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Born in Egypt, entrepreneur and benefactor Enan Galaly left his native land at the age of 20, with just 10 English pounds in his pocket after he failed for many years to graduate from high school. He traveled to Vienna, Austria, where he sold newspapers and lived on the streets, and then made his way to Denmark, where he washed dishes to earn meals. From such inauspicious beginnings, Galaly went on to build an international hotel chain and become an influential world citizen.

While working at various jobs in hotels and restaurants to expand his experience and after several years in Denmark, he became a Danish citizen. Still in his early 20s, Galaly joined the Hvide Hus Hotel in Aalborg as an assistant general manager; later, he was appointed general manager. He then attained a top position as managing director and board member of the Hvide Hus Hotel chain (eight hotels, a concert house and management corporation) by the time he was 30.

In 1982 Galaly founded Helnan, a multinational group of companies with headquarters in Denmark. (HEL) is derived from Heliopolis, the district where Galaly was born in Cairo, while (NAN) is derived from the last letters of his name. Helnan, which owns, manages and develops five- and four-star hotels in different parts of the world, specializes in upgrading first-class hotels in Scandinavia, the United States, the Middle East and North Africa. Its slogan is “Symbol of Scandinavian Hospitality.”

Galaly further has earned an international reputation for his efforts to enhance intercultural understanding. He has heavily supported initiatives to foster and encourage greater dialogue and builds bridges between Middle East, Western cultures and traditions as well as between different religions and beliefs.