

Dr. Simon Galpin
Biography



Dr. Simon Galpin initially joined the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) in 2016 as Managing Director and now serves as the Senior Advisor on Investment Promotion. Dr Galpin was recruited to develop the EDB into a full-service investment promotion agency and as a catalyst for economic diversification and regulatory reform. For four consecutive years the EDB has delivered a four-fold increase in the number investors supported per year, resulting in record FDI flows and jobs created.

Prior to joining the EDB, Simon spend over 20 years in Hong Kong. During his time as the Director-General at Invest Hong Kong he created the StartmeupHK initiative, which helped launch the start-up and fintech movement in Hong Kong.

Dr. Galpin began his economic development career with Scottish Enterprise, in Glasgow – at that time Europe’s largest development agency.

Dr. Galpin is a Doctor of Juridical Science and holds in Masters Degrees in Business Administration, Local Economic Development and International Business Law.