

Wave Chiefs



H.R.H. Prince Sultan bin Fahd bin Salman Al Saud
Chief Activator

Chairman of the Saudi Water Sports and Diving Federation from 2020, Prince Sultan is passionate about contributing to the future of Saudi Arabian growth in the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf.

H.R.H. is a Kauffman Fellow, through which he contributes to the VC space, as well as being Chairman of his family office, Eirad Holding. Since 2021 he has also been a Board Member of the Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee.



Alexandra Cousteau
Chief Navigator

Alexandra Cousteau, granddaughter of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, is an award-winning advocate for ocean restoration and abundance.

As a leading figure in ocean activism, Cousteau collaborates with world leaders across sectors to influence, convene and mobilize action to achieve measurable outcomes that will make the oceans more biodiverse and abundant.



Professor Carlos Duarte
Chief Scientist

Carlos Duarte is a global leader in multiple branches of biological oceanography and marine ecology including as the world-wide leading authority on the ecology of seagrass meadows. Celebrated as the most versatile aquatic ecologist of his generation, he works from the tropics to polar ecosystems, from macrophytes to microbes, from coastal systems to open ocean gyres using all type of approaches. His research is characterized by independence, creativity, serendipity and interdisciplinary linking, as well as the capacity to organize and collaborate with large interdisciplinary teams, now including Wave.



Dr. Ralph Chami
Chief Economist

Ralph Chami is a financial economist and co-founder of Blue Green Future and Rebalance Earth. He retired from the International Monetary Fund after 25 years, where he most recently worked as an assistant director. He's developed a novel way to tackle both climate change and biodiversity loss: namely, to reposition species such as whales and elephants as crucial allies in the quest to sequester carbon, secure climate-resilient ecosystems and generate income for local communities. Chami himself experienced the majesty of whales first hand in the Sea of Cortez in 2017.