## Profile

## Timor S. Rafiq

Timor Rafiq is the CEO and managing director of Dwitasik Medical Development Sdn Bhd (DMD), which is based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. DMD has been given a provisional approval by the Malaysian Airport Authority to develop an integrated medical development in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Mr. Rafiq is also the executive director of Dwitasik Ventures Sdn Bhd, which pursues joint venture opportunities and serves as a local partner for international firms that would like to expand in the Southeast Asian region.



Mr. Rafiq also serves on a number of boards in Malaysia including Zarian Energy Sdn Bhd, Zarian Offshore Sdn Bhd and Nautilus Perak Marine Services Sdn Bhd.

His Royal Highness Sultan Azlan Shah, the Sultan of Perak, Malaysia, awarded Mr. Rafiq the title *DATO' SERI AZLANII (D.S.A.)*\* in February 2009.

Timor Rafiq is also the CEO and founder of Viable Ventures International, LLC (VVI), a California-based firm dedicated to creating global partnerships. VVI is involved in trade and investment opportunities in Southeast Asian markets. Founded in 1997, VVI is based in Orange County, California.

Mr. Rafiq is a member of the National Board of Directors of the World Affairs Councils of America, which is based in Washington D.C., and is a past chairman of the Board of Trustees and Executive Board of the World Affairs Council of Orange County, California (2010-2011), and a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, which is the West Coast partner of the Council on Foreign Relations.

After earning a diploma in Civil Engineering from the Oxford Polytechnic (now called Oxford-Brookes University) in England, Mr. Rafiq did postgraduate study in Town and Country Planning at the North London Polytechnic, and received a master's degree in Planning from the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Rafiq has also obtained certificates from the UCLA Executive Management Program, the Program on Negotiation at Harvard University Law School, and numerous other executive training programs.

\* The D.S.A award translates to The Order of Chivalry of the Royal Crown of Perak. Perak is one of 13 states in Malaysia. This Award commemorates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sultan's ascension to the throne. The D.S.A award is a special State award bestowed once every 25 years to only 25 individuals for their loyalty and contribution to the ruler. The recipient of the D.S.A award carries the title **Dato' Seri (Sir)**.