

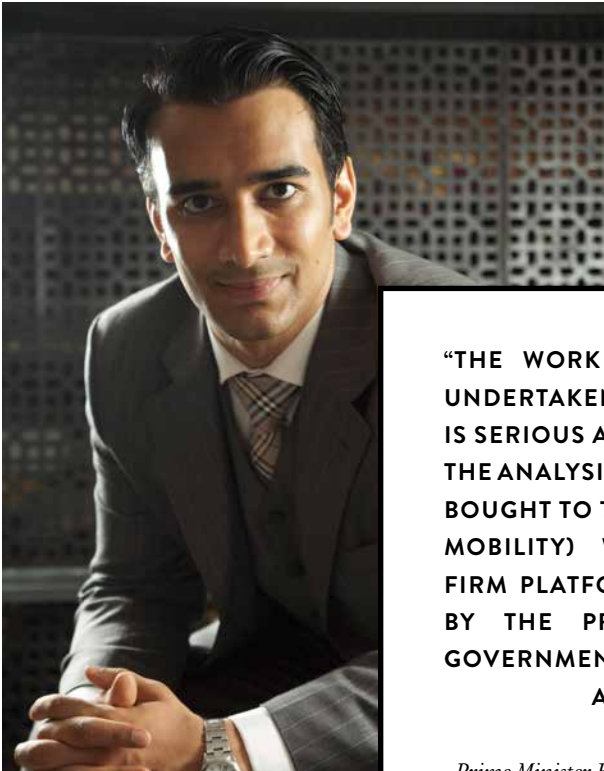
AZEEM  
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# INTRODUCING

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**WHEN WORLD LEADERS NEED STRATEGIC ADVISERS WITH AN EXPERIENCED AND BROAD WORLD VIEW, IT IS INCREASINGLY AZEEM IBRAHIM THEY APPROACH.**



Lauded as a first-class critical thinker, he is also a world citizen with a unique perspective, and when he speaks, world leaders listen.

He has had substantial business success, parlaying his first company into multi-award-winning businesses.

**“THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE UNDERTAKEN AND PUBLISHED IS SERIOUS AND HIGH QUALITY. THE ANALYSIS AND RIGOUR YOU BOUGHT TO THIS ISSUE (SOCIAL MOBILITY) WILL PROVIDE A FIRM PLATFORM FOR ACTIONS BY THE PROFESSIONS AND GOVERNMENT OVER THE YEARS AHEAD.”**

*Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Gordon Brown –  
July 2009*

He launched the Scotland Institute, already regarded as the country’s premier think tank, to ensure that the country of his birth considered all the pros and cons of constitutional change, alongside focusing on eradicating poverty and exclusion.

His consistent successes across many different political and commercial arenas are consistently attractive to world leaders, who are tapping into his expertise on issues as far ranging as counter-terrorism, global commerce, anti-radicalisation, improving social mobility and national competitiveness.

Still only in his mid-30s, the globe-trotting polymath is building a formidable global reputation for perceptive thinking and in-depth analysis. His instinctive understanding of subjects as diverse as counter-terrorism and social diversity has seen titans of the world stage including Gordon Brown and Imran Khan seeking out his talents and counsel.

It has been said of Azeem Ibrahim that just reading a list of his achievements is exhausting, and looking back at a dizzying few years that have seen him pack several careers into one, it is clear why.

A multi-talented entrepreneur, philanthropist and scholar born and raised in Scotland, he is possessed with an unstoppable work ethic that saw him set up a string of innovative finance companies straddling three continents before his 32nd birthday.





national security issues.

In the UK, aside from his government work, he also counselled Alex Salmond, the Scottish First Minister on improving Scotland's competitiveness.

His incisive commentary and fierce intellect mean he is in regular demand to contribute op-eds to publications around the globe, on subjects as diverse as budgetary policy, defence spending and policy, European integration, Israel-Palestinian peace talks, constitutional matters, Afghanistan and Pakistan,

The US State Department benefited from Azeem meeting members of their team and advising on how America could improve its image around the world.

Gordon Brown, when British Prime Minister, appointed him to a social mobility task force and praised his report as "serious and high quality", further adding that the "analysis and rigour" he brought to it would provide a firm platform for government and professions to act in the coming years to assist disadvantaged people in becoming high fliers.

After hearing him speak eloquently on Islamic extremism at a meeting of foreign ministers, Madeleine Albright, former US Secretary of State, said his perspectives and insights were central to the debate.

Azeem also advised Pakistan's Minister of Planning on developing a new National Economic Strategy, while he has had talks with the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Pentagon, the National Security Council, and the US State Department on

**"AZEEM'S EXPERTISE AND EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF COUNTER-RADICALISATION REFLECT AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF MODERN SECURITY AND COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY."**

*Hon. Michael Chertoff, US Secretary of State for Homeland Security - July 2010*

Islamic radicalisation, Scottish energy policy, and Sharia law in Britain.

One of his newest ventures is the Strategy Group, a non-profit global strategic consultancy firm aimed at advising governments and world leaders on policy development and capitalising on strategic advantage.

**"PART OF HIS ATTRACTION TO DECISION MAKERS IS THE UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE HE BRINGS TO THESE ISSUES. HE IS A YOUTHFUL BUSINESS SUCCESS; HE HAS BEEN LAUDED AS A GREAT EXAMPLE TO BRITISH ASIANS AND SERVED AS A RESERVIST PARATROOPER FOR SEVEN YEARS. AZEEM'S MANNER IS EASY TOO. HE DOES NOT COME ACROSS AS DOGMATIC OR ARROGANT AND IT IS CLEAR A SHARP INTELLECT LIES BEHIND HIS THOUGHTS."**

*Sunday Times - November 2008*

A proud citizen of the UK, Azeem divides his time between the US and UK. An avowed fitness fanatic, marathoner and fell runner, the former British Army paratrooper speaks four languages.

# BIOGRAPHY

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**“YOUR PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHTS WERE CENTRAL TO OUR DISCUSSION. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS UNDOUBTEDLY MADE THIS ONE OF OUR MOST SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUES TO DATE.”**

*Hon. Madeleine Albright, US Secretary of State – October 2010 (Meeting of Foreign Ministers, Madrid)*

The shy, fourth child of an electrical engineer and a Scottish grocer, Azeem grew up in a Glasgow council house and worked in his father’s shop in the city from the age of 13. In between customers, he read the newspaper, teaching himself to spot good investments as he learned how the stock market worked, sparking the beginnings of what would quickly snowball into a fast-paced business career.

He parlayed his first company into multi-award-winning businesses, including an online insurance company targeting

the maritime industry, a private online bank for commodity traders, a global hedge fund and a Panamanian-registered financial clearing house licensed to trade in currencies, precious metals, and commodities.

By 2006 he was the youngest person on both the Sunday Times Scots’ Rich List and Carter Anderson’s UK Power 100 list, which called him “one of the most influential and highest achieving people in Britain.”

His commitment to relentless goal setting and challenges led him to a seven-year commitment as a reservist in the IV Battalion Parachute Regiment — the elite airborne



**“AZEEM IBRAHIM HAS THE PERFECT PROFILE FOR A 21ST CENTURY ENTREPRENEUR.”**

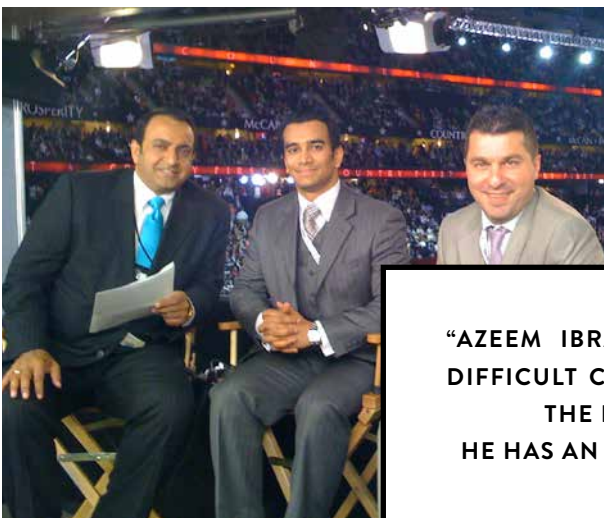
*Dow Jones Wealth Bulletin – Sept 2008*





infantry of the famed British Army. An equally intense passion for education earned him three Master's degrees and a PhD in Geopolitical Strategy from the University of Cambridge.

The academic world has taken notice of his accomplishments, noting him exceptional even among esteemed company. Glasgow Caledonian University awarded him an honorary doctorate.



**“THE PRIME MINISTER HAS MADE A VERY WISE CHOICE BY APPOINTING AZEEM IBRAHIM TO HELP DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE.**

**HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO PEOPLE EVERYWHERE AND A SOUND CHOICE TO HELP OTHERS BECOME HIGHFLYERS. AND IF GORDON BROWN CAN SEE HIS VALUE, SURELY IT'S ABOUT TIME GLASGOW HONOURED THIS OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL.”**

*Evening Times - January 2009*

He received appointments from institutions as prestigious as Harvard University where he served as a research scholar at the International Security Program at the Kennedy School of Government. He was selected as a member of the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy's Dean's International Council and as a member of the Board of Directors at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding.

Yale University chose him as an 'Emerging World Leader' as part of their World Fellows Program. The World Economic Forum named him a 'Young Global Leader' and the LSDP European Social Think Tank tapped him as a 'Top 100 Global Thinker'.

Azeem's columns are regularly published around the world, and can be read in Foreign Policy, The Scotsman and the Sunday Herald, The Middle East Times, The Huffington Post, Chicago Tribune and the LA Times.

A philanthropist of note, Azeem devotes much of his time to his own charities. In addition to his community grant-giving foundation, he has founded charities that tackle problems as diverse as family and marriage breakdown in Scotland and providing clean drinking water in disaster areas.

A gifted and respected counsellor, he continues to offer strategic advice to a number of world leaders, and has most recently been invited by Pakistan's Imran Khan to advise on policy development and prepare him to govern.

**“AZEEM IBRAHIM IS A ONE-MAN POWER HOUSE WHOSE DIFFICULT CHILDHOOD SPURRED HIM TO BECOME ONE OF THE RICHEST MEN IN THE UK - AGED ONLY 32. HE HAS AN ADDRESS BOOK TO RIVAL A PRIME MINISTER'S.”**

*The Herald - June 2007*

# AWARDS & MILESTONES

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“AZEEM IS A STUNNING ROLE MODEL ON WHAT IS POSSIBLE. HE MAY WELL BE THE LAST OF THE TRUE POLYMATHS.”

*Entrepreneurial Exchange – March 2010*

SELECTED AS ‘IDEAS SCHOLAR’  
FOR ASPEN IDEAS FESTIVAL 2010

*July 2010*

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APPOINTED GOVERNOR  
AT GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY

*July 2010*

AWARDED IZETBEGOVIC AWARD  
FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP

*March 2013*

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APPOINTED STRATEGIC POLICY ADVISER  
TO IMRAN KHAN IN PAKISTAN

*March 2012*

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APPOINTED RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP  
AT US ARMY WAR COLLEGE

*Feb 2012*

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RECEIVED JINNAH AWARD  
AT UK FOREIGN OFFICE

*Feb 2011*



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SCOTTISH MUSLIM CONTRIBUTOR  
OF THE YEAR AWARD

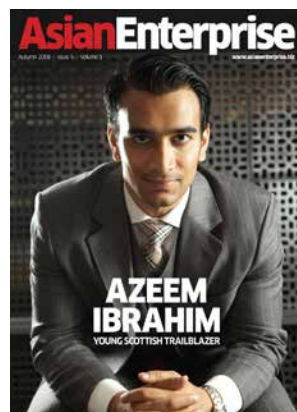
*March 2010*

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NAMED AS WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM'S  
YOUNG GLOBAL LEADER

*Feb 2010*

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NAMED AS ‘TOP 100 GLOBAL THINKERS OF 2009’  
BY LSDP EUROPEAN SOCIAL POLICY THINK TANK

*Jan 2010*





**HONORARY DOCTORATE  
FROM GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY**

*Dec 2009*

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**SCOTLAND'S DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD  
ST ANDREWS SOCIETY**

*Nov 2009*

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**"DESPITE HIS RETICENCE, IBRAHIM  
EXUDES CONFIDENCE IN EVERYTHING  
HE DOES WITHOUT SOUNDING TOO  
COCKY AT TIMES HIS CV SOUNDS TOO  
GOOD TO BE TRUE."**

*Sunday Times – May 2007*

**INSIDER ELITE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
OF THE YEAR**

*Oct 2009*

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**NAMED AS 'EMERGING GLOBAL LEADER'  
BY YALE WORLD FELLOWS PROGRAM**

*April 2009*

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**SCOTTISH ASIAN BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR  
OF THE YEAR**

*Nov 2008*

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**APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
FOR HRH PRINCE CHARLES' PRINCE'S SCOTTISH  
YOUTH BUSINESS TRUST**

*Sept 2008*

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**KPMG – LLOYD TSB BUSINESS AND COMMERCE  
EXCELLENCE JEWEL AWARD**

*April 2008*

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**SUNDAY TIMES SCOTS' RICH LIST INAUGURATION**

*April 2008*

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**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT MOTION PASSED  
CONGRATULATING AZEEM  
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO SCOTLAND**

*Dec 2007*

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**YOUNGEST MEMBER OF CARTER ANDERSON'S  
BANK OF SCOTLAND POWER 100**

*Dec 2007*

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WIDE-RANGING PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE AND  
INTERESTS. RARELY HAVE I MET SOMEONE SO  
ACCOMPLISHED AT SUCH AN EARLY AGE.”**

*Ambassador John Shattuck, US Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy  
and Human Rights - February 2009*

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