SAMIH DARWAZEH

Samih darwazeh (1930-2015), is a Palestinian Jordanian entrepreneur, he is the founder of Hikma Pharmaceutical. when Samih was a child around age of six, he started his own business by selling candied apples, He used to watch other merchants sell their crafts and would mimic them by drawing in the customers with the promise of fresh and delicious flavours. After his successful first batch, Samih decided to add another product which is chickpea sweets.

It was then that the entrepreneurial spirit began to grow within Samih. After forty-two years later he established his company, Hikma Pharmaceuticals.

Education:

He finished his middle and high school education from Arab College in Jerusalem.

He then attended The American University of Beirut where he met in his wife Samira and finished his degree in pharmacy After opening a pharmacy in Amman, Jordan, he decided to pursue a Fulbright scholarship degree at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in Missouri which he obtained in 1964.

Then he worked at one of the best worldwide pharmaceutical companies Ellie lily from which he learned a lot.

In 1978 Samih returned to Jordan and established a small company that grew in the global pharma industry, Hikma Pharmaceuticals. In 1995 Hikma became the first company in the Middle East to obtain the US FDA, ever since then the company has been thriving and growing Samih remained the Honorary Life President of Hikma until he passed away.