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Hend Mana Al Otaiba serves the United Arab Emirates as Ambassador to the Republic of France and the Principality of Monaco. She was appointed in July 2021. She is a board member of the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy and the Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi.

Formerly, Ambassador Al Otaiba was Director of Strategic Communications at Abu Dhabi Media. In 2019, she became the first director of the strategic communications department at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served as the Foreign Ministry's spokesperson. Ambassador Al Otaiba joined the UAE's foreign ministry in 2017 as an advisor to HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and went on to establish and lead the ministry's first communications department. Prior to this, she oversaw cultural programs—notably focusing on the Louvre Abu Dhabi— at the Tourism Development and Investment Company.

Born in Abu Dhabi and fluent in French, Arabic, and English, Ambassador Al Otaiba obtained an undergraduate degree in psychology in London. She has a master's degree in marketing, management, and communications from the Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi and a master's degree in security studies from the UAE National Defense College. Ambassador Al Otaiba has two sons, Sheikh Khalid and Sheikh Mana Al Qassimi, and lives in Paris.