



Murad Al-Katib

***President and Chief Executive Officer
Alliance Grain Traders Inc.***

Murad Al-Katib, as President and CEO of Alliance Grain Traders Inc., is the guiding vision in all aspects of the business, also serving on the Board of Directors.

After completing a Masters from Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Saskatchewan, Murad worked in international trade promotion for the Government of Saskatchewan before founding Saskcan Pulse Trading in 2001, providing the nucleus for Alliance Grain Traders. Over the next decade, the company has grown to become a world leader in value-added pulses, staple foods and ingredients selling to over 100 countries around the globe with revenues expected to exceed \$1 billion in 2013 and with 29 manufacturing plants in 5 continents.

Murad has served on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Special Crops Association and Pulse Canada and served as Chair of the Advisory Board for Small and Medium Enterprise for the Canadian Minister of International Trade. Murad also served as a member of the Panel for the Renewal of Canada's Global Commerce Strategy. Murad is also the recipient of a number of prestigious awards including the 2012 Pulse Promoter Award from BASF and Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, the 2004 Ernst and Young Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year and one of 2005's Canada's "Top 40 under 40" by the Caldwell Partners and the Globe and Mail.

In 2012, Murad was the recipient of a Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, complementing his award of a Queen's Saskatchewan Centennial Medal given in 2006 for Business Achievement. In 2012, Murad led AGT to its second Saskatchewan ABEX Award for Saskatchewan Business of the Year, the first time a Saskatchewan company has repeated as Award Winner. He was also named to PROFITGuide Magazine's list of the "30 Most Fabulous Entrepreneurs of the Past 30 Years" in Canada. With his varied experience at Alliance Grain, Murad has proven himself to be a strong financial and strategic business thinker, able to anticipate and mitigate the risks in international trading and commodities.