

## Story of a self-made man *Founder of Age Intrade L.L.C.*



**Ghayoor Siddiqui**  
Founder

The voyage started way back in 1937 in Meerut, INDIA, the birth place of the founder of AGE INTRADE LLC Mr. Ghayoor Siddiqui, who later migrated to Pakistan with his family. After accomplishing his Bachelor of Commerce (Businesses Administration and Accounts) from the University of Karachi in 1962, begun his working career with United Bank Limited Karachi as officer-in charge and was later transferred to London in 1964 for a span of four years. He returned to Dubai in 1968 where he planned and supervised the openings of United Bank Limited branches in various Gulf States.

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Complacency never ruled him, in 1974, Mr. Siddiqui decided to risk it all and become an entrepreneur. A firm believer of the fact that success is all about taking calculated risks, he decided to resign from his job of Vice President of U.B.L., that too when the banks in Pakistan were getting nationalized. He

established a small partnership concern with his brother Mr. Misbah Siddiqui in Saudi Arabia under the name of **Arabian Gulf Establishment**.

To coincide with his staunch belief, the enterprise flourished from a two man operation principally supplying stationary in one hire purchased pick-up truck to a 150 man operation supplying structural steel and lumber with an annual turnover of US\$40 Million in just five years. The success encouraged the two brothers to stretch the operations to the buoyant city of Dubai in year 1979.

Born as a visionary, Mr. Ghayoor Siddiqui with his unparallel acumen and inflexible ethics guided the business through rough waters to acquire an identity of its own. An exponent of professionalism Mr. Siddiqui was blessed with quality leadership skills.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, even unseen turbulence in the steel industry and unwanted market fluctuation could not deter the steady growth of AGE INTRADE. And the completion of 25 golden years gives us every opportunity to celebrate the sheer thought of being mentored by a great guide and philosopher – Late Mr. Ghayoor Siddiqui, whom a sad demise took away from us on March 11th, 2002. His well laid principles and ethos are being treasured and treated by one and all at AGE INTRADE as the guiding star.