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## MAKING THE MOVE

Immigrants from the UAE share their success stories

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### LAURA CHOUERI

After staying in Canada for years, Laura Choueri decided to move to Dubai 17 years ago because she wanted to come back to her roots and be closer to Lebanon, the country which she left in 1975. She now runs her firm Choueri Real Estate, which she set up in Dubai in 2005, as its chief executive.

#### Why Canada

"I immigrated to Canada in the early 1980s. My family and I moved to Saudi Arabia in the mid-seventies due to the Lebanese civil war. Further education in Lebanon or Saudi Arabia was not

an option then, so we decided to move to the West. There were many opportunities for us in Canada. I come from a cosmopolitan family, so Montreal was the logical choice for my family for migration, particularly since we had family there."

#### Becoming an entrepreneur

"I started my real estate career in Canada 32 years ago. Canada provides a wealth of opportunities to all nationalities. Besides, I believe, setting up a business is not difficult if you put your mind to it, whether your choice is Canada or elsewhere."