



Profile





MOHAMMED HAMID PROFILE

Mohammed came to Uganda in 1987 after his high school to visit his elder brother, Mohammed El Hamid, owner of Pan Afric Impex. He was supposed to proceed to the U.S. for university education on the advice of his father. Hamid fell in love with the country and decided to stay.

He then founded Pan Afric Commodities Ltd in 1997. Since then, the enterprise blossomed into the Aya Group of Companies (AYA). The group comprises the Pan Afric Commodities Limited, Aya Biscuits Limited, Fifi Transport Limited, Aya Bakery Limited, and Aya Investments Uganda Limited, the developers of Kampala's landmark Pearl of Africa Hotel in Uganda.

Mohammed's success through trading in general merchandise and an abundance of opportunities in Uganda catapulted him into the manufacturing sector, having accumulated enough capital from the former. Mohammed first invested over USD1.5m in setting up the XXX industry, with the machinery alone costing USD 1.3m.

As the Executive Chairman, Hamid has led the expansion of AYA into a household name in Uganda with Investments in real estate, factories, equipment, and logistics totaling over USD 1.3 billion. The group currently employs more than 5,000 people.

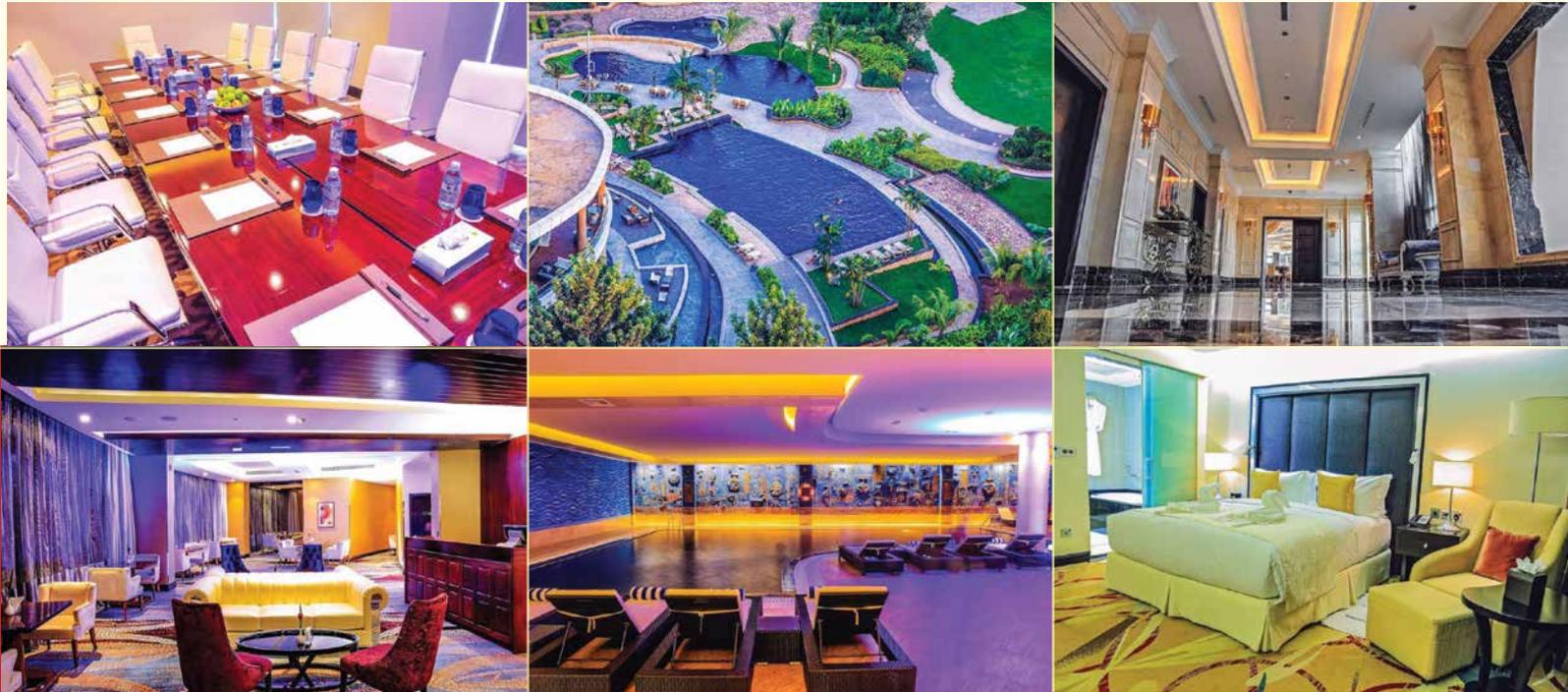
AYA has received many prestigious awards and accolades for outstanding work in investment in Uganda. In 2013, H.E. Yoweri K. Museveni recognized Hamid as one of the leading Investors and Entrepreneurs in Uganda. For his contribution to the Socio-Economic Transformation of Uganda and the U.N. Millennium development goals, H.E. Museveni awarded him The Pearl of Africa Lifetime Achievement Award 2013. Mohammed has been named thrice by Forbes Magazine among Africa's top young entrepreneurs for the footprints he continues to make on the Ugandan economy.

Hamid is one of Uganda's significant industrialists with vast experience in various industrial sectors in countries across the globe. However, most of his business interests concentration are in Africa and the Middle East. He is well experienced in project design and implementation and is a graduate in Business Administration.

Mr. Hamid has not only expanded his business empire but has been actively fulfilling his obligations in Corporate Social Responsibility.

Through the AYA Foundation, Mohammed continues to benefit the orphaned and underprivileged children around Uganda. He aims to give them a better future through education, sports, and basic needs like housing, nutrition, and medication due to his commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability.

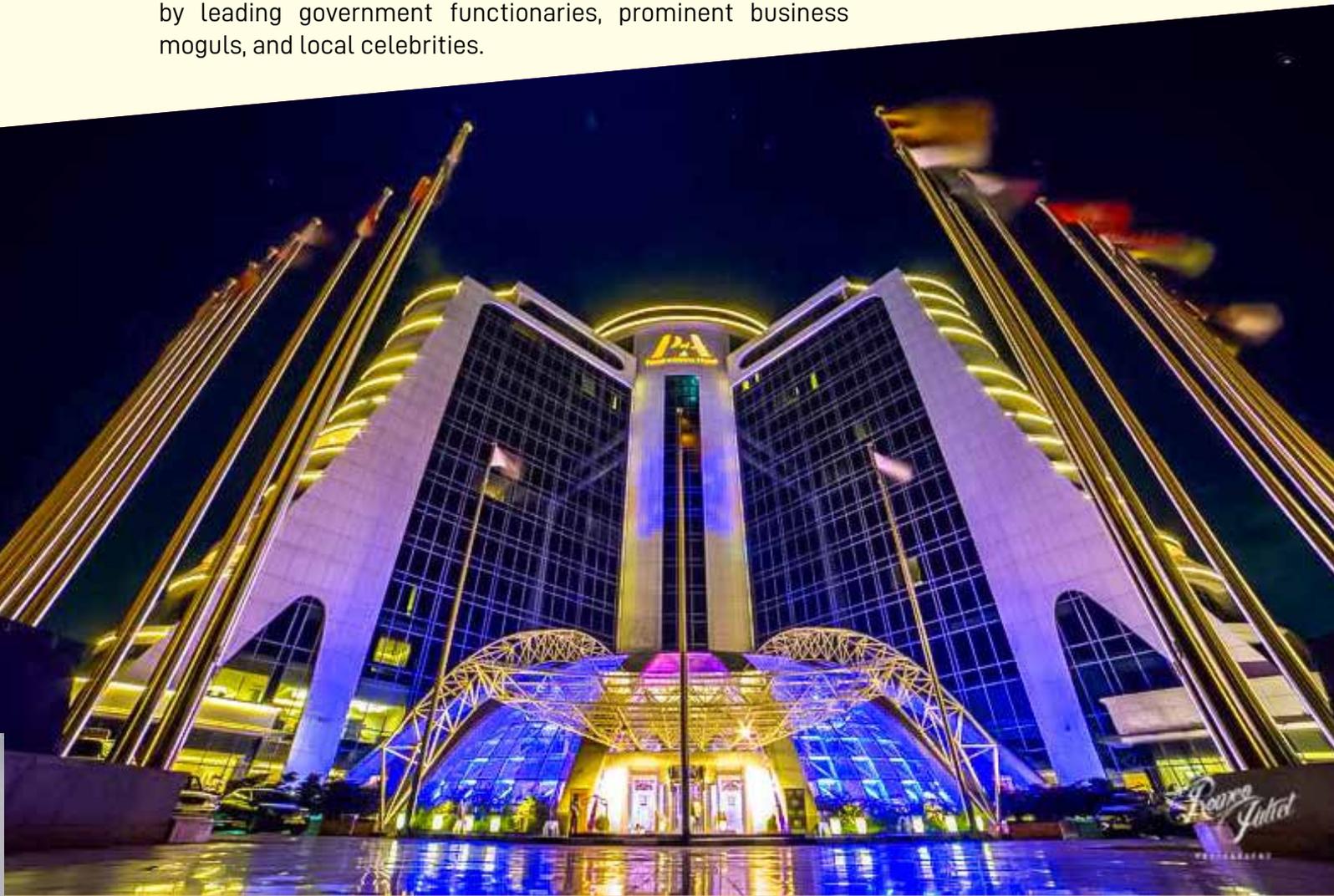
Committed to peace and development on the continent, Mohammed is a role player, working behind the scenes to bring warring parties between nations, bridging talks and negotiations amongst countries' leaders and (or) opponents.



BUSINESSES AT A GLANCE

PEARL OF AFRICA HOTEL

In October 2017, Mohammed launched the luxurious 20-storied Pearl of Africa Hotel, built over ten years by Hamid's conglomerate. Pearl of Africa Hotel is Uganda's tallest completed building comprising 253 rooms and 42 suites in seven accommodation levels, ranging between 31 and 164 square meters in size. H.E. Yoweri K. Museveni, President of Uganda, officially launched the hotel's soft opening in October 2018 at a colorful ceremony attended by leading government functionaries, prominent business moguls, and local celebrities.



THE AYA ESTATE

AYA Investments (U) Ltd manages a diversified portfolio of industrial and commercial real estate. One of the division's principal projects is Uganda's only five-star hotel, the Pearl of Africa Hotel.



AYA MILLS

AYA Mills operates one of the most extensive commercial milling facilities in East Africa and is home to some of the region's most refined flours. The facilities utilize modern equipment, including state-of-the-art Ocrim mills, capable of producing up to 8,500 tonnes of flour per month. The unit has its headquarters and mills complex in Kawempe Division, Kampala - Uganda.



AYA MINING

In 2015, the AYA Group established the first gold mining facility in Uganda. The project shall expand its operations into the processing of metals from other east African nations.



AYA BISCUITS

Aya Biscuits operates the newest and most modern biscuit-making facility in Uganda, utilizing the latest Polin Machinery imported from Italy.



FIFI TRANSPORT UGANDA LTD

A leading hauler in the east and central African region, the company has state-of-the-art trucks capable of handling containerized and bagged freight. Major routes of FIFI Transport include the port of Mombasa in Kenya and Kampala. They also operate in Southern Sudan.



AYA BAKERY (U) LTD

The largest commercial bakery in Uganda supplies fresh bakery products daily to Kampala and the central parts of Uganda.







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