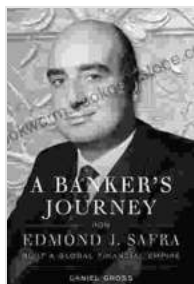


# How Edmond Safra Built a Global Financial Empire: A Long and Arduous Journey



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## Early Life and Career

Edmond Safra was born in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1932 to a wealthy Jewish family. He attended the American University of Beirut, where he studied economics and finance. After graduating, he joined his father's banking business.

In 1956, Safra moved to Brazil, where he founded the Safra Bank. The bank quickly became one of the largest and most successful in the country. In 1972, Safra expanded his operations to Europe, opening offices in London, Geneva, and Luxembourg.

## Global Expansion

In 1983, Safra acquired the Republic National Bank of New York. This acquisition gave him a foothold in the United States, and he quickly expanded the bank's operations to other countries.

Over the next two decades, Safra continued to expand the Safra Group, acquiring banks and financial institutions around the world. By the time of his death in 1999, the Safra Group had operations in over 50 countries.

## **Philanthropy**

Safra was a generous philanthropist, donating millions of dollars to Jewish causes and other charitable organizations. He was particularly interested in supporting education and medical research.

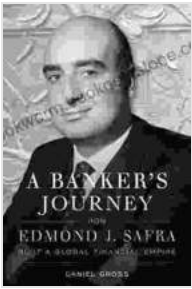
In 1999, Safra founded the Edmond J. Safra Foundation, which continues to support a wide range of philanthropic activities around the world.

## **Legacy**

Edmond Safra was one of the most successful bankers and financiers of the 20th century. He built a global financial empire from scratch, and his legacy continues to live on through his philanthropic work.

Safra was a visionary leader who was always looking for new opportunities. He was also a generous philanthropist who gave back to the communities where he lived and worked.

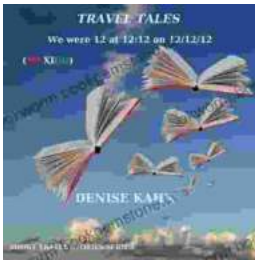
Edmond Safra was a truly remarkable individual who left a lasting mark on the world.



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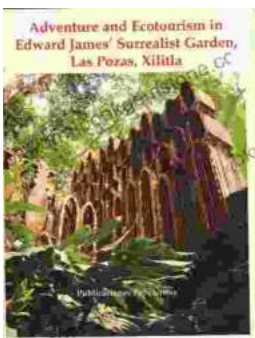
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