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G. Mustafa Mohatarem, Ph.D., was named chief economist of General Motors Corporation on March 1, 1995.

GM's Economics Team is responsible for assessing the impact of worldwide economic developments on the company. The Team's primary responsibility is to forecast economic growth and vehicle sales in countries around the world. In addition, the Economics Team provides advice to the company on various competitive and economic policy issues. Mohatarem serves on the Corporate Risk Management Committee.

Mohatarem is an expert on trade issues and heads the company's Trade Team. He interacts regularly with officials from the United States and other countries on trade-related issues. He was the lead contact for GM with the United States and other governments during Uruguay Round General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) negotiations, as well as the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement, and North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Mohatarem joined General Motors in 1982 as an economist on the Economics Staff in Detroit. In 1985, he became senior staff assistant on the Industry-Government Relations Staff. The following year he returned to the Economics Staff as senior staff economist specializing in competitive-analysis issues. He was promoted to Director of Trade and Competitive Analysis in 1987, and General Director of Economic Analysis in 1990.

Mohatarem was born on October 15, 1953, in Quetta, Pakistan. He received an undergraduate degree in economics and mathematics from Denison University, Granville, Ohio, in 1976. He earned both master-of-business-administration and doctorate degrees in economics from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 1979 and 1982, respectively.

Mohatarem has also served as visiting assistant professor at the University of Notre Dame. While at GM, he has taught courses as an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit.