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Short bio

Abdullah Almutawa is Co-CEO of The Taken Seat, a Kuwait venture builder, and founder of Rent Your Machine. He co-founded and led Carriage, scaling it to six countries and 12,000 riders before its acquisition by Delivery Hero (approximately $200M including earn-outs). Forbes Middle East Top Kuwaiti Entrepreneur 2023.

Long bio

Abdullah Almutawa is Co-Chief Executive Officer of The Taken Seat, the Kuwait-based venture builder he founded in 2019 with his brother Musab, and Founder and CEO of Rent Your Machine / Reem Equipment Rental, an equipment-rental marketplace and fleet operator with operations across Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

He began his career as a field engineer with Schlumberger before co-founding The Stack, a Kuwait restaurant whose delivery problems led him to co-found Carriage in 2016. As CEO he took Carriage from launch to six countries, more than 1,000 employees and 12,000 riders on approximately $1.3M of capital, culminating in its acquisition by Delivery Hero SE for approximately $200M in total consideration including earn-outs - one of the fastest and largest exits in the region. He was subsequently elected to Delivery Hero's Global Leadership Council and served as Chairman of Carriage.

Through The Taken Seat he has founded or backed Ahlan Hamad, Cari, MyFatoorah and Fiz. Beyond the Gulf, the firm's investments are held through special-purpose vehicles and include SpaceX, Dataminr, FLYR, Truework (acquired by Checkr in 2025), Sendoso, Mythical Games and Kinovi; it is also a shareholder in Cambridge Innovation Capital, a preferred investor for the University of Cambridge, and a Limited Partner in Struck Capital. He was named to Forbes Middle East's Top Kuwaiti Entrepreneurs list in 2023 and holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering.