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I have been living in and writing about the Middle East since my first visit to Egypt as a student in 1960. I started my career in journalism working for daily newspapers in London's Fleet Street on graduating from Oxford University in 1964. I have been based in the Kingdom of Bahrain since 2004 and I am as passionate about the Middle East (especially the GCC states) and writing about the region as I was as a young journalist.

I was appointed Editor of the weekly Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) magazine (1965 – 1972). I was made Publisher and Editor-in Chief of MEED in 1975 and became a major shareholder in 1978. I have also worked as the Middle East Editor for BBC TV news in the early 1970s and as Middle East and Middle East Editor-in-Chief Editor for United Press International (UPI) in the mid-1990s.

2016-Present	Freelance writing and editing
2009-2016	Publisher & Head of External Relations at the Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB) Conceived designed, recruited staff and launched <i>The Bahrain Banker</i> , BAB's quarterly magazine in December 2009. Started a series of <i>BAB Handbooks</i> and launched and published the <i>Bahrain Banks Annual Review</i> .
2006 -2008	Al Hilal and Al-Anqaa Communications Company Publisher with Al Hilal publishing group in Bahrain to launch (May 2008) a weekly business magazine covering the GCC <i>The Gulf</i> . Books for the Economic Development Board of Bahrain, OCIPED of Oman, SAGIA of Saudi Arabia, the Libyan Foreign Investment Board and the ICCIM of Iran, The Jordanian Ministry of Planning.
2000 –2005	Publishing in UK and move to Bahrain Revived and managed <i>The Arab Banker</i> the quarterly magazine of the London-based Arab Bankers Association. Moved to Bahrain in February 2005 with a brief to start and manage the <i>Institute of Journalism</i> in Bahrain as a joint venture with City University of London.
1998-1999	Consultancy and Freelance Publishing Consulting with a number of publishing companies including MEED, Mediaworld Services, Kogan Page (UK publishing group), projects for the UK's Department of Trade & Industry (DTI), the Confederation of British Industries (CBI) and the UK's Institute of Directors (IoD).
1993-1997	United Press International (UPI), Editor-in-Chief, Middle East Joined <i>United Press International (UPI)</i> , Washington-based global news provider, Editor-in-Chief, Middle East.
1987-1992	Charitable work and Consulting Project research and consultancy for Gulf clients. Regular travel to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf. Co-founded a national charity.
1975-1986	Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) Chairman and Editor-in-Chief Re-joined <i>Middle East Economic Digest (MEED)</i> as Managing Director and Editor then Chairman and Editor-in-Chief and major shareholder of the <i>MEED Group</i> .
1973-1974	Regional News Editor Africa and Middle East, Visnews (BBC TV) Regional News Editor Africa & Middle East, then Cairo Bureau Chief, <i>Visnews</i> (television news gathering organisation owned by Reuters and BBC).
1965-1972	Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) Reporter, then Editor MEED became the leading business weekly magazine on the region. Daily Express, Glasgow; Daily Mail, London Reporter and news-feature writer.
Education	Westminster School, London; St Catherine's College, Oxford University (MA Oxon)