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distributor and it isn't aware of any ties to Osama bin Laden. A Canaren spokesman says the Binladin family is a "very huge family and very respected in the Middle East."

Kevin Taecker, a former Treasury Department official and banker in Saudia Arabia, recalls a meeting in 1999 with Yahya bin Laden, the head of the family construction business and a half-brother of Osama. "As I was getting up to leave, he blocked the door and wouldn't let me out. He took me by the hand and said, 'Listen, you're an American. On behalf of my family, I really want to apologize,'" the businessman recalled.

The family has donated to colleges, Islamic organizations and other nonprofit causes in both England and the U.S. Abdullah, one of Mr. bin Laden's brothers, received a master's degree in law from Harvard Law School in 1992.

Two years later, on a fundraising trip to the Middle East, the law school's dean made a pitch to another brother, Sheik Bakr Mohammed bin Laden, chairman of the family group. Bakr and the group subsequently donated \$1 million to the law school, half for a visiting scholars program and half for financial aid for law students from the Muslim world. The family also gave \$1 million to Harvard's Graduate School of Design in 1993.

Robert Clark, the law school dean, said the gift was intended "to promote mutual understanding between scholars trained in Islamic legal systems and those trained in Western legal systems. We need that more than ever."

Still, outside the Arab world, the Binladin name has become an increasing liability. Until a year and a half ago, the group had a prominent storefront on the main street of Astana in the new Kazakhstan, with a contract to create the city's master plan. Then, although the Kazak government believed the company's assurances that it was not linked to Mr. bin Laden, President Nursultan Nazarbayev dropped the company just in case someone got the wrong idea, a government official said.

In 1999, the group changed the name of its telecommunications division from Binladin to Baud. John Dickson, a Baud manager, says the switch reflects a desire to choose a more modern name. Baud means distance in Arabic, and in English it is a measurement of speed.



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A true copy;

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