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EMBA Profiles

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**Jamshid Abdullaev**

Uzbekistan

General Manager

Caravan Gardens LLC, Uzbekistan

Sector: International Agritrade

General manager with broad experience specialising in the development and execution of commercial marketing strategies. Jamshid had a vivid career at the biggest Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) multinationals such as Procter & Gamble and Philip Morris International across Central Asia, Caucasus and Eastern Europe, working at positions ranging from marketing associate to a country manager. Experienced in leading diverse organisations of up to 100+ employees internationally, delivering consistent results prioritising organisational excellence as a success driver. Jamshid is a founder of one of the biggest and fastest growing agribusinesses in Uzbekistan – 'Caravan Gardens LLC', which impacts the social well-being of more than 3000 farming households.

**Ernie Angles**

United States

Investment Content Manager

Polen Capital, United States

Sector: Asset Management

Ernie has more than ten years of experience in the financial services industry. He currently manages thought leadership at Polen Capital, creating research papers, economic insights, and video content focused on emerging markets. Before Polen Capital, Ernie worked as Head of Investment Communications at First Republic Bank, managing research content for the firm's equity, fixed income, and alternative investments groups. Ernie also worked at MUFG Bank, managing Investor Relations between Japan and the United States. Earlier in his career, Ernie worked as a Capital Markets Analyst in Wells Fargo Securities' Foreign Exchange Trading Division.

**Jeff Astle**

United Kingdom

Managing Director, Shanghai

APCO Worldwide, China

Sector: Consulting

Jeff is currently the Managing Director of APCO Worldwide in Shanghai and previously was the Managing Director of China Operations at the China-Britain Business Council. At APCO, Jeff leads client engagement, business development, operations and finance, working with MNC clients on their public affairs in China. At CBBC, he leads teams helping UK business enter and grow in China and led relations with China and UK governments in China. He has worked in China for 14 years and in Asia for 20 years.

**George Ata**

United States

Managing Director

Inversa Group, United States

Sector: Adult Beverage

Co-Founder of an Italian beverage brand Inversa. Inspired by Italy's rich history and culture, Inversa blends the elegance of traditional Venetian spritzes with a contemporary and playful twist. The result is a spritz that is as aspirational as it is delicious, with a sparkling aroma and a crisp, refreshing taste that is perfect for any occasion. Because life is a matter of taste. George is also an investor and advisor to various private companies engaged in international transactions between China and Europe.

**Praveen Atmuri**

Australia

Senior Industrial Automation Engineer

Origin Energy, Australia

Sector: Oil and Gas

Praveen is a senior electrical engineer with 17+ years of experience in the Australian oil and gas industry. He is presently working at Origin Energy, an ASX Top 50 integrated energy company. Praveen is responsible for implementing strategies and engineering initiatives that ensure a high reliability of the industrial automation systems that operate in natural gas production facilities.

**Fatih Aydin**

United Kingdom

Founder and Managing Director
EurAsia Strategies, United Kingdom

Sector: Consulting

Fatih is the Founder and Managing Director of EurAsia Strategies, a London-based consultancy offering political risk analysis and market-entry strategy services for global clients investing in emerging markets. He has extensive experience advising on numerous projects in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. He has also created successful global event series such as the World Intelligent Cities Summit (WICS), which focuses on smart and sustainable cities and serves as an executive-level business networking platform.

**Waqar Aziz**

Pakistan

Azure Tech Leader
Microsoft, Qatar

Sector: Information Technology

Waqar leads a regional practice of digital transformation powered by Azure in Microsoft Middle East. He specialises in cloud computing, cybersecurity and AI with 14 years of technology leadership, sales, engineering and customer success experience across major markets in US, Europe, Asia, Middle East and Africa. He has led some of Microsoft's most strategic regional projects such as expansion of cloud footprint in Middle East. Most recently, he was the chief architect for FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 digital solutions powered by Microsoft cloud.

B

**Feras Bader**

United States

Chairman, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Sector: Healthcare

As the Chairman of a department of 32 cardiologists, one of the most sophisticated and advanced in the Middle East region, Professor Bader's responsibilities include mentoring and supporting members of the department in the areas of patient care, education and research; reviewing and approving plans and expenses involved in the recruitment of staff members; as well as overseeing and resolving issues related to productivity and administrative functions.

In addition, Professor Bader is an advanced heart failure and transplant cardiologist by training and leads this discipline at Cleveland Clinic in Abu Dhabi. He leads many educational activities in this field across the Middle East and has published more than a 100 papers and abstracts in peer review journals.

**Chryss Berbati**

Greece

General Manager

Piraeus Financial Holdings, Greece

Sector: Banking

General Manager, supervising Group Business Planning, Investor Relations and ESG functions at Piraeus Bank, the largest lender in Greece.



Olga Berg

United States

Executive Director

Ukraine Medical Consortium, Ukraine

Sector: Non-Governmental Organisation

Olga serves as an Executive Director of the Ukraine Medical Consortium and Director of Development for the Polish Institute for Emergency Medicine.

By way of background – from the outset of Russia’s military action in Ukraine, these organisations have provided assistance to Ukrainian hospitals, doctors and civilians. Olga’s responsibilities encompass donor relations and strategy, facilitating expert groups and international collaborations. This involves working with multiple stakeholders, conducting needs based assessments and distribution with a focus on cultural awareness, sustainability, and developing trusted local networks between grassroots organisations, large donors and governments. Prior to this Olga worked with the US Department of State, NASA’s Johnson Space Center Mission Control, the UN, and also works as an executive coach.



Charl Bester

South Africa

Wealth and Portfolio Manager

Kruger International, South Africa

Sector: Financial Services and Wealth Management

Wealth and Portfolio Manager at Kruger International (South Africa). Director, key individual and member of the Investment Committee. Managing bespoke equity portfolios for HNWI. Charl's current focus is the establishment of a permanent presence in the United Kingdom, international market research and fund manager due diligence.



Jesus Blanco

Spain

Founder and CEO

Linktia Group, United Arab Emirates

Sector: Private Equity

Private Equity Entrepreneur and Blockchain investor; building a portfolio of tech-driven, matured, and scalable middle-market enterprises within MENA, India, UK, and US. Jesus' role in the group as the vision architect is to prepare the firm for the future and next stage within the Tech-driven middle market Private Equity arena, by promoting tech innovation, while investing and building an ecosystem with promising companies and entrepreneurs.

**Franc Bogovic**

Belgium

COO and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee

finance&invest.brussels SA, Belgium

Sector: Venture Capital

As COO of finance&invest.brussels, Franc manages the venture capital investment (equity and debt) and guarantee activities, and directly steers the sustainable finance, process digitisation and European affairs initiatives.

C

**Blake Calogero**

Australia

Portfolio Manager

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), United Arab Emirates

Sector: Asset Management and Private Equity

Blake is an investment professional at ADIA. He focuses on the origination and execution of new infrastructure investments globally - in energy, utilities, transportation and digital/communications infrastructure sub-sectors. Blake has ongoing asset management and directorship responsibilities for a number of portfolio companies, including Greenko Energy, Semptra Infrastructure Partners, WestConnex and Transurban Queensland.

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**Jurica Cerovec**

Croatia

CTO

Microblink, Croatia

Sector: Software

Jurica is the technical co-founder who helped build the initial products that jumpstarted Microblink in 2013. Today he's responsible for setting the technical direction and strategy and building high-performing engineering teams. He's leading a cross-cultural team of 120+ software engineers. He started coding when he was 10 and successfully participated in algorithmic coding competitions.



Bernard Chang

United States

Vice Chair of Research

Columbia University, United States

Sector: Healthcare

Bernard is Vice Chair of Research at Columbia University, where he holds the Shah Zion Endowed Chair in Emergency Medicine. Trained as a psychologist and emergency physician, he leads the 5th largest acute care research division in the United States (by NIH dollars). He is also the medical co-founder of Mighty Health, a digital platform for adults with polychronic disease, backed by Y-Combinator and RRE Ventures. Prior to his medical career he served as a professional yachtsman.



Obi Chilo-Offiah

Nigeria

Group Head, Treasury Operations and Head of Credit Control

Mandilas Groups Limited, Nigeria

Sector: Financial Services and Manufacturing

An experienced financial executive with a deep working knowledge of financial management, treasury management, financial reporting, internal controls (SOX), and risk management. Obi's diverse experiences have developed the background necessary for him to handle all challenges head-on with attentiveness and a fresh, but seasoned perspective. This experience has been gained in the USA and Nigeria.



Nicola Clement

New Zealand

General Manager Omni Experience

Myer, Australia

Sector: Retail and E-commerce

Nicola leads a team of 75 to run digital and CX for Myer. Responsible for profitability, strategy, end to end customer experience, product management, design, trade, research, customer insights, content and creative. Co-Founder of We Talk, driving inclusivity, representation and diversity of speakers. Advisory board member for National Online Retail Association (NORA) and three retail tech startups.

**Robert Coates**

United Kingdom

Head of Investor Relations

Marex plc, United Kingdom

Sector: Financial Services

Experienced financial professional with 18 years' experience in Mergers and Acquisitions and investing in the healthcare, energy and financials industries. Robert is experienced in redefining and communicating corporate strategies to raise debt and equity capital. Most recently raising \$100m new equity for a high growth private equity backed business and a successful €300m inaugural public debt issuance.

**Joshua Crone**

United States

Business Transformation Leader

IBM, Switzerland

Sector: Information Technology

Based in Switzerland, Joshua is a Business and Technology Strategist assisting startup leaders in positioning new investments by evaluating their business models, innovations, and go-to-market strategies. Joshua's professional background spans 23 years in global and regional leadership roles at IBM, where he was responsible for end-to-end strategy, business and digital transformations, mergers and acquisitions, and new business development. Joshua's experience also includes several years of Management Consulting with PwC.

D

**Aline Daoud**

Lebanon

Managing Partner

Blockchain Research Institute – Middle East, Qatar

Sector: Blockchain

Aline is a Civil and Environmental Engineer, managing Konnect&co, a supply chain management company focused on Fitout supplies. She launched BRI Middle East in May 2021 in exclusive partnership with the think-tank leaders Blockchain Research Institute where she leads the Education department focused on Certified Blockchain trainings (issued in English, Arabic and Turkish). She also promotes research in addition to the 150 researches already issued and focused on Blockchain Adoption.

**Danny Dean**

United Kingdom

Sales Director

Virgin Active, United Kingdom

Sector: Leisure and Fitness

Danny looks after Virgin Active's UK sales strategy and is responsible for refining the central, regional and club leadership teams ability to deliver high levels of productivity across sales and retention initiatives, to drive overall membership performance. He also works with the Global Acquisition and App Development team on the future of the membership strategy.

**Mobola Dele-ojo**

Nigeria

Chief Risk and Compliance Officer

Absa Group Nigeria, Nigeria

Sector: Financial Services

Mobola's job entails managing any risk that the business is currently exposed to or could potentially become exposed to. In addition, she oversees all compliance and regulatory related activities. One of her main duties is to establish organisationally supportive strategic risk and compliance goals and to coordinate those goals with the activities of the group company. Promoting a risk and compliance culture, and providing guidance on risk and regulations is also part of her work.

**Pondai Dengu**

Zimbabwe

Managing Partner

CBZ Holdings, United Kingdom

Sector: Climate Finance

Pondai is an Investment Banking, Business Development, Structuring and Origination professional with 13 years of experience in London and across Africa. He has established a Climate Finance platform that is poised to be an African leader in originating carbon projects, structuring finance for these projects, advising and managing accreditation and verification processes for credible/tradable offsets. He is leveraging his background in Finance to play a key role in the Carbon markets. Having previously ran Mergers and Acquisitions, Origination/Business Development and Merchant Banking at Zimbabwe's largest Bank he has now pivoted after seeing a massive opportunity in Climate space. He is a passionate advocate of the role Africa can play in moving the globe towards meeting net zero objectives.

**Ghofran Dhaini**

Lebanon

Senior Director – Retail

Delivery Hero, KSA

Sector: Retail and E-commerce

A commercial head and general manager with +15 years of multinational experience between Delivery Hero, PepsiCo, and PwC. Ghofran specialises in Retail and e-Commerce, FMCG, and strategy consulting, with a focus on the MENA region.

**Therese Dizon**

United States

Engagement Director

Nike Inc., United States

Sector: Consumer Packaged Goods

Therese is responsible for leading Global Business Engagement for Nike's largest digital transformation, which is aimed at integrating the company's retail and wholesale business models. In this role, she partners across Supply Chain, Technology, Finance and Marketing business units to align strategic priorities, assess user needs for 2000+ employees, and build organisational readiness for new capabilities.

E

**Moustafa El-Baqqaly**

Belgium

Managing Director

BTIG Ltd., United Kingdom

Sector: Financial Services

Moustafa is a finance sales professional with 15 years of experience specialised in convertible bonds and equity derivatives with a focus on the European market on both the public and private side.

**Onur Erikoglu**

Turkey

Business Development and Marketing Director

Erikoglu Yatirim Holding, Turkey

Sector: Investment Holding Company

Onur is an entrepreneur and a third generation family business owner. His current role entails identifying new business opportunities, strategy, marketing, and overall growth of the holding's investments in healthcare, solar energy, automation and food and beverage. In addition, Onur oversaw the company's introduction into the UK market and previously started six companies in Turkey, USA, UK, and Albania.

F

**Thomas Fehley MBE**

United Kingdom

CEO

Altum Green Energy, United Kingdom

Sector: Renewables

Tom has recently joined Altum to commercialise the business. His immediate focus is to take the product to market and secure Series A funding. Altum unlocks the renewable energy potential in shallow, slow flowing water using small hydrokinetic turbines. Headquartered in London, Altum now have a small footprint in Asia Pacific, US, and Europe.

**Jonathan Finch-Dick**

United Kingdom

Executive Director

Lucy Group, United Kingdom

Sector: Engineering

Executive Director at Lucy Group which comprises three operating areas: Lucy Electric, Lucy Controls and Lucy Real Estate. In total, Lucy Group has around 1,500 permanent employees, trades in around 70 countries and had annual revenues of approximately £260 million in 2021. Jonathan's main responsibilities are Group strategy and purpose, Group resource allocation, corporate acquisitions and overall organisational structure.

**Derrick Frazier**

United States

Director

Frazier Companies, United States

Sector: Investment

A Director of Frazier Companies managing the primary divisions of hospitality, private equity, capital management, philanthropy, and real estate. Creating and assisting in providing direction and structure to our current and future organisational structures. Working with accounting, legal, strategy, financial, and operational teams creating strategies for long term goals with daily tactics to ensure success. With goals of guiding and empowering our employees to make daily decisions positively.

G

**Steve Geoffroy**

France

Relationship Manager

Citibank, France

Sector: Banking

Steve is a Relationship Manager driving the client dialogue on treasury and working capital, liability management, liquidity and funding strategies, risk management and investment solutions for Citi's top multi-national clients in Paris.

**Alistair Grange**

United Kingdom

Director

Deloitte, United Kingdom

Sector: Professional Services

Alistair is a Director within Deloitte's Risk Advisory practice. His role consists of conducting business development activity with potential clients, developing service delivery capability, and providing cyber security and privacy strategic advisory services to UK Public Sector organisations. He has a specific focus on Healthcare clients, and leads Deloitte's proposition to support providers of Critical National Infrastructure in assessing, mitigating and managing their cyber risk exposure.

**Dominic Greenyer**

United Kingdom

Director

The Health Suite, United Kingdom

Sector: Healthcare and Wellness

Director and Doctor at an innovative medical and wellness clinic in the midlands. Dominic is currently responsible for the delivery of clinical care, integration with NHS services, contract acquisition, clinical software development and hyperbaric oxygen therapy. He also holds Director roles in growth strategies for the company and developing new services.



Greg Guglielmetti

Switzerland

Chief Product Officer

Nevis Security, Switzerland

Sector: Cybersecurity

As the CPO of Nevis, a cybersecurity company, Greg is responsible for both innovation initiatives and the flawless execution of the product strategy. In the last two years he co-led the spin off of Nevis as an independent software company and the transition of the product portfolio to a SaaS delivery model. He is now focused on supporting the market expansion of Nevis to all European markets and the transition from a historically engineering focused culture to a more market driven organisation.

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Aleem Hassoo

Guyana

Consultant

Northern Trust, United Kingdom

Sector: Real Estate Finance

Aleem has prepared interim and annual financial statements for REIF, working as part of a team to ensure agreed client service levels and regulatory filing deadlines are met. He also liaised with clients, other internal departments and external auditors, dealing with audit queries. He prepared regulatory returns, including compliance reports, Central Bank and CSO returns, as well as producing Net Asset Values ("NAVs") and management accounts, issuing these accurately and within defined timeframes.

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Florian Haufe

Germany

Senior Vice President

AlixPartners, Germany

Sector: Management Consulting

Florian is a seasoned management consultant and advises clients in mission-critical risk management, compliance, and anti-financial crime matters. He works internationally with multinational corporations and financial institutions.

**Daniel Hillman**

United States

Founder

Kaly Group, United Kingdom

Sector: Environmental Services

As an entrepreneur, Daniel's role varies hugely by the day, ranging from chief problem-solver and solution finder to head cheerleader and hype man. However, he is settling into principal oversight of revenue creation, product, sales, marketing, and general business development/fundraising.

**Leonor Horta de Gouveia**

Portugal

Director Global Operations

THE LIST, Portugal

Sector: Information Technology and Internet

Leonor is the Director of Global Operations in a fashion/technology start-up company called THE LIST. THE LIST connects customers from all around the world with boutiques that sell luxury fashion products. Leonor oversees the teams that are responsible for the order fulfilment process and customer service. It is part of her role to define the operational strategy for the business and to own the operational profit margins and service SLAs. During the past 11 years she has developed expertise in the field of operations in e-commerce/digital businesses. She has work experience in both multinational (Luxottica and Uber) and start-up settings (Rocket Internet/Zalora and THE LIST) across different countries and continents (Asia, Europe, and Middle East).

**Wei Hua**

China

Founding Partner

Ming Family Office, China

Sector: Consulting

Wei is the Founding Partner of Ming Family Office, a Swiss-regulated platform targeting Ultra Affluent Chinese families and supporting a large number of family offices in China. He is also Chairman of Univisa Investors Immigration Group, one of China's most prominent immigration brands. Over a thousand Ultra-High-Net-worth families have relocated to worldwide destinations through investment under his guidance. He takes care of the strategic directions of these two international brands.

K

**Rümeyssa Kadak**

Turkey

Member of Parliament and Social Entrepreneur

The Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, Turkey

Sector: Public

Rümeyssa is a young passionate activist who currently serves as a Turkish member of parliament representing Istanbul. Elected at the age of 22, Rümeyssa became the youngest parliamentarian in Turkish history and the second youngest in the world. In addition to her role in politics, in order to create social impact, Rümeyssa founded 6 organisations and leads more than 5000 young volunteers. Rümeyssa's areas of interest include education, politics, marketing, media, entrepreneurship, and social impact.

**Haris Khalil**

Pakistan

Group Chief Financial Officer

Adsells Group of Companies, Pakistan

Sector: Marketing, Advertising and Technology Solutions

Haris is currently working as a Group Chief Financial Officer at Adsells Group of companies which is the largest converter of 3M International in Pakistan. The group has 8 companies under its umbrella featuring BTL marketing solutions including brand activations, signage manufacturing, DOOH advertising, Biometric Verification systems and POSM manufacturing. As a Group CFO he advises on management for wealth management, internal and external stakeholders management and strategic decision making. He has also been engaged in entrepreneurial ventures in hospitality and is a co-founder of a Pan Asian cuisine by name of NOI Stir Fry Kitchen which has three branches and a French Bistro by name of 'Saute' taking his hospitality portfolio to four outlets. Haris is currently working on an Entrepreneurship Project of a promotional fintech startup 'Giftology' with ambition to revolutionise and automate give aways and gifts industry.

L

**Keith Larney**

United States

VP, Associate General Counsel, Commercial
Proofpoint, Inc., United States**Sector:** Technology and Cybersecurity

Keith leads a commercial legal team in transacting \$1.5 billion annually for a global, market-leading software-as-a-service cybersecurity and information protection company. His primary responsibilities include negotiating sophisticated commercial technology contracts with a Fortune 1000 customer base, due diligence on acquisition targets, and supporting a client base of a high-growth sales organisation, a corporate development team, and a finance department.

**Adam Leddy**

Australia

Area Sales Manager: Asia
Rheinmetall Weapons and Munitions GmbH., Germany**Sector:** Defence

Adam is the lead Area Sales Manager for Rheinmetall Waffe Munition GmbH. Based in Northern Germany. He is passionate about emerging technology, mobility, and connectivity. Adam is responsible for Business Development and Sales in several key markets, he is a SME on Asian Business with 10 years of experience in the field. Adam has a successful track record in complex Engineering Bid and Project Management, with several successful contract awards in the US and UK.

**Patricia Lee**

United States

Founder
Stanley Haight Consulting, United States**Sector:** Supply Chain

Patricia brings a decade of supply chain and communications experience to Stanley Haight Consulting. She has managed operations across diverse sectors and problems, from two-hour delivery times in e-commerce to two-year lead times in aerospace. Formative early work on bipartisan legislation influences her to always find common ground and creative solutions.



Chantale Lessard

Canada

Director of Education

Institut du Savoir Montfort (Montfort Knowledge Institute), Canada

Sector: Health and Healthcare

Director reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and ex-officio board member, Chantale is a health professional with several years of rich experience in the medical device and pharmaceutical industries, health organisation (hospital-associated research and education institute), health technology assessment (HTA), community pharmacy and academia. She also has expertise in: public health, with specialisation in organisation of health (health policy), and in analysis and evaluation of health services. She is currently the Director of Education at Montfort Knowledge Institute, Montfort Academic Hospital.



Steve Lloyd

United Kingdom

Managing Director

Avellem Limited, United Kingdom

Sector: Financial Services

Steve works for a group called Capital Professional, which is majority owned by a Private Equity (PE) firm called Nordic Capital (NC). Within the group they have two main arms, Ascot Lloyd – an Independent Financial Advice Consolidator, where he is Investment Director, and Avellem Limited, the Asset Management arm, where he is Managing Director. Steve focuses on the strategy of both, to ensure that they continue to grow – typically via acquisition, so they are in the correct shape for the next capital event.



Irene Lu

Taiwan

Reserve Director

Substance Asset Management Limited, Hong Kong

Sector: Asset Management

Co-founder of Substance Asset Management Limited, a Hong Kong-based asset management company carrying on Type 4 (Advising on Securities) and Type 9 (Asset Management) regulated activities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (SFO) providing services to professional investors.

M

**Ivar Maksutov**

United Kingdom

CEO and Founder

Naukka, United Kingdom

Sector: Brand Marketing, STEM Education and Deep Technology

Ivar is the founder and CEO of Naukka Group (London, UK). It is composed of a communication agency Naukka Lab, an open education platform Serious Science and a soon-to-be deep tech fund. Their mission is to help deep tech and biotech startups and scientists promote their ideas worldwide. Through their open education initiatives, they spread scientific thinking. Our consulting and marketing services help scientists create new businesses and fuel the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Ivar's work in this field started in 2012 when he left academia and founded PostNauka, a science education platform where academics from various fields shared their research with the public. Now it is one of the most popular educational platforms in Eastern Europe, with a monthly audience of more than 1.75M readers and viewers. It also has an active community of 2M followers on YouTube and other social media platforms.

**Rishad Manekia**

India

Founder and MD

Kairos Capital, India

Sector: Financial Services

Rishad founded and scaled a SEBI Registered Investment Advisory firm providing financial and estate planning services to family offices and high net worth individuals. Responsible for all parts of the business including managing investments and investors as the Principal Investment Officer, ensuring regulatory compliance and people management. In addition, he volunteers with the Aga Khan Development Network and works on numerous projects in the social impact space.

**Marili Männik**

Estonia

Director

PwC, Luxembourg

Sector: PwC's Industry and Public Services Advisory Practice

Marili is Director at PwC Luxembourg, focusing on providing management and technology consulting. With more than 14 years of consulting experience in various areas including business and functional analyses for large scale public sector transformations and performance improvement. For several years Marili has been specialising in advising the EU institutions and NATO on security and defence matters. Marili is ITIL, Cobit2019, PMI and Prince 2 certified.

**Claire Matthews**

United States

VP Global Operations

WMC Global, United States

Sector: Cybersecurity

As VP of Global Operations at WMC Global, Claire uses her expertise in mobile compliance and cybersecurity to manage operational centres in the US, UK, and Australia and oversee the Customer Success, Technical Account Management, PMO, and Splunk departments. Claire additionally serves as an industry policy advisor and subject matter expert for the telecommunications industry and to clients in the wireless, government, cybersecurity, and banking industries.

**Katharina Mayer**

Germany

Entrepreneur

Kuchentratsch, Germany

Sector: E-Commerce, Food and Social Impact

Founder of Kuchentratsch, a Social Start-Up in Germany. Entrepreneurial expert in the food and e-commerce industry with eight years of senior management experience, deep leadership, and communication skills. Kuchentratsch was sold in 2022 to a big German bakery. Currently working as a consultant in the field of product and business innovation.

**Sophia Metz**

France

Founder and CEO

Meltdown, France

Sector: Gaming, Franchising and Hospitality

Founder of Meltdown, the first chain of esports bars – a unique concept of venues aimed at gamers to gather in real life. Sophia built an industry-leading brand from scratch, crafted global strategy and international operations with a strong focus on digital innovation and achieved 3 rounds of fundraising before exiting in 2022. She is an award-winning speaker, writer and lecturer on the topics of entrepreneurship, innovation, and gaming.

**Sindiso Mujaji**

Zimbabwe

Fund Manager

VISIO Fund Management, South Africa

Sector: Investment Management

Sindiso is an Investment Manager responsible for South Africa and Global Listed Property funds as well as Africa ex-South Africa Equities funds. Responsibilities include research, portfolio construction and business development. Prior to this, Sindiso was a Private Equity Deal Principal with an Africa-focused private equity firm.

N



Ndubuisi Nwagboh

Nigeria

Head, Energy, Corporate and Investment Banking Division

Keystone Bank Limited, Nigeria

Sector: Banking and Financial Services

Ndubuisi ('ND') is a Banking professional with over 16+ years' of experience in Retail, SME, Public Sector, Commercial and Corporate Banking, emphasising the Energy sector. Over the course of his career, he has worked in notable institutions like EcoBank, Diamond Bank, United Bank for Africa and Access Bank Plc. He is currently the Head of Energy at Keystone Bank Limited, Nigeria, leading and driving its foray into the Energy sector with over 18 landmark deals consummated in the Oil Services, Marine, Oil and Gas, and Power sectors. ND is currently a board advisory member (Finance and Strategy) in a UK-based Fintech company and also provides financial advisory services to several companies in the Energy space where he executes his role in capital raise, business transformation, debt restructuring and strategy.

O

**Gbenga Oyebo**

Nigeria

Co-founder

Aluko and Oyebo, Nigeria

Sector: Legal Services

Gbenga is a seasoned lawyer with extensive experience in corporate and commercial practice. With over 40 years of expertise in the field, he has made a significant impact on the legal industry in Nigeria and beyond. As a co-founder of Aluko and Oyebo, one of the largest law firms in Nigeria, he has played a key role in the growth and success of the firm. With a team of over 100 lawyers, Aluko and Oyebo is a leading provider of legal services in Nigeria. He has been involved in the negotiation of complex commercial agreements across a range of sectors, including banking, energy, and telecoms. He was instrumental in the acquisition of MTNN's license in Nigeria, and advised on the acquisitions of Access Bank, which has since become the largest bank in Nigeria. Gbenga's visionary leadership and dedication to the legal sector has made him a role model for lawyers in Nigeria and Africa. He is known for his innovation and commitment to improving corporate practice and has earned several awards for his broad knowledge of the legal industry and business environment. In addition to his successful career in law, Gbenga is a dedicated philanthropist. He serves on the boards of several renowned organisations, including the Ford Foundation, Lafarge Africa, Nestle Nigeria, Teach for All, and the African Philanthropy Forum. In his spare time, he is actively involved in NGOs and humanitarian organisations, where he channels his passion for giving back to society.

P

**Dana Pavlychko**

Ukraine

CEO

United for Ukraine, Ukraine

Sector: Non-profit

Dana is the CEO of United for Ukraine and Owner of Osnovy Publishing. She fled from Kyiv with her husband and three children at the start of the war in Ukraine. United for Ukraine is an innovative Swiss based nonprofit aimed at making Ukraine a success. The key program of UFU is a pan-European Emergency Relief Platform created with the support of Google and the International Rescue Committee.

**Alexey Pronin**

Russia

SVP EMEA, APAC and LATAM

Spryker, Germany

Sector: Information Technology

Alexey has 15+ years of experience of starting-up and scaling Enterprise Software and B2B SaaS revenues for early-stage, mid-sized and corporate employers. Directly involved with closing over 150M Euro of complex B2B Software revenue across EMEA (UK, Nordics, Benelux, France, Germany, Switzerland, Middle East, Eastern Europe) and APAC (India, Singapore, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand). Specialised in scaling SaaS firms from 10-50M+ Euro ARR and beyond.

R



Amool Raina

India

Senior Production Manager and Head of Research and Development
Oxford Space Systems, United Kingdom

Sector: Space

Amool's current role, reporting to the CEO, includes leading and delivering the Industrialisation and Research and Development programmes across all products at Oxford Space Systems. Responsibilities include developing and implementing strategic frameworks for deployable space structures based products. Also responsible for the delivery of batch volume manufactured flight grade Helical, Yagi, Wrapped Rib and Offset Reflector Antennas.

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Omar Riaz

Pakistan

Strategic Partnerships Manager
Google, United Arab Emirates

Sector: Information Technology

Over 20 years experience of working in Technology startups as well as Fortune 100 companies across emerging and developed markets – Europe, Middle East, India, Africa, Eurasia. Responsible for Android Platform growth in the UK market; Work with cross-functional teams to draft and execute the market strategy for driving Android market share; Managing channel partners (Telcos, Retail, Online) relationships.

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Louise Rodrigues

United Kingdom

Development Director
Diriyah Gate Development Authority, Saudi Arabia

Sector: Real Estate Development

Development Director responsible for luxury leisure (Golf) and community projects (Civil Defence, Police, FM, Security) on Wadi Safar heritage master plan in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Leading international teams through the development life cycle including design, procurement, construction, authority approvals and operator handover. Responsible for quality of design, budget and programme.

S

**Domenico Sansalone**

Canada

Director, Corporate Treasury

Expro, United Kingdom

Sector: Oil and Gas

Director of Corporate Treasury and Risk Management, with over 15 years of Senior Financial Leadership experience. During the course of Domenico's career, he has been involved in Mergers and Acquisitions across multiple industrial sectors, led NYSE listed IPOs in Aerospace and Energy, Debt Refinancing, Corporate Restructurings and numerous Equity Subscriptions.

**Ricardo Sengo**

Mozambique

Executive Chairman

MECTS, Mozambique

Sector: Trade

Ricardo is a well seasoned entrepreneur, banker and financial sector expert with more than 20 years of working experience in the banking and financial sectors. After several years of work with Africa's leading corporates, Ricardo is currently a businessman and entrepreneur with participation in a number of companies operating in the fields of transport and logistics, energy, IT and digital solutions and strategic consultancy. Ricardo is the Executive Chairman (EC) of MECTS SA, STRATUM and SPL SA.

**Nadiya K. Siddique**

United Kingdom

Founder / Advisor

Femtech Start-Up, United Kingdom

Sector: Sector: Womens Health / Private Equity / Impact Investing / ESG

A senior professional with a background in Private Banking, Private Equity Investor Relations and Tech Innovation. Nadiya's finance career has involved working in investor relations across private wealth management at private banks (Deutsche Bank London/ Geneva and Standard Chartered Bank in Dubai) At present, she is advising and consulting executive leadership at VC Funds, Private Family Offices, Tech Start-ups (pre-seed, seed and series A), and Impact Focussed investors. Nadiya is also the Founder of a Femtech start-up (currently still in stealth mode).



Jaymes Sim

Singapore

Group Head Commercial

Mooreast Holdings Ltd, Singapore

Sector: Offshore Energy

Mooreast is one of three offshore mooring solutions specialist in the world and Jaymes is a second generation leadership to the company. The group is headquartered in Singapore and have wholly own subsidiaries in UK and Holland. Jaymes currently oversees the group's commercial activities as well as the group's renewable energy development globally. With the emerging developments happening worldwide in floating offshore wind energy space, the group aims to be the dominant provider of mooring solutions.



Renzo Sotomayor Diaz

Peru

Investment Strategist

AFP Integra, Peru

Sector: Pension Funds

Renzo works as an Investment Strategist at AFP Integra (\$ 10 billion of AUM). A financial lawyer by training, he was Head of Legal for Investments before joining the Investments Department after completing his LLM and working at SURA Asset Management in Colombia. He oversees a portfolio of domestic investment funds and fixed income securities. He is also working in the development of the firm's ESG Investing Framework and leads projects in the ESG/Climate Change space.



Beibei Sun

China

Managing Consultant

Vendigital Ltd, United Kingdom

Sector: Consulting

Beibei is a Managing Consultant, owning client accounts in the automotive sector, with a focus on EV start-ups. She leads consultant teams in project delivery – supply chain optimisation, industrialisation and procurement excellence, to name a few, as well as driving collaborative conversations with clients to identify further challenges. Also owning the definition and training of core consulting skills, such as structured thinking and analytics for the whole company.

T

**Craig Tocknell**

Australia

Co-Founder and COO/CFO

Liverpool Partners, Australia

Sector: Asset Management

Craig co-founded Liverpool Partners, a funds management group managing \$1bn on behalf of global institutional and sophisticated investors across private equity, social infrastructure, and multi-strategy asset classes. An accountant and CFA Charterholder by training, Craig leads all non-investment facets of Liverpool Partners, spanning fund structuring and administration, investor relations, finance and operations, legal and compliance, human resources, and technology.

V

**Bobby Vaillancourt**

United States

Engagement Manager

Opfocus, United States

Sector: Information Technology

Currently Bobby is consulting for Opfocus, working with SaaS companies looking to optimise their business operations through strategic consulting, systems administration, and custom development on Salesforce, Pardot, CPQ, Communities, and Einstein. His current focus has been on Mergers and Acquisitions running several projects and teams working on organisational consolidations to align business goals, consolidate their go-to market strategy, centralise reporting, optimise processes and create one integrated tech stack for those acquisitions. Prior to Opfocus, Bobby was Co-Founder and Lead Architect for CFB Strategies, an ISV partner of Salesforce.com and a political consulting firm.

W

**Emily Ward**

Australia

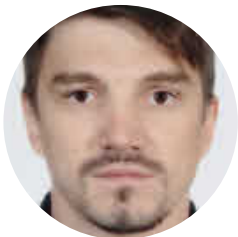
Director of Corporate Services

Fortescue Future Industries, Australia

Sector: Energy

Emily is Director of Corporate Services for Fortescue Future Industries, managing the main functional support services group for the business, including People, Procurement, Safety, Legal, Training, Governance, Security and Travel. In this role Emily reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer of Fortescue Future Industries and is part of the Executive Leadership Team.

Z

**Mikita Zabuga**

Belarus

Co-founder

Kevin, Lithuania

Sector: FinTech

Mikita is a Fintech entrepreneur and co-founder of fintech company Kevin. The company is a payment infrastructure in the countries of the EU (EEA). Mikita has been working in the construction of commercial and residential real estate for 20 years. Currently, temporarily retired from business and helping the Ukrainian army.



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