertise in business development, project and programme management and business operational consultancy.

Mr. Sharif obtained Bachelor of Science (honours) in Computing and MBA from Birmingham City University (UK), PRINCE2 (Projects In Controlled Environments) certification and holds professional membership with Chartered Institute of Marketing (ACIM-UK) and Chartered Management Institute (MCMI-UK).

He has over 20 years' experience and a successful track record of managing multi-million-pound UK and European programmes in business support and management consultancy on start-ups, social enterprises, investment readiness, impact management, research and evaluation, supply chain, capacity and network building and sharing best practices through dissemination and mainstreaming.

Mr. Sharif has worked for Business Link for London, HSBC bank (UK), and as a lecturer at Birmingham City University (UK) teaching research and project management. He has extensive experience working within the UK Social Enterprise sector and sharing UK best practices with various government, semi-government, private, educational and research institutions from Canada, Jamaica, Brazil, Turkey, China, Japan, South Korea and many other countries of the European Union and the Middle-East.

In January 2023, Mr. Sharif opened the 'Buriganga Riverview Restaurant' - which is the largest rooftop river view restaurant in Dhaka, Bangladesh. With 24 thousand square feet space and 500+ seating capacity, this restaurant offers international and Bangladeshi cuisines with pleasant ambience and magnificent views of the 400 years old Dhaka river port and the Buriganga River.

Mr. Sharif envisages a future where economic growth is driven by effective business support and sustainable practices, and he is strongly dedicated to making this vision a reality.



## Sami Sanallah

Executive Director (Finance), EBFCI, United Kingdom

Sami Sanallah Managing Director & CEO of Travel Link Worldwide Ltd, the first British-Bangladeshi IATA-accredited, award-winning travel agent, established in 1993. Sami is a visionary & professionally qualified corporate travel consultant and lecturer, Fellow of The Institute of Travel and Tourism, certified in Business Administration, with over 40 years of aviation industry experience. Formerly Head of Travel & Tourism, City of London College, Sami launched a government-funded training programme resulting in guaranteed jobs, later inspiring franchised travel businesses in UK and Europe. In 2008, he pioneered the first travel-agency call-centre in Bangladesh, creating sustainable job opportunities for Bangladeshi graduates. Additionally, as an articulate, in-demand, multilingual presenter, media personality & philanthropist, he promotes Bangladesh as an untapped tourism destination and hosts engaging, interactive community discussions with international experts. Today, Sami is a community leader, industry expert, consultant and generous educator actively creating and sustaining travel industry jobs both locally and abroad.



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## Barrister Md Lutfur Rahman, FCILEX: A Visionary Leader

Born in Khadimpur, Bangladesh, Md Lutfur Rahman has a story of resilience, vision, and leadership. From his early life in a small village to becoming a respected name in UK immigration, his journey is an embodiment of determination and hard work. Having experienced firsthand the challenges that migrants face, he created Work Permit Cloud to ensure that businesses and individuals could thrive in a world that's often complex and uncertain.

As a Chartered Legal Executive (FCILEX) and Commissioner of Oaths, Mr. Rahman brings over 20+ years of experience in UK immigration law, having helped thousands of businesses secure their sponsor licences and workers successfully migrate to the UK. His leadership has allowed Work Permit Cloud to support over 10,000 skilled workers and their families, offering them the security and opportunity they need.



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### Mr. Saquat Ali

Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom

Mr. Saquat Ali, CEO and founding partner of Aequitaz Capital, has over 30 years of experience in investment banking. He has led diverse teams in Asset Management, Prime Brokerage Hedge Funds, Middle Office Operations, and Technology at top-tier banks including Barclays Capital, UBS, Merrill Lynch, and more. A Chartered Institute of Bankers (CIB) alumnus from London Guildhall University, he is also a member of the Institute of Financial Services. Founded in 2014, Aequitaz Capital connects clients with ethical global business opportunities based on Islamic finance principles. Headquartered in London with offices in the Middle East and South Asia, Aequitaz specializes in commodities, real estate, and project financing, focusing on integrity and client-focused asset management.



### Dr. Tawhid Khan

Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom

Dr. Tawhid Khan is a distinguished technology specialist with over 26 years of leadership and technical experience in management consulting, automotive, technology, and telecommunications. His career spans roles at S&P Global, Dyson Technology, Jaguar Land Rover, Tata Motors European Technical Centre, and Marconi Communications. Dr. Khan holds an MBA in Business Management from Coventry University and a Doctorate in UX and Product Design from the University of Warwick, UK. He also earned a BEng (Hons) in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from the University of Glamorgan, UK. His expertise includes strategic planning, process improvement, and technology development, with a focus on engineering, big data, and cloud computing. Dr. Khan aims to develop an e-commerce platform for data, analytics, and technology R & D, enhancing market intelligence and service delivery.



### Mr. Mahbub Noor Mabs

Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom

Mr. Mahbub Noor Mabs leads Interlink Business Consultancy, which has delivered high-quality consulting services across South Asia, Europe, and the Middle East for over 20 years. Interlink specializes in project management, concept development, and strategic trade strategies, adapting bespoke solutions to meet client needs and budgets. As Prince2 Practitioners, they leverage a broad network of experts to ensure comprehensive support. Interlink is renowned for its commitment to client focus, offering tailored solutions and leveraging a vast expertise network to address complex challenges effectively.

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## Dr. Naeem Ahmed

BEM, MBBS, BSc, PgCert (Healthcare and Biomedical Education), PgDip (Sports and Exercise Medicine), FRCR, FRCP, FHEA

**Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom**

Dr. Naeem Ahmed, a distinguished radiologist specializing in musculoskeletal and oncological imaging, is the Clinical Director for Private Care at Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust. He has extensive training and experience, including fellowships at notable institutions and international visitations. Dr. Ahmed founded Selfless, a charity supporting healthcare in Bangladesh, and has received the MBE and Prime Minister's Point of Light Award. His expertise includes advanced MRI techniques and health policy advisory roles. He is also member of British Medical Association, British Society of Skeletal Radiologists, and more.



## Quaise Hamed

**Executive Director (Corporate), EBFCI, United Kingdom**

Quaise Hamed is a visionary CEO of UK Gas Cooker by Sylhet Welding Group, the first Bangladeshi commercial gas appliance manufacturer in the UK, leading since 1992. Specializing in the import and export of high-quality products, all certified by British Standards (UKCA/0558/22/030) and CE/GAR/0558), ensuring adherence to the highest safety and quality standards. Known for products that stand out due to superior quality and compliance with strict regulations. Dedicated to driving positive change in Bangladesh, focusing on creating job opportunities, fostering economic growth, and promoting cultural heritage. Work aims to strengthen Bangladesh's socio-economic foundation while preserving its rich cultural legacy. Through business endeavors, numerous individuals have been educated and empowered in the manufacturing sector, contributing to both UK and Bangladesh's industrial progress.



## Craig McIvor

**Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom**

Craig McIvor is an experienced finance and accounting professional with a proven track record in both corporate and independent roles. With a background in running his own accountancy firm, Craig has provided strategic advice, financial planning, and a range of accounting services, including invoicing, reconciliation, and tax returns. His experience extends to financial advisory roles with New Ireland Assurance, offering comprehensive financial solutions. As the Managing Director at AGB Resourcing since August 2021, he oversees sourcing overseas care staff for the NHS and care sector in the UK and has developed a UK-recognized care course. Craig has held various financial roles, including Company Accountant and Financial Controller, and has a strong educational foundation with an HND in Accounting and Law and CPA Professional accreditation.





# SYLHET WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Sylhet Women's Medical College was founded in 2005 and has since risen to the highest level of medical education, catering to both Bangladeshi and foreign students. It is approved by:

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh,
- Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council (BM&DC),
- Affiliated with Sylhet Medical University,
- Offers post-graduate training recognized by BCPS in 12 subjects for higher studies.

Sylhet Women's Medical College Hospital operates the following departments, staffed by highly professional physicians and surgeons:

- ICU, HDU, CCU, NICU, PICU,
- Gynae & Obs, General Surgery, Cardiology, Pediatrics, Medicine, Orthopedics, Neurosurgery, Pediatric Surgery, Urology, Burn & Plastic Surgery, Neurology, Psychiatry, Nephrology, Dermatology, and many more.

Sylhet Women's Nursing College also provides the highest level of education in Bangladesh, aimed at producing top-tier nursing staff.

**"We warmly welcome the EBFCI Delegation Visit 2024 and look forward to collaboration in advancing medical education in Bangladesh."**



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## Muhammad Abdul Matin Chowdhury

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Muhammad Abdul Matin Chowdhury is a distinguished international businessman and financial consultant with a Master's in Finance from the University of Dhaka and extensive qualifications including Chartered Accountancy from Khan Wahab Shafique Rahman & Co, IMC from CFA Institute, and CMT from MTA. He has over 30 years of experience working with major companies such as Saudi Bugshan, Alawad, Google, and France Sodexo. For the past decade, he has consulted with international trading houses, sugar and cotton associations, and various corporate bodies. He oversees export operations for LondonExport International and London Commodities International Ltd., handling commodities like sugar, cotton, coal, LPG, metals, Edible Soybean, Sunflower oil and agricultural products globally.



## Golam Maula Tipu

Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, Italy

Golam Maula Tipu is a seasoned migrant with a rich background in intercultural relations and political engagement. Immigrating from Bangladesh to Italy in 1992 and then to London in 2010, Golam has been trade union leader and qualified "Intercultural Moderator," in Italy. He was a candidate for the Italia Parliament in 2022 and served as an intercultural moderator for Pope Francis' visit to Bangladesh in 2018. His migration journey was driven by aspirations for personal and familial advancement, aiming to offer his children greater opportunities. Now, he seeks to contribute to the development of the Second Republic of Bangladesh, leveraging his diverse experiences and commitment to his homeland.



## Athair Khan

Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom

Mr. Athair Khan, is a prominent figure in the UK Bangladeshi community, known for his business acumen and social contributions. He descends from the Khan Dynasty, with a legacy of service through his father, Alhaj Toslim Khan, who migrated to the UK in 1964. Athair Khan is the owner of the award-winning restaurant, The Last Days of the Raj, recognized for excellence in Indian cuisine. Beyond business, his humanitarian efforts include rebuilding homes after Cyclone Sidr in 2007, supporting pavement dwellers, and aiding cancer patients. He has received accolades for his community leadership, including recognition at Queen Elizabeth's Garden Party. His work with the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and EBFCI highlights his dedication to fostering UK- Bangladesh ties, leaving an inspiring legacy of dedication and philanthropy.



# MOHAAMD ALI TINKU

CHAIRMAN, ALIF'S ENGINEERING

Mr. Ali was recognized as one of the youngest General Manager in Hospitality sector of Bangladesh

His area of expertise is in business management, administration, sales & marketing. He possesses wide range of experience including interior, furniture as well as in hospitality industry.

He is currently a member of Rotary club Uttara and JCI (Junior Chamber International).

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## Naseem Talukdar

Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom

Naseem Talukdar is a dedicated ethical recruiter, social entrepreneur, philanthropist, and environmental campaigner. With over 15 years in project management and quality assurance, Naseem has contributed to significant projects with Airbus Military, SR2 Marine, and the University of Bristol. He has been recognized with numerous awards, including the General Medical Council Award (2022) and the Lord Mayor's Medal (2019). Naseem is the founder of Projects Against Plastic and Feed The Homeless Bristol, advocating for sustainable packaging and supporting the homeless community. His royal engagements include invitations to royal events by both Her Late Majesty and His Majesty King Charles III. Naseem also serves as an ambassador for Gympanzees and a director at Regency Recruitment Ltd.



## M A Motin

Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom

M A Motin is a dynamic entrepreneur and advocate with a diverse background. He began as a Field Investigator with the URBS Partnership Project and later lectured at M.C. University College, Sylhet. Motin owns JMN Ltd., known for "Taste of India," an award-winning restaurant recognized by King Charles. He manages AAJ Estates Ltd., which refurbishes properties to provide affordable housing for ethnic minorities. In Bangladesh, he has invested in Sylhet Central Dental College, supporting future healthcare professionals through scholarships. Motin is also an Executive Committee Member of Dunfermline Central Mosque, UK and had a invitation King Charles' reception. He is also Executive Committee Member, Dunfermline Central Mosque and more.



## Mrs. Rathre Choudhury

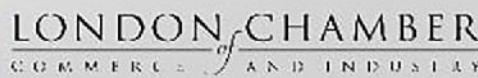
Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom

Mrs. Rathre Choudhury is a distinguished businesswoman with a diverse portfolio across several industries. She is the Director of Wisteria Housing Ltd, focusing on property management, and holds directorial roles at Zic Style Ltd and Britannia Outlet Ltd, which are prominent in clothing manufacturing and sales in the UK and Middle East. Formerly, she directed Weldone Apparel's sweater factory in Gazipur, Dhaka. Mrs. Choudhury is also active in the home furniture sector in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and the catering industry in the UK, where she runs Indian restaurants and a Spanish tapas bar in Yorkshire. Her excellence has been recognized with multiple awards, including Best Restaurant of the Year and Women Entrepreneur of the Year, and she has been honored by former MP Ed Miliband, Prime Minister David Cameron, and the BHA.





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### **Dr. Mumin Noor**

**Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom**

Dr. Mumin Noor is a Consultant Cardiologist at Harefield Hospital and Epsom General Hospital, specializing in complex cardiac devices. He completed his medical education at Imperial College London and Cardiff University, with subsequent cardiology training in London and sub-specialty training in heart failure and cardiac devices at Hammersmith, Royal Brompton, and Harefield Hospitals. Dr. Noor’s expertise includes heart failure, pacemaker and defibrillator implantation, and cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT). His research interests focus on cardiac device therapy for heart failure patients. He has published in leading journals and co-authored a chapter on CRT in a Springer textbook. An advocate of medical education, he is a recognised Educational Supervisor for UK trainee doctors. He is passionate about reducing health inequalities through advent of innovative digital health.



### **Nurul Amin**

**Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, Italy**

Nurul Amin is a prominent businessman and community activist with extensive experience across various sectors. He is associated with Nurul Amin Alimentary (1999), Idea SRL (2006), and Bangla Bazar SNC (1998) as Administrator. Amin has played significant roles in multiple cooperatives, including Sonar Bangla (Vice President), Roman Bangla Cooperative (Vice President), and Soronika Cooperative (President). His social contributions include founding the Bangladesh Somittee Italy and Greater Noakhali Association in Italy, where he also serves as Coordinator. He represents the Italy Labour Federation (CCGIL) and is a Central Coordinator for Connect Bangladesh International (CBI). Additionally, Amin is the Board Member Secretary of the All European Bangladesh Association (AEBA). His extensive network and commitment to community service highlight his impactful role in both business and social initiatives.



### **Md. Lutfur Rahman**

**Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom**

Md Lutfur Rahman, born in Khadimpur, Bangladesh, is a visionary leader in UK immigration. His journey from a small village to establishing Work Permit Cloud reflects determination and a deep understanding of migration challenges. As a Chartered Legal Executive (FCILEX) and Commissioner of Oaths, Mr. Rahman brings over 20 years of experience in UK immigration law, helping businesses secure sponsor licenses and enabling skilled workers to migrate successfully. Under his leadership, Work Permit Cloud has supported over 10,000 skilled workers and their families, providing comprehensive immigration, HR, and legal services. With expertise spanning sectors such as healthcare, hospitality, and IT, his solutions help businesses and individuals thrive in an evolving landscape.

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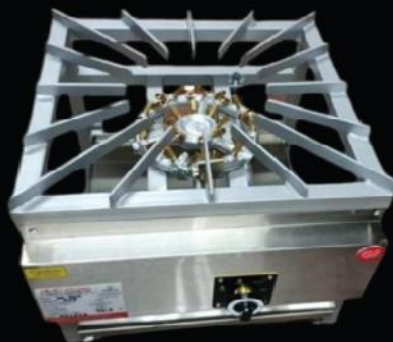
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## Shaeif Ahmed

Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, United Kingdom

Mr. Ahmed is the Director of Three Angel Healthcare Ltd, a prominent healthcare company in the UK. His expertise in the healthcare sector has positioned the organization as a reliable and trusted name. With an extensive understanding of healthcare management and service delivery, Mr. Ahmed has led his company to growth and recognition in the industry. Holding a PhD, his academic background highlights his commitment to continuous learning and development. In addition to his healthcare endeavors, he has successfully ventured into the property business, further showcasing his entrepreneurial spirit. Mr. Ahmed's contributions extend beyond business, as he plays an active role in supporting the UK's Bangladeshi community, making a positive impact through his professional and philanthropic efforts.



## Arif R Hossain

Executive Director, EBFCI, Bangladesh Region

Arif R Hossain, born in December 1979, is an accomplished engineer and entrepreneur. He holds a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology and an MBA with Distinction from Oxford Brookes University. Arif is the Managing Director of Advanced Group, which includes Advanced Development Technologies Ltd., Advanced Ready-mix Concrete Industries, and other associated companies. He is also known for his impactful social initiatives, such as the rice bucket challenge and Concert for Warm Clothes. Arif has received several awards, including the UNDP Social Good Award and the Global Youth Leadership Award. He is also Co-Founder at Ujaan, Co-Founder at Aamrai Bangladesh, Chief Evangelist at 10 Minute School, The Souls Chef at 1 Taka Meal, Toyrotist at Toys-R-Yours, Director of First Impressions at Bangladeshism, Catalyst, Bangladesh Chapter at Youth Opportunities and more.



## Mohammad Ali Tinku

Executive Director, Market Research (Press & Media)  
EBFCI, Bangladesh Region

Mr. Mohammad Ali Tinku, Chairman of Alif's Engineering, is renowned for his early career achievements, becoming one of the youngest General Managers in Bangladesh's hospitality sector. His expertise spans business management, administration, and sales & marketing, with extensive experience in interior design, furniture, and hospitality. Ali's leadership in Alif's Engineering reflects his commitment to innovation and excellence in business. He is an active member of the Rotary Club Uttara and JCI (Junior Chamber International), where he engages in community service and networking activities. His diverse background and affiliations underscore his dedication to both professional and social impact.



## Jannatul Ferdous Nipa

Executive Director, EBFCI, Bangladesh Region

With 19 years in the garment sector, Jannatul Ferdous Nipa has extensive experience working with multinational brands across Germany, London, France, and Italy. She currently oversees her own buying house and factory. As Director of BGEA and Vice President of IICCI, Nipa plays a key role in shaping industry standards and fostering trade relations between Bangladesh and India. Her leadership extends beyond national borders, leveraging her expertise to enhance global business connections and drive growth in the garment sector.



## Mohammed Tofazzul Hussain M.Com FCA CMC

Executive Director (Finance), EBFCI, Bangladesh Region

Mohammed Tofazzul Hussain is a distinguished audit and assurance expert with over 23 years of experience in international standards on auditing (ISA). He has worked with leading firms such as KPMG Bangladesh, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), and KPMG Ford Rhodes Thornton & Co. in Sri Lanka. His expertise spans financial reporting, audit planning, and internal controls, with notable contributions as the KAM Champion at KPMG Bangladesh and in Transaction Advisory and TAX at PwC. Currently, Tofazzul leads Amin Hussain & Co. and Hussains Business Consultants Ltd., offering comprehensive audit, tax, and advisory services to a diverse clientele. His global experience includes work in the UK, Germany, Hong Kong, and more.



## Ghazi Mamunur Rashid

Non-Executive Director, EBFCI, Bangladesh Region

Ghazi Rashid is a seasoned professional with 23 years of experience, including over 9 years in hospital management and 14 years in sales and marketing. He currently serves as the Deputy General Manager of Patient Welfare at Evercare Hospital Dhaka, a 425-bed multidisciplinary, JCI-accredited hospital. His previous roles include Regional Sales Manager, Area Manager, and Medical Services Officer at leading pharmaceutical companies. Rashid is recognized for his contributions to healthcare, including his exemplary service during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Motiur Rahman Bhuiyan

Secretary of Administration & Communications, EBFCI, Bangladesh Region

A skilled professional in the IP Telephony industry in Bangladesh, specializing in business development, strategic marketing, and client management through Management Information Systems (MIS). A tech enthusiast with a strong focus on expanding ICT related services.

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