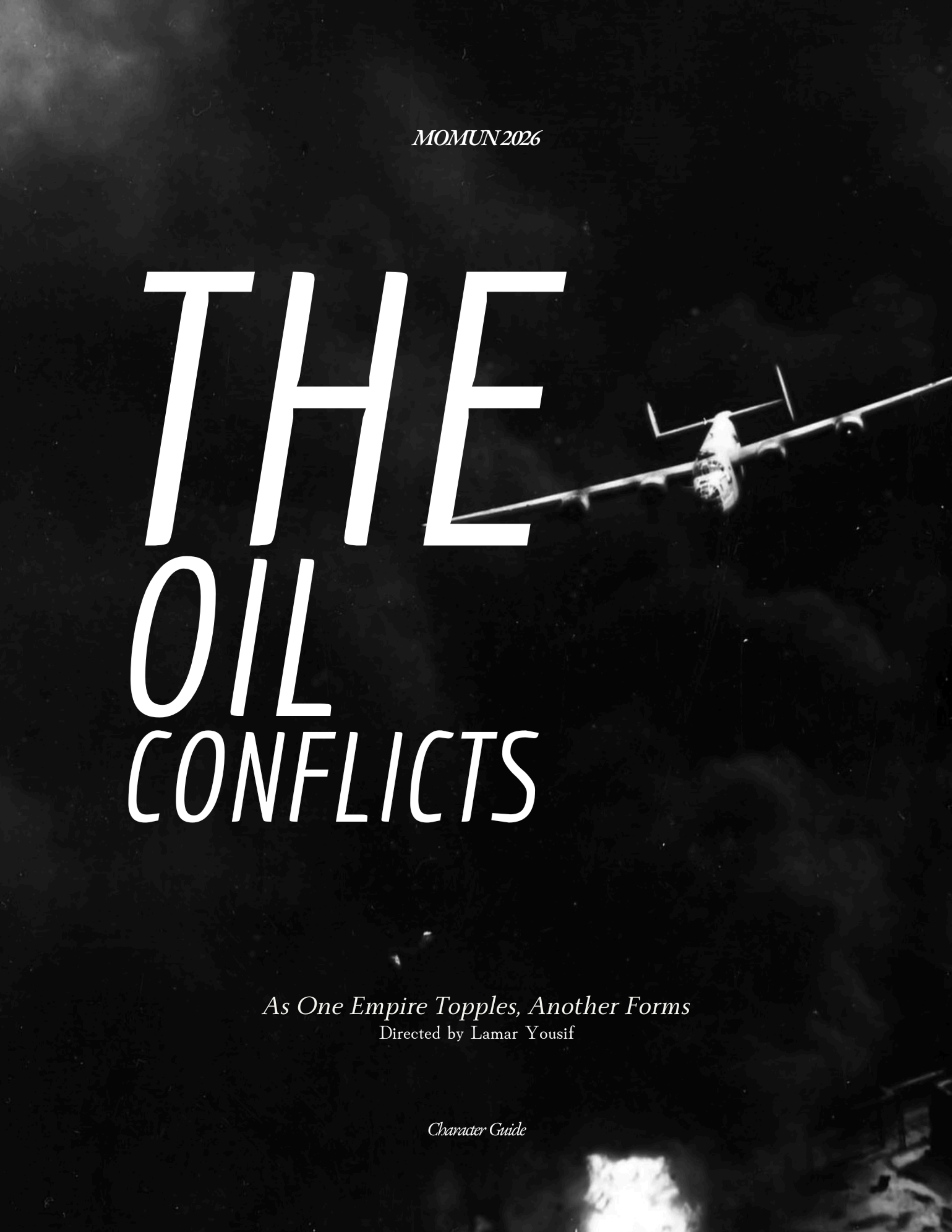

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Saud Bin Abdul-Aziz al Saud

"[In contrast to my father, during my reign, I] will fight a war on poverty, ignorance, and disease."

Saud Bin Abdul Aziz al Saud is the crown prince of Saudi Arabia. From his youth, he was leading armies and expeditions to expand land before and during World War 1. He has quite a few political connections from representing his father during diplomatic events in neighbouring countries. Saud Bin Abdul-Aziz is generally a well-liked figure throughout his relations. Dedicated to the concept of a peaceful, Pan-Arab community, he's always thinking towards the wellbeing and maximum benefit of as many countries as possible.[1] Saud Bin Abdul-Aziz is well prepared to ascend the throne and lead his country.

He'd discovered ARAMCO during its very early stages from his father's trials with the negotiations concerning the concession agreement. At the time, he had thought it a good idea to invest early while its value was low, as well as tell a few select people in his environment about the opportunity. And if they were to spread the news to a few more, and more, until this small company had blossomed and those in the centre were primarily Arabian powers, then who was he?

He personally owns 5% of the company's stocks.

[1] Wikipedia Contributors, "Saud of Saudi Arabia," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, April 20, 2025), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saud_of_Saudi_Arabia.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

“When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.”

The war is finally over. World War II weighed heavy on the president’s shoulders, yet there was still work to be done. Having been elected in the midst of the Great Depression, FDR had much work to do to set his country right. The economy needed to be fixed, the people needed much more rights, corporations needed limits, and so much more. It kept piling on him, yet he still delivered. Establishing national Social Security, organisations managing the construction of hospitals and schools, bringing electricity into rural homes, building dams and focusing on soil conservation—he was reliable and got so much done in favour of the United States. Until he was spent. Until he couldn’t do it any longer, and his brain hemorrhaged.[2]

The world waited until he came back, and when he did, his ever-growing workload seemed insurmountable. However, Franklin D. Roosevelt isn’t one to be helpless, especially with how much work he’s already put in. After the war, he was heavily invested in the idea of world peace and made a plan, in which the first step was strengthening the diplomatic relations the USA had. It was also imperative to build a relationship with the Middle East, as many powerful countries already had claims to its resources, namely its oil. Using natural gas as a resource was becoming more and more viable for common use; but without a way to implement it in the US, Roosevelt felt that his country would slowly fall behind. He decided to invest in the oil industry there through ARAMCO shortly before he fell into his coma.

The USA owns 6% of the company’s stocks.

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[2] Wikipedia Contributors. “Franklin D. Roosevelt.” *Wikipedia*, Wikimedia Foundation, 7 Dec. 2018, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin_D._Roosevelt.

Mohamed Naguib

"I am ashamed that our army has not reacted against this attack [against the British takeover], and I wish for calamity to overtake the British."

Egypt is controlled by the British and no one likes it—-especially not Mohamed Naguib. He leads the *Free Officers Movement* with Gamal Abdel Nasser in Egypt, and for good cause. He believes that Egypt should not be controlled by an invisible empire but should rather be run by a parliamentary democracy, one where the actual people get a say in its affairs and leadership. He is disconcerted by the class divisions in Egypt and wishes to put more people on a closer economic level. The majority of Egypt is not fond of the current government and a riot is due,[3] with shambles of a country being the aftermath if Gamal does not have the resources to represent the people's will properly.

Having gone through numerous levels of higher education; including law school, military school, political economics, et cetera, he was very well-versed in the art of making valuable connections. Being a military officer with many of these powerful aquaintances, he'd discovered that the Middle East had quite a few prospective companies looking into the oil in the region. CASOC, one such company, had caused quite a ruckus with Saudi Arabia in obtaining rights to explore the land.[4] They seemed confident, and Gamal Abdel Nasser needed to fund the revolution he'd been dreaming about *somehow,* and thus was prompted to invest most of his savings.

He personally owns 4% of the company's stocks.

[3]Wikipedia Contributors. (2019, April 19). Mohamed Naguib. Wikipedia; Wikimedia Foundation. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mohamed_Naguib

[4] Wikipedia Contributors, "St John Philby," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, March 1, 2026), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_John_Philby.

Nuri As-Said

"You will answer for the blood of Ghazi, Nuri!"

Nuri As-Said has a problem. Like many politicians, he's well liked in the higher-up places, yet the people aren't so convinced of his greatness. Between his chumminess with the British and his anti-populist stances, he's a sceptical figure in Iraq, with his involvement suspected in many different controversies such as the death of his political rivals. The Iraqi Communist Party is gaining popularity, while Iraq's government is becoming more closed-off in a monarchical fashion, and the people are realising their power in numbers while Nuri As-Said is realising his power's founded on the ever-slipping British.[5]

Recently, oil workers in the region had rioted and police brutality had led to numerous casualties, leading to the reinstatement of Nuri As-Said; and the British want to keep a permanent military presence in the country.[5] However, this combination of events has made the people angrier than ever; giving Nuri one objective: Keep the country from civil war. One of the driving factors of the Iraqi people's displeasure is the large gap in socioeconomic classes—and thus to solve that, is to delay and perhaps even resolve the pending situation. Informed about CASOC from his close relations with the Saudi Arabian Monarch, Nuri As-Said has decided to invest and use the oil from there to help placate the Iraqi people, in some way or another.

Iraq owns 5% of the company's stocks.

[5] Wikipedia Contributors, "Nuri Al-Said," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, March 11, 2026), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuri_al-Said.

*Iraq Petroleum Company Representative - Ammar Al-Salem

"Keep your friends close but your enemies closer."

The Iraq Petroleum Company can almost see their own high future fall from grace. Currently, they have successfully monopolised the oil market in Iraq, and have had much success in the international market. They were on the track to becoming not only a major player, but the top player in the natural gas industry; had ARAMCO not discovered Dammam No. 7. The IPC has already been through many turbulent ordeals before eventually coming out victorious in their early days—dealing with events such as the Great Depression, temporarily losing their concession rights in Iraq, and essentially getting hazed by the bigger oil companies[6]—so ARAMCO's rising success should be nothing of a threat, merely minor competition that can be overcome easily. Ammar Al-Salem is one of their representatives set up in ARAMCO to properly voice the IPC's interests, a salesman chosen for his knowledge of the oil industry.

The IPC has climbed to the top of the world, but what to do when you see greater mountains in the distance? ARAMCO has started climbing such heights, and though their success isn't guaranteed, the more time passes their chances increase. The IPC is smart, though, and hasn't put all their eggs in one basket. After conceding their bidding war with ARAMCO over the rights to the Saudi Arabian lands, they had bought some of ARAMCO's stock in anticipation of what they would discover. In reference to ARAMCO's success, who really got lucky?

IPC owns 4% of the company's stocks.

[6] Wikipedia Contributors, "Iraq Petroleum Company," Wikipedia, July 21, 2023, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq_Petroleum_Company.

*CEO of ARAMCO - Timothy Astor

"Earliest bird ends up getting the worm."

Timothy Astor was drawing at straws when he stuck with ARAMCO's mindless search for oil in the Middle East. In light of ARAMCO's discovery, he was bolstered by his luck. He never thought that he'd be able to cope with the devastation of Standard Oil, let alone be the founder of the company with the largest oil reserves in the industry. Just when he'd gotten comfortable in his top-level job at Standard Oil, his old company, it suddenly split into much too many branches to count. He was then made CEO of one of them, in charge of managing its operations and ensuring its success.[7] His risky decision to pursue Saudi Arabia after the BPC discovered oil in the Middle East had been the best in his life. He wasn't a business mastermind by any means; but he was quick on his feet and had a talent for spotting opportunities that others miss out on.

Now that he's in a stable position of power, he's not going to miss out on the chance to exploit it. Timothy Astor wants to become as rich as possible, and get as much sway and influence as possible while he's the CEO of ARAMCO.

He personally owns 7% of the company's stocks.

[7] Wikipedia Contributors. "Standard Oil." Wikipedia. Wikimedia Foundation, January 22, 2019. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_Oil.

*Aden Colony Representative - Israh Al-Kindah

"He who controls information controls the world."

Knowledge is power; but how will such knowledge exist without moving around? Those who control the transportation routes hold the most power and sway over external affairs, and that is exactly why the Aden Colony is so important. They are a vital port for ships traveling between Europe, India, and the Far East of Asia, and are thus how oil can move throughout the world.[8] Majority of the citizens desire their civilization to prosper, if nothing else. The British might have instated the port there, but the majority of the workers are Yemeni and loyal to the land and people they grew up in. Israh Al-Kindah is of the few who regulate the trade in the canal from the top while corresponding with the British, and so he knows much of the culture and customs while also being knowledgeable on international diplomacy; making him the most suitable person to represent the colony in ARAMCO's board of shareholders.

The Aden Colony discovered ARAMCO through their bidding with IPC in gaining Saudi Arabia's concession rights. Aden controlled a lot of the trade happening in the area because of their controlled border at the Red Sea's entrance, and so when ARAMCO started using the port often for transporting people, resources, communications, et cetera, they were eventually discovered by the leaders of the Aden Colony. Israh Al-Kindah had deduced that they were going to have a lot of potential as a company and decided to invest on behalf of the Aden Colony.

The Aden Colony owns 4% of the company's stocks.

[8] Wikipedia Contributors, "Aden Colony," Wikipedia, November 7, 2023, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aden_Colony.

Josephine Baker

"I have two loves: my country and Paris."

A soldier, a poet, and a king. Jospehine Baker had created poetry with her music, comedy, and dancing. She was a soldier in all but name, being an undercover spy and a fighter-pilot in World War I, working to help French intelligence. She grew up in Missouri, USA, but after experiencing the blatant and heavy racism, she moved to France to become a great entertainer and performer. When World War II started, she was recruited by the French Intelligence Agency to socialise with Germans, Italians, and Japanese elites and bureaucrats at embassies, ministries, night clubs; charming them while secretly gathering information. After the fighting ended, she was a wartime hero, reinvented globally as a woman with no bounds, the toughest there is. She used her popularity as engagement, which was a rousing success and reestablished her as one of Paris' pre-eminent entertainers. However, the ever-risk-taker Josephine Baker was destined for success, and thus set her sights clearly on becoming a worldwide sensation.[9]

As grand, useful, and charismatic as she was, she made many friends in high places.[9] Through her various connections, she gleaned the fact that the Middle East had a few companies fighting over potentially highly valued-land. Josephine Baker was an explorer who's intrigued easily by grand prospects, and a situation like that was enticing. Now her purchase came to bloom, and she is now responsible for making sure she can use this to rule.

She personally owns 4% of the company's stocks.

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[9] Wikipedia Contributors, "Josephine Baker," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, September 22, 2019), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josephine_Baker.

Dwight Eisenhower

"He is one of the most capable, efficient and loyal officers I have ever met."

From commanding tanks to leading D-Day, Dwight is confident in his place in the world, which is to help the USA lead the world to a better place. Having received numerous promotions in the Army to the highest positions, he's extremely well-liked domestically. One such role of his was his responsibility of creating the major war plans to defeat Japan and Germany. Though he was such a good soldier for the USA, he was also loved abroad, as well, having been given the highest military decoration in Poland, helping Germans after World War II, and befriending and having Soviets as close companions.[10] All in all, it's clear that Eisenhower is aware of the difficulty and fragility of the world's political turmoil, and is dedicated to solving it in more than conventional ways.

After the second World War, he was distraught by how divided the world was and decided to look into ways to strengthen international relations globally. He wants to promote relations between all countries in order to preserve the peace after World War II.[10] He thought of achieving this through economics, since international politics and economics are interwoven deeply together. Many times has relations between countries prospered after the trade bond between them was strengthened through nonpolicial business. He happened upon ARAMCO as a viable solution though his wartime connections, Deciding to invest, he thought it seemed promising and had potential to subtly establish trust between many places, if the company prospers to its full potential.

He personally owns 4% of the company's stocks.

[10] Wikipedia Contributors, "Dwight D. Eisenhower," Wikipedia, April 13, 2024, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dwight_D._Eisenhower#World_War_II_(1939%E2%80%931945).

Frank Sinatra

"His love of country, his generosity for those less fortunate ... make him one of our most remarkable and distinguished Americans."

Frank Sinatra is a growing star. Teenagers were getting hit with "Sinatramania" and over 1000 fan clubs were reported across the USA. He was a famous actor and singer, with many awards in each career, independently drawing millions of fans everywhere. However, he grew up as an outspoken individual against racism, particularly for the Black, Italian, and Jewish people who were frequently persecuted against in his childhood.[11] A man very interested in other perspectives and backgrounds, he never limits himself to what he can understand by constantly trying to "put himself in others' shoes." He holds many strong views and morals concerning minorities and weaker people everywhere in the world, yet has no outlet for which to make any meaningful change, despite rising to be one of the most known performers globally.

He thinks that he should have more power than this. After all, he has enough money to do something—he thought it best be something that benefitted as many as possible. Frank Sinatra decided to start looking into ways to get involved into politics, as that seemed like the biggest sphere of influence. He expressed this to his good friend Franklin D. Roosevelt, when he was informed about FDR's plan to use ARAMCO and decided to use it as his chance to get his foot in the door to a powerful organisation before it became such.

He personally owns 4% of the company's stocks.

[11] Wikipedia Contributors, "Frank Sinatra," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, March 1, 2019), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Sinatra.

*Saudi ETF Representative - Ibrahim Abdul-Hadi

“A speck of dust may only irritate an eye; but an incoming sandstorm can decimate an entire region.”

There’s power in numbers. Ordinarily, a single person—let alone one from an impoverished area such as the Middle East—wouldn’t have nearly enough buying power to invest meaningfully in a large-scale company with expensive operations like an oil-based one. A single person wouldn’t even be able to find out about such companies before they became too big to join in on. A single person wouldn’t even attempt to let themselves join in the elite’s world, discussing and controlling things that impact everything in their lives behind closed doors.

But what if someone got confident and they decided to be in the room where it happened? It’d only be a matter of how. What if, with all the resources and people a company would need—especially a company so dependent on the natural environment, a few people connected the dots and realised what was happening? It’s only a matter of obtaining stocks. What if instead of relying on a single person’s wealth, a number of people got together and pooled their money in order to buy shares of a promising company?[12] Ibrahim Abdul-Hadi is the manager and founder of an Exchange-Traded Fund in Saudi Arabia that exclusively invested in ARAMCO. He and a group of friends realised, through the amount of commotion ARAMCO was causing in the country, that Saudi Arabia was on the cusp of a booming industry and they wanted a piece. They promoted and recruited enough people to create an ETF with the resources to properly invest in ARAMCO.

The ETF owns 6% of the company’s stocks.

[12] Wikipedia Contributors, “Exchange-Traded Fund,” Wikipedia, April 21, 2020, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exchange-traded_fund.

Rachel Carson (on behalf of The Nature Conservancy)

"Her special combination of scientific knowledge and poetic writing helped her reach a broader audience than her counterparts."

The world is alright, it's been alright, and it will continue to be alright—as long as Rachel Carson does her job. Flagged by The Nature Conservancy, oil drilling is a relatively modern technology that no one knows much about, especially regarding its effects on the environment. Other than the consequences of reshaping landforms, polluting its region's limited water supply, damaging the local ecosystem; not to mention everything that hasn't been pointed out yet. Maybe it's not that people don't know, but the people with the most influence don't *care*. The Nature Conservancy figured this out long ago and decided to buy out the spaces they intend to protect; which mainly focused on preventing deforestation by purchasing land.[13]

Now, they intend to expand their sights and slow down newer technologies from destroying the planet before figuring out how to safely and sustainably integrate them. Owning all the places they intend to protect is expensive—if their share in ARAMCO also happens to help fund their operations, then all the better, right? Rachel Carson is their chosen representative. She was an independent researcher before making a name for herself through her work, and caught the attention of The Nature Conservancy.[14] This is her chance to prove herself as a reliable and capable member of the organisation.

The Nature Conservancy owns 6% of the company's stocks.

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[13] Wikipedia Contributors, "Rachel Carson," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, March 12, 2019), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rachel_Carson.
[14] Wikipedia Contributors, "The Nature Conservancy," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, June 11, 2019), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Nature_Conservancy.

Lord Simon of Wythenshawe (on behalf of BBC)

"Give them an inch and they'll want to take a mile."

Running for parliament is an unsuccessful attempt at power if you don't have the people behind you. This truth Simon Wythenshawe had to learn the hard way. Coming from running a collection of successful family businesses, he believed his duty was to work for the happiness of the community. His calling was to work towards the public good. After the Second World War, he stood for parliament, but was unable to get instated. Though it's not his only source of power—elected Lord Mayor of Manchester, appointed the Secretary to the Ministry of Health, having been knighted—though it's certainly a step higher on the political ladder. His life wasn't ruined due to his failure here, either, as he's recently been promoted to the BBC Board of Governors.[15, 16] He's highly interested in various topics concerning anything that concerns the good of his people. From air pollution, university education, and government weapons disarmament, as long as he can help it, he'll use it for Britain's good.

A good result of his connections being used wisely, as BBC is much more than only a media company. They dabble in performers, radio, technology production, and more.[17] As a member of their board, he's responsible for finding creative ways to produce profit. Additionally, Simon Wythenshawe

[15] Wikipedia Contributors, "Baron Simon of Wythenshawe," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, December 12, 2023), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baron_Simon_of_Wythenshawe

[16] Wikipedia Contributors, "Ernest Simon," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, July 11, 2024), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernest_Simon,_1st_Baron_Simon_of_Wythenshawe.

[17] Ayshford, John, and Brendon Jones. "The Shy Campaigner." The Simons of Manchester, Manchester University Press, Sept. 2024, https://doi.org/10.7765/9781526176400.00016. Accessed 18 Apr. 2026.

has a history of backing up causes he supports financially, and a cause where Britain could rebuild its economy and resources through foreign trade was just the thing he was interested in. So then, he decided to invest in the oil industry—specifically, a new start-up in Saudi Arabia called ARAMCO. He'll later use himself as a necessary bridge between BBC and ARAMCO, expanding the BBC's horizons and solidly starting their legacy as more than a broadcasting company while also attempting to build a stronger connection between Britain and Saudi Arabia. He'll have shot 3 birds with one stone—his societal position, international relations, and BBC's success—ARAMCO.

He personally owns 5% of the company's stocks.

*ARAMCO Union Representative - Waseem Al-Akram

"Unions have been the only powerful and effective voice working people have ever had in the history of this country." - Bruce Springsteen [18]

Behind every great project is the work of a hundred, unnamed men. Problematic, because when the people in charge of generating profit for a company are faced with a choice to give workers a better operating environment or maximising the money flow; their priorities always veer to the latter. Why care about the conditions of people's labour if they will do it anyway? The common employee rarely gets a chance to speak up about what they think should be better, but they suddenly get the opportunity to do it through a union.[19] Implemented by internal decision in order to satiate the people, a representative of the workers was placed in the shareholder board to help them make decisions.

Waseen Al-Akram was chosen by the people, as he's quite known around the company and many believe he would accurately represent their wants. Having built himself up from near-nothing, he was noticed by a few people for his ability to diffuse situations and reach rare compromises. Whatever happens, the workers at ARAMCO know that he'll do his best to represent them all.

***The workers own the stock, but cannot manage it since it is company property. It is essentially dedicated to additional workers' benefits. The union owns 6% of the company's stocks.*

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[18] "Inspiring Labor Quotes from Histories Heroes," The AFT Guild, February 10, 2016, https://aftguild.org/labor-quotes.

[19] Wikipedia Contributors, "Trade Union," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, February 10, 2019), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trade_union.

*Environmental Activist (On behalf of the Saudi Arabian Government) - Imran Wali

"Should the people be beaten with a stick, it would not help placate them to find out it was called the People's Stick." - Mikhail Bakunin [20]

The unspoken, mutual agreement to not cause chaos is the only thing holding society together. Fortunately, not many things can cause people to get upset enough to break that agreement. One thing that might, however, is the unfair mooching of resources in a region that rightfully belongs to them. Especially if keeping public substance isn't a matter of greed, but a matter of survival. An organisation, specifically an energy-generation one, will always influence and put strain on trading, water supply, local infrastructure and more. If a company comes into a region and acts like an invasive species, generally making it harder and harder for citizens to live—what is keeping the people from rioting? Of course, it wouldn't come to that, especially when a special environmental activist is instituted in the company by the Saudi Arabian government to keep public interests in mind. Officially, Imran Wali is there to ensure the company is being conscious of the environment. However, his role is better understood to be making sure the company's environmental burdens don't burden the people.

He owns, under the Saudi Arabian government, 4% of the company's stocks.

[20] "A Quote by Mikhail Bakunin," Goodreads.com, 2026, https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/38770-when-the-people-are-being-beaten-with-a-stick-they.

Abdulaziz Al-Saud

"The English are my friends, but I will walk with them only so far as my religion and honor will allow."

Life is heavy and enlightening, winning and dragging at the same time. From being high royalty and almost completely controlling the Arabian Peninsula to being deposed and exiled and then forcibly taking back former land and power with little more than 40 men, Abdulaziz Al-Saud, or more commonly known as Ibn Saud, certainly had a number of eventful experiences not many get to claim half of. And yet, his fight has only just begun. After World War I, he was chosen as the region's leader, the protectorate of the British. He has inherited responsibility over all the nation's many disputes, high tension, poor civilians, and lack of resources.[21] He was in need of more ideas to benefit his citizens more than just handing out donations, something sustainable and real. He would have done anything to help his country, including negotiating land rights with resource-extraction companies to start building the nation's treasury. ARAMCO and IPC's bidding war only served to drive up the value of the land, eventually convincing Ibn Saud to grant one of them concession rights. As even if he wasn't convinced of the oil ARAMCO had suspected was in the ground, it was essentially free money that he could use to further his own nation.[21]

Now that ARAMCO's path to prosperity is tangible, he will do whatever it takes to help his citizens.

He owns 8% of the company's stocks.

[21] Wikipedia Contributors, "Ibn Saud," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, September 7, 2019), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibn_Saud.

St John Philby

"True desire in the heart for anything good is proof sent to you beforehand to indicate that it's yours already."

St John Philby is a man true to himself. He acts on his every want, impulse, and thought. A student by nature, he chases knowledge and the satisfaction of comprehending something. More than that, he focuses on using his knowledge to better his environment. Not for any noble reason, but because he wants to in order to be the one to achieve it. Everything is capable of being improved, and St John Philby is the one who will fix it. He studied oriental languages and travelled all over in order to quench his personal interest, when he was assigned by the British Occupied Territories to keep an eye on Abdulaziz Al–Saud, or Ibn Saud. However, the King of Saudi Arabia quickly caught his interest in a way nothing else had—and St John Philby decided to help him in whatever way he could to achieve the goals Abdulaziz aimed for. Though the British favoured Sheriff Hussein, the current leader of the Hejaz, Philby secretly began to favour Ibn Saud. He even crossed from Riyadh to Jeddah to demonstrate that Saud, not Hussein, was in control of the Arabian highlands and the forces in it, at a time when the Ikhwan, a religious terrorist group, was hunting non-believers down in the desert.[22]

Later, Philby was forced to resign his post, as he was found to have had unauthorised correspondence with Ibn Saud and was sending him confidential information, which carried with it the connotation of espionage. He then became an advisor for Ibn Saud, advising him heavily on the matter concerning ARAMCO, and being one of the main forces behind the King's agreement to the

[22] Wikipedia Contributors, "Ibn Saud," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, September 7, 2019), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibn_Saud.

deal for concession rights.[23] Having been so convinced of the company's success, it's obvious that he, too, would invest in it.

He owns 5% of the company's stocks.

[23] Wikipedia Contributors, "St John Philby," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, March 1, 2026), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_John_Philby.

*Jersey Standard Representative - Suleman Sayeed

“Always expect the unexpected. The oil and gas industry is terrible at predicting anything, so you should always have a back-up plan.” - David Dixon [24]

When things don’t go your way, it makes sense to act rationally. When things are mostly completely ruined, acting irrationally *is* acting rationally. This thought process is one not adopted by many, except for Jersey Standard. Standard Oil, the original monopolist of the natural gas industry, was doing great until it was discovered to be in violation of several antitrust laws in the United States, where it originated. After being forced to dissolve into several companies, Standard Oil was in doubt about what to do. One of the several new companies it dissolved into, Jersey Standard, decided to act on that principle in order to succeed. By managing shares of a bunch of oil companies, they essentially gave themselves as many chances as possible to make it big. In this case, they were right to do that, as one of their investments, ARAMCO, is now a bigshot company in the world and needs management.

Suleman Sayeed was one of the people promoted to manage the company directly after it was officialised, as suddenly they needed idea-men and process managers to help run the company independently and fully. On a whim, he proposed the theory of “putting your eggs in all the baskets,” in the sense of investing in a copious amount of smaller oil companies—they weren't worth a lot, and one of them was bound to make it big eventually. He was right, and was now sent to this committee as

[24] Claudio Perfetti, “Denzel Washington’s 10 Rules for Life - Claudio Perfetti,” Claudio Perfetti, February 25, 2020, https://www.claudioperfetti.com/all/denzel-washingtons-10-rules-for-life/.

their spokesperson. The logic was that he was the original pitcher of this idea, so he was put in charge of representing the interests of Jersey Standard according to their shares.

Jersey Standard owns 6% of the company's stocks.

David Rockefeller

"For more than a century, ideological extremists...have seized upon well-publicized incidents...to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions. Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States...and of conspiring with others around the world...If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it."

Contrary to popular belief, being a nepo baby is hard work, especially if you're planning to keep and expand your generational wealth. David Rockefeller knows this first-hand. The grandson of John D. Rockefeller, the founder of standard oil co, is now standing on his own two legs. He earned a PHD in Economics, worked in the United States Office of Defense, Health and Welfare Services, served in North Africa and France managing military intelligence units during World War II, and has many other notable accomplishments. Recently, he joined the Chase National Bank staff, in which his family has been associated with for a longstanding time, and is planning on advancing through its ranks to eventually lead it. [25]

He has many connections throughout the higher echelon of society, including multiple generations of CIA directors, royalty in different countries, politicians, and most notably, many people in the oil industry.[26] During World War II, he was told about ARAMCO by his father's friends and fellow founders, who were keeping an eye on the companies that Standard Oil split into. This particular branch was doing quite well in comparison to others, and David Rockefeller had the

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[25] Wikipedia Contributors, "David Rockefeller," Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation, October 16, 2024), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Rockefeller.
[26] "Britannica Money," www.britannica.com, April 3, 2024, https://www.britannica.com/money/David-Rockefeller.

pleasure of hearing all about it. By the end, he was convinced that investing in this company while it was still majorly inactive and relatively small was the best course of action, and thus he did.

He personally owns 7% of the company's stocks.