



Azeez Abdul Syed

ICA President

Azeez Syed has been involved with the Cotton industry for over 21 years. He joined Olam International Limited, Singapore in May 1998 and is currently President & Regional Head of Olam Cotton based in Dallas, Texas, responsible for trading and supply chain businesses in North and South America.

Azeez is a member of Olam Cotton's Executive Committee which manages the global trading portfolio, and he has been a significant contributor to Olam's journey to a leadership position in the cotton industry.

Azeez began his career with Olam in CIS and was responsible for starting Olam's operations and establishing a dominant position in the Central Asia and Mediterranean regions. He moved to Singapore in 2007 and has since held various leadership positions which include setting up Trading & Marketing operations in China and managing Olam's US, Brazil, and India Cotton Businesses. Azeez is also a member of Olam International's Operations Committee.

Prior to Olam, Azeez worked for five years with the Gillette group of companies in various sales and marketing roles and for a year with Grindwell Norton Ltd.

Azeez holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Osmania University, Hyderabad and a Master's degree in International Business from Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi. Azeez has been an active member of ICA and was elected to the Board of Directors in October 2014. He is also currently a Director on the Board of American Cotton Shippers Association.