



Mary Ann Khalil

Mary Ann Khalil is a seasoned leader in Internal Audit, Enterprise Risk Management and Governance, with over 20 years of experience working closely with Boards of Directors, Audit & Risk Committees, and C-suite leaders. Mary Ann worked for reputed multinational organisations including Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Arthur Andersen LLP, and Ernst & Young LLP, before founding Knowbility Consultancy, a boutique firm delivering governance and risk assurance solutions. Her client portfolio spans chemical manufacturing, education (K-12 and University), IT solutions, trading, retail, FMCG, and F&B. She is also skilled at VMV design, strategy implementation, board charters, organization and process (re)design, performance management, policy development, and code of conduct.

Mary Ann holds three globally recognised professional certifications: Artificial Intelligence Governance Professional (AIGP), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and Certified Risk Management Assurance (CRMA). She is passionate about strong governance as a driver of impact and sustainability, and actively contributes to the profession as a speaker and podcast guest, with topics including auditor independence, the role of internal auditors in follow-up of action plans, and HR adoption of AI. She also co-moderates a global AI Fellowship of over 600 members, and has presented at international conferences such as the Global Internal Audit Conference.

Originally from Los Angeles, California, Mary Ann has lived and worked in the UK and UAE, and is now based in Kuwait. Her international journey has shaped an inclusive mindset and values-centric leadership style. Beyond her professional work, Mary Ann is a committed volunteer with Soroptimist International Kuwait, where she leads the Fundraising Committee in support of women's empowerment and education initiatives. She is known for her collaborative, practical, and commercially minded approach, offering strategic insight and sound judgment in complex environments.

Mary Ann looks forward to serving as a Trustee of The Duke of York's Royal Military School, supporting Chairwoman Claire Pearsall and the wider Board in advancing the school's mission.