



EMBA Profiles

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**Abdullah Alkhorayef**

Saudi Arabia

Project Development Manager

Alkhorayef Water and Power Technologies, Saudi Arabia

Sector: Energy and Utilities

Abdullah is a Development Manager at Alkhorayef Water and Power Technologies, leading long-term investment projects. He is responsible for all stages of the project lifecycle, including strategic partnerships, feasibility assessments, bidding processes and negotiations. Abdullah has experience in performance management, strategic planning, public-private partnerships and customer journey design within the technology and utilities industries.

**Nii Ayite Aryee**

United States

Family Support Coordinator

LifeNet Health, United States

Sector: Healthcare

Currently, Nii holds a quasi-sales role at LifeNet Health, the largest nonprofit full-service organ procurement organisation in the United States. His efforts have saved over 200 lives and restored the health of thousands. Previously, as Director of Community Engagement, he oversaw social impact teams, managed a Mr. Appliance franchise, and founded College Bound, which equipped at-risk youth with business skills. He also served as an Emergency Manager with the US Air Force.

**Merve Aygit**

Turkey

Head of Global Commercial Business Excellence and Chief of Staff for COO

Elekta AB, Turkey

Sector: Healthcare

Merve is a visionary leader in MedTech and Healthcare IT, with over ten years of experience driving innovation and strategic alignment to accelerate growth and performance in diverse markets. She excels at leading high-performing entities, driving transformative initiatives and consistently exceeding operational and strategic targets. Merve has made a lasting impact by advancing critical healthcare solutions and improving patient outcomes globally in various multinational companies.

B

**Chris Bardos**

United States

Entrepreneur

Constellate, United States

Sector: Telecommunications

Chris is a serial entrepreneur with a passion for real-time communications and technology. He has founded and successfully exited from multiple companies, focusing on scalable telecommunication solutions and other technology services. His leadership roles have included executive positions where he spearheaded asset consolidations and regional development projects. Chris has also provided consultancy and advisory services to numerous startups to help drive growth and market expansion.

**Bridgette Barry-Murphy**

Australia

Director

Unearth Collective, Australia

Sector: Hospitality and Tourism

Founder of Unearth Collective, a venue management and consulting firm that operates across Australia, managing five distinctive venues. Bridgette has built a leading brand from the ground up, steering the company's growth with a strategic focus on excellence in event management, customer experience and stakeholder collaboration. Under her leadership, Unearth Collective has become a key player in the industry, known for its innovation and commitment to delivering exceptional experiences.

**Elkhan Bashirov**

Azerbaijan

Operations Manager

Elkhan, Azerbaijan

Sector: Energy and Utilities

With over 15 years of experience in the energy sector, Elkhan currently leads operations at BP's oil terminal in Azerbaijan. Previously, he worked as Operations Manager in the giant Rumaila oil field in Iraq, overseeing 1.5 million barrels of daily oil production. Elkhan has experience leading multi-national teams in challenging environments, driving production targets, and delivering complex projects. He served as a business advisor to BP's executive office for upstream.

**Jonathan Bramley**

United Kingdom

CEO and Founder

JD2E Ltd, United Kingdom

Sector: Aerospace, Aviation and Defence

Jonathan is the founder and CEO of JD2E Ltd, a training and simulation company specialising in the defence and aerospace industries. Jon leads the company in the development of innovative training solutions, leveraging new technology, such as mixed reality, and has built the company up to over 20 employees, multi-million-pound turnover and with contracts in the UK, US, Oman, Malaysia and Norway.

**Matt Brock**

New Zealand

Director

Aria Commodities, Switzerland

Sector: Agribusiness

Matt has over 25 years of commodity trading and shipping experience across energy, dry bulk, minerals, and soft commodities. He has worked in Asia, Australia, Europe, USA, and South America during his career and held senior management positions both at division and corporate level. Matt is now focused on international business, strategy, origination and business development.

**John Mark Bwanika**

Uganda

Co-Founder and Chief Operations Officer

Rocket Health Africa, Uganda

Sector: Healthcare

John Mark is the co-founder, Chief Operations Officer, and Chief Research Officer of Rocket Health Africa, a leading digital health and Telemedicine company in Africa. Over the last decade his company has raised over ten million US dollars in equity and grant financing and served nearly three million people. He designs and implements complex digital health solutions and research for Africa. Through his FG Foundation, he convenes local and global givers toward Africa's future generations.

C

**Luna Christie**

Singapore

Head of Trust Administration

Nomura Trust Company Ltd, Singapore

Sector: Financial Services

Luna is an Executive Director for Nomura's International Wealth Management business. She also performs the role of a Resident Manager. Luna heads an experienced team of trust professionals, providing trust administration to UHNW clients who are setting up the trust structures for succession planning. Luna is admitted to Singapore, New York and England legal profession. Prior to Nomura, Luna was in Credit Suisse Trust heading its risk management function.

**Wiley Chung**

Canada

Chief Executive Officer

Smart Biomedical, Canada

Sector: Healthcare

Wiley is the founder of Smart Biomedical, a company dedicated to improving patient safety in high-risk medical procedures. As a thoracic surgeon and former battlefield medic, Wiley co-developed Smart Drain, a ground-breaking medical device used to treat collapsed lungs in trauma. He led the company's R&D, secured a patent, and oversees regulatory approval. Wiley is also an Assistant Professor and Director of Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity, Indigeneity, and Accessibility at Queen's University.

D

**Asha Desai**

United States

Director of Accounting

Kinder Morgan, United States

Sector: Energy and Utilities

Asha serves as the Director of Accounting at Kinder Morgan, the largest pipeline organisation in North America. In this capacity, she provides expert consultation on technical accounting issues, unusual transactions and new accounting guidance, while also aiding in the strategic implementation of solutions for these challenges. Previously, Asha was a Manager at Deloitte, where she delivered audit services to clients across diverse sectors. She holds a CPA certification from the state of Texas.

**Deric Dube**

Zimbabwe

Director Bulk Commodities

Kuvimba Mining House, Zimbabwe

Sector: Industrials

Deric has been in mining and commodities trading since 2012. He is passionate about building businesses and creating employment. He joined Kuvimba Mining House (KMH) in 2020 where he developed and implemented the turnaround strategy for one of its subsidiaries, Zimbabwe Alloys Limited. As MD he led two rounds of fundraising which saw the business restart chrome smelting and open three new concentrator plants. He is currently KMH Director for Bulk Commodities, a cluster that employs 350 people.

E

**Toru Ebisu**

Japan

Deputy General Manager

Mitsui & Co. Ltd, Japan

Sector: Investment Management

Toru has more than 18 years of international experience in the pharma industry and is dedicated to improving quality of life through products, services and digital solutions. He led Mitsui's investment into TriNetX and assisted their business expansion, including M&A as a Director during his assignment in the US and as a Board observer for TriNetX. Before joining Mitsui, he worked in responsible positions in marketing at Takeda Pharmaceutical company in Japan and Switzerland.

**Ryan Edmiston**

United States

Director

Huron Consulting, United States

Sector: Financial Services

Ryan has spent his career operating at the intersection of law, finance and policy. Currently, Ryan serves as a Director at Huron Consulting where he co-leads the firm's investment banking and international strategy practice groups. Prior to joining Huron, Ryan managed a diverse range of sustainable project financing initiatives in multiple emerging and frontier markets. Ryan is also passionate about education and regularly teaches business negotiation courses as an adjunct professor.

**Tomomi Eguchi**

Japan

Senior Manager

EY, UK

Sector: Accounting and Tax

Tomomi is an audit professional who has worked at EY for 15 years, including secondments to the London office and the Sustainability Standards Board of Japan. With extensive experience providing audit and accounting technical services to a wide range of global companies and engaging in sustainability disclosure standard-setting activities, she is now utilising her skills to lead sustainability assurance services globally.


Mette Ekeroth

Denmark

Deputy Head of Mission

Embassy of Denmark to Vietnam, Vietnam

Sector: Government

Mette is a career diplomat with a cross-over to family offices, family foundations, philanthropy and impact investing. She is passionate about supporting public, private and civil society actors to deliver systemic change, and has facilitated 30+ cross-sectoral and cross-boundary partnerships. Mette has spent 15 years in Asia (Singapore, Korea, India and Vietnam). Since 2016, Mette has been in management roles and held board and advisory board positions.

F


Kanina Foss

South Africa

Director of Partnerships

SOAS University of London, United Kingdom

Sector: Higher Education

Kanina is a higher education leader who specialises in structuring equitable partnerships and driving new market entry and enterprise revenue for universities. She has worked with public and private institutions globally, with a focus on Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Former Chief of Staff at two top universities in South Africa and the UK, with expertise in strategy development and implementation. She has also held c-suite roles in venture building and venture capital. Committed to making global knowledge universally accessible. Longtime yogi, aspiring meditator.


Kevon Foster

Canada

Head of Contracts and Procurement, Projects

Crescent Petroleum, United Arab Emirates

Sector: Energy and Utilities

Kevon is a conscientious leader with 18 years of multinational experience across three continents, with expertise in major project (>\$500m) contracting, strategy development, complex negotiations and claims and dispute resolution for leading energy operators such as Shell, Kuwait Oil Company, Crescent Petroleum and Suncor Energy. As a reputed professional and lifelong learner, Kevon is committed to delivering excellence with integrity, and adding quantifiable value to the teams he is a part of.

G

**Christoph Gertenbach**

Germany

Deputy Head of Asset Management

RAG-Stiftung, Germany

Sector: Financial Services

Christoph is the Deputy Head of Asset Management at the RAG Foundation (£16bn AUM), which is responsible for financing the perpetual obligations of the German coal mining industry. He focuses on strategic asset allocation. Additionally, he leads the manager selection for infrastructure and private equity funds and oversees due diligence for direct investments. Prior to his role he worked for an international investment consultant, an asset manager and several banks.

**Pedro Gomez**

United Kingdom

Design, Development & Industrialisation Department Manager

AVL PTE UK, United Kingdom

Sector: Technology

Pedro is a leader in the automotive industry, with an interest in sustainable solutions to mobility and energy. Within AVL Powertrain UK, Pedro manages a team of over 70 technology experts as a semi-independent business unit. His current focus is on developing technical solutions (batteries, hydrogen fuel cells and engines) from concept to industrialisation. He has over 18 years of professional experience in a variety of fields including engineering management, consulting and product development.

**Richard Gustard**

United Kingdom

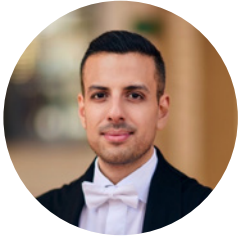
Managing Director

JPMorgan, United Kingdom

Sector: Financial Services

Richard has 28 years experience in the city, almost exclusively at JPMorgan. He has run several businesses in rates trading with international reach. His revenue was counted in hundreds of millions annually. He guided the EMEA securities business through the GFC, the European Bank and then Sovereign crisis, and more recently the UK desk through the Gilt crisis. He is pivoting his career via the EMBA as well as spending more time with his children.

H

**Hisham Hamood**

France

Founder & CEO

Capinvest Group, United Arab Emirates

Sector: Investment Management

Hisham is an investor and entrepreneur based in the UAE and Saudi Arabia, focusing on identifying companies with high growth potential and scaling them toward successful exits through strategic acquisitions or future IPOs. He seeks opportunities internationally and brings them to the region, adding strategic value. He also leads one of Saudi Arabia's largest events companies, overseeing major government projects in entertainment, sports and tourism. Hisham also advises some members of the Saudi royal family and is currently pursuing his second master's degree to further enhance his expertise.

**Frieda He**

China

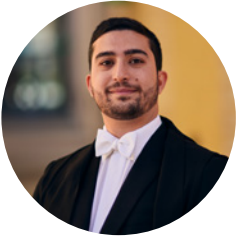
EVP, Head of Global Procurement

Polestar Automotive, Sweden

Sector: Technology

A seasoned automotive procurement and supply chain executive with nearly 20 years' experience and driving force for strategic transformation. Notably in her 13 years at Volvo Cars, she led the way for its electrification and sustainability. Now with Polestar, she has poised Procurement for double digits external expenditure reduction and operational efficiency. She is highlighted for her capability in fostering aspired culture, supplier partnerships, innovation, and sustainable high-performing teams.

J

**Tariq Judeh**

Jordan

Co-Founder and Managing Director

Al-Tariq Investments and Consultancy, Jordan

Sector: Consulting

Tariq is dedicated to bridging the gap between public and private sectors. As the co-founder of Al Tariq Investments and Consultancy, his efforts are aimed at enhancing the Jordanian economy growth and fostering entrepreneurship opportunities and development. Tariq is committed to making a positive impact and continuously striving to bring innovative and collaborative opportunities to the region, to support peace building through dialogue and multilateral cooperation.

K

**Roman Kucinskij**

United Kingdom

Managing Director

London Commodity Intelligence Bureau (LCIB), United Kingdom

Sector: Consulting – Strategy

Roman has authored industry-acclaimed reports on steel and raw materials, with a strong track record in metals and mining consultancy. Since 2017, he has led a London-based metals and mining research firm. His past roles include Head of Research at TELF AG, special project consultant at Metal Bulletin Research and Research Associate at AME. Roman holds an MSc from the University of Aberdeen, an MBA and a BA from Vilnius Gediminas Technical University. He is fluent in Russian.



Gustav Kulle

Sweden

Senior Product Manager

William Blair Investment Management, Sweden

Sector: Financial Services

Senior Product Manager at William Blair, an American premier institutional boutique investment management firm, and co-founder of the school-building charity organisation The Infinity Branch. Gustav, a native of Sweden, has been based in London for the past 15 years whilst working in various strategic roles within investment banking and asset management. Today, he is a leader of his firm's strategic efforts of international growth within the space of actively managed investments.

L



Cheryl Lo

United Kingdom

Adviser

Cabinet Office, UK Government, United Kingdom

Sector: Government

Cheryl serves as an adviser at the Cabinet Office, which supports the Prime Minister. As a strategy professional, she has worked on the UK's most complex issues of high priorities, including COVID, Brexit and the Queen's funeral. Before this, Cheryl was a wildlife conservationist who led a successful campaign to ban the local ivory trade in Hong Kong, as well as internationally through United Nations COPs. As a thought leader, she was invited to speak at the BBC, CNN, Al Jazeera, TEDx, Berlin Palace etc.



Leonardo Lujan Gonzalez

Brazil

CFO

Opty, Brazil

Sector: Healthcare

Leonardo Lujan Gonzalez is CFO at Opty, Latin America's largest eye hospital group, and a board member at The Rare Disease Foundation. With over ten years in private equity, Leonardo excels in corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and strategic growth. An economics graduate from the University of São Paulo and a CFA charterholder, he is also passionate about golf, classical guitar and contemporary art. Leonardo aims to evolve into a transformative CEO and build a strong personal brand.

M

**Jean-Jacques Maïkere**

Belgium, Chad, Rwanda

Group Chief Marketing Officer

Jumia, Cote D'Ivoire

Sector: Technology

Jean-Jacques is an executive with extensive international experience as CEO and Growth ExCo in starting and scaling businesses, including two of the first African unicorns. As a Group ExCo, he oversees Growth and Marketing at Jumia, Africa's leading e-commerce platform listed on the NYSE, operating in 11 countries. He leads a 300+ team across Africa, serving millions. He has worked across Africa, Europe and Silicon Valley. He is deeply passionate about venture building and the African customer.

**Seb Marwood**

United Kingdom

Head of Capital Markets, UK & Ireland

Avanade / Accenture, United Kingdom

Sector: Consulting

Seb is the UK&I Capital Markets Industry Lead at Avanade, a joint venture between Accenture and Microsoft. He leads cross-functional teams to deliver strategic consulting and technology solutions for Capital Markets clients. With a background in Investment Management and Trading, Seb excels in complex, high-pressure environments. Passionate about driving transformation, he collaborates with C-suite stakeholders to grow and evolve their businesses through innovative strategies and services.

**Paul Mbenenge**

South Africa

Partner Head

Correlation, United Kingdom

Sector: Investment Management

Paul is a seasoned actuary with a strong track record in the insurance industry across the UK, South Africa and Nigeria. As a Partner Head, he manages shareholder relationships within Correlation's portfolio of pet ecosystem investments, working closely with entrepreneurial founders to achieve scale. Paul specialises in financial planning, M&A and investment strategies that deliver transformative growth.

**Rob Mennell**

United States

Chief Growth Officer

Synertex, United States

Sector: Technology

Rob began his career in the U.S. Army, where he developed a knack for applying emerging technologies to operational needs. Rob continued this work in the private sector, where he quickly mastered the fundamentals of running a business. He excelled in strategic growth, working with start-ups, mid-tier companies and multinational corporations through organic growth, mergers, acquisitions and exits. In his spare time, Rob supports charities for veterans, global security, and equine therapy.

**Michelle Money**

United Kingdom

CEO

Greenheart Learning, United Kingdom

Sector: Education

Michelle is the CEO of Greenheart Learning, a transformational change organisation working in some of the most disadvantaged schools and communities in the UK. She has worked across all education sectors in leadership and regulatory roles. Michelle is passionate about changing inequality and founded @ResearchSEND which supports schools to be inclusive. Her research focus is maximising learning outcomes for excluded groups, and leadership.

**Grace Mponeja**

Tanzania

Senior Trader, Treasury Analytics and Capital Management

NMB Bank Plc, Tanzania

Sector: Financial Services

Grace's diverse experience in the banking industry spans Treasury, Capital Markets, as well as Corporate and Sustainable Finance. Currently managing the liquidity and capital for NMB Bank PLC, the largest bank in Tanzania by asset size, profitability and market capitalisation, she also leads several strategic projects for the bank including M&As, sustainability initiatives such as Gender Bond and Sustainability Bond issuances and cross-border expansion projects.

**Emily Mugisha**

United States

Director of Majority World Economic Development Programs

The Chalmers Center, Rwanda

Sector: Non-Governmental Organisation

Emily is an international economic development practitioner, experienced in programme design, technical advising, and research and development for financial inclusion and business development programmes. Working in marginalised communities across Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America, she supports, develops, and leads initiatives that enhance social and financial inclusion, improve equity and gender diversity, and strengthen community and household resilience for long-term success and sustainability.

**Tess Murphy**

United States

Senior Director of Corporate Programs

Kiva.org, United States

Sector: Nonprofits and Social Enterprises

Tess built a career in Silicon Valley focused on leveraging technology to achieve systemic social change. She currently leads the corporate social responsibility programme at Kiva.org, a microfinance nonprofit that provides financial access to underserved communities. She works with over 200 corporate partners, helping to engage employees and build brand identity through social impact. Tess won several awards and published a white paper on how these initiatives help to drive corporate value.

N

**Allyna Nguyen**

United States

Director, IT Project Management

PwC, United States

Sector: Financial Services

Allyna has managed global projects in the tech, finance, banking, and health sectors. She is also founder of Mimi Pharmaceuticals, which establishes a supply chain of American drugs to the Vietnamese market. She is professionally fluent in Spanish, French and Vietnamese.



Kelsey Nolan

United States

President and CEO

The Dakota Foundation, United States

Sector: Nonprofits and Social Enterprises

As President and CEO of The Dakota Foundation, Kelsey pursues programme-related investments to get the highest social return out of initiatives fostering self-sufficiency. With a passion for social impact, she has spearheaded public-private partnerships to scale programmes in criminal justice, child welfare, and financial empowerment, and serves on multiple nonprofit boards addressing homelessness, education and economic development within Colorado. She is an avid skier, hiker and traveller.



Maria Nunez Burkhalter

Philippines

Startup Manager

Amazon Web Services, Switzerland

Sector: Technology

Maria is a senior startup manager at AWS, driving startup ecosystem growth across Northern and Eastern Europe. She leads cross-functional teams to forge strategic partnerships with investors, universities, and consulting firms, innovating high-impact initiatives for 8,000+ startups backed by \$75 billion in funding. Maria has lived in Switzerland, Singapore, and the Philippines. She is passionate about diversity in tech, mentoring, and entrepreneurship. She founded Katalista, a non-profit bringing technology to underserved ASEAN communities.

O



Sam Okoh

United States

Enterprise Cybersecurity Executive

Google, United States

Sector: Consulting

Sam is a seasoned Enterprise Sales Executive with a proven track record of securing multi-million pound deals in the highly competitive Silicon Valley market. Possessing a deep understanding of complex sales cycles, he has successfully led teams to deliver innovative solutions across various sectors. Currently working at Google Cloud Security, he leverages solution selling expertise to empower Silicon Valley enterprises with robust security solutions, driving business growth and mitigating risk.

**Oyindamola Oyeduntan**

Nigeria

Legal Counsel/Company Secretary

Heirs Energies Limited, Nigeria

Sector: Energy and Utilities

Oyindamola heads the Legal and Compliance team and serves as the Company Secretary at Heirs Energies Limited. She provides strategic legal advice and oversight for three upstream oil and gas assets. Previously, she was the Legal Adviser at Heirs Holdings, a private investment company where she provided key group governance oversight. She is a multiple award-winning General Counsel with a broad range of experience in governance, compliance and mergers and acquisitions across various industries.

P

**Marc Penzel**

Germany

Founder & President

Startup Genome, Germany

Sector: Consulting

As a co-founder of Startup Genome, Marc develops tech and startup ecosystems worldwide. With a background in management consulting at PwC, KPMG, and Bayer, he advises governments on strategies for startup success and designs programmes for startups aspiring to lead globally. His insights and publications reach over half a million readers annually. A frequent speaker at top tech conferences, Marc is recognised by the World Economic Forum as an Expert in Entrepreneurship, IT and Economic Progress.

**Gavin Phillips**

United Kingdom

Chief Operating Officer - UK

IWG PLC, Netherlands

Sector: Real Estate

As Chief Operating Officer for IWG, the global operator of workspace providers, Gavin is responsible for executing the company's strategy. He is responsible for over 300 locations in the UK. Prior to IWG, Gavin worked for several years for JLL commercial real estate, occupying various roles covering Asia Pacific. Whilst he currently lives in the UK he has been fortunate to live in the Netherlands, Australia and the Middle East. Gavin uses his skills to develop sustainable businesses.


Michael Phillips Moskowitz

United States

Chief Strategy Officer

Cayce Pollard Group, United States

Sector: Consulting

Michael is a serial entrepreneur and currently the CSO of Cayce Pollard, a speculative futures practice. His prior startup was acquired by a SoftBank-backed unicorn in 2021. Michael has been recognised by FastCompany as one of the Top-100 Creatives in Business, by IFAH as one of the Top-100 Leaders in Global Healthcare, and was appointed Global Chief Curator at eBay, following a previous acquisition. He has twice served as an EIR at venture firms, a Fellow at Harvard and at The New Institute.


Tom Pope

United Kingdom

Portfolio Manager

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), United Arab Emirates

Sector: Financial Services

Tom is a real estate investment professional with 17+ years of experience across European markets. Based in Abu Dhabi, Tom's role at ADIA involves the origination, execution and management of real estate investments across a range of sub-sectors including residential, logistics, data centres, office and retail. Tom started his career in London where he worked as a dedicated asset manager to the Lehman Brothers Real Estate Private Equity funds. Tom also co-owns a care home business in the UK.

R


Christina Roulette

United States

Director, Production Operations Entertainment Content

NBC Universal Comcast, United States

Sector: Media

Christina is a Physical Production Executive at NBC Universal, leading high-impact, cross-functional projects and managing budgets and logistics for the Lifestyle Vertical's unscripted series and specials. NBC Universal is a major global media company spanning different networks and streaming platforms. She collaborates with a broad network of clients and delivers projects across a diverse range of media formats.

S

**Peyman Sardari Nia**

Netherlands

Senior Cardiothoracic Surgeon and Associate Professor

Maastricht University Medical Center, Netherlands

Sector: Healthcare

Peyman is a renowned cardiothoracic surgeon (MD, PhD) with expertise in novel techniques and a global referral base. He is an associate professor at Maastricht University, leading over 14 PhD students. As Editor-in-Chief of ICVTS, published by Oxford University Press, he oversees scientific work in his field. Furthermore, he is the CEO of Simurgy, a mech-tech company commercialising his simulation inventions, and the CEO of Heart Team Academy, fostering a multidisciplinary approach in his field.

U

**Maxwell Uchedili**

Nigeria

Treasury Management and Corporate Funding

Africa Finance Corporation, Nigeria

Sector: Financial Services

Maxwell plays a crucial role in raising funding for Africa's infrastructure development. With over eight years experience in Treasury Management and Corporate Funding, he is currently responsible for liquidity management and debt funding at Africa Finance Corporation. A Chartered Financial Analyst, he has been instrumental in providing financial risk management solutions to African Corporates and Sovereigns who are looking to hedge FX, commodity price and interest rate risks.

**Yoshie Umino**

Japan

Management Director

Lutinoworks, Japan

Sector: Consulting

Yoshie is an experienced management consultant. She served as a project manager at PwC Consulting until 2021, specialising in the financial sector, particularly in credit card companies, where she excelled in management and interpersonal skills. Currently, as an independent consultant, she is leading a project to develop a new digital business in the healthcare sector and planning short and mid-term corporate budgets. Her expertise is backed by a master's degree in finance and a CPA certificate.

V

**Luis Vega**

Mexico

Head of Finance & Partner

Organica y Saludable, Mexico

Sector: Consumer Goods

Luis joined as Head of Finance and partner of Orgánica y Saludable, an importer and distributor of high-quality food brands and products, specialising in the healthy snacks segment. Luis is also the founder of En Esta Esquina, a non-profit organisation engaged in promoting democratic values in Mexico. Along with his team, they have organised 50+ debates with 120+ experts to show that political and ideological differences are valuable.

**Sharat Venugopal**

India

Associate Director, Investor Relations and Finance

Nua, India

Sector: Consumer Goods

Part of the founding team at Nua, a women's wellness brand focusing on menstrual care products. Sharat is the Associate Director for Investor Relations and Finance. He manages the company's fundraising process and growth strategy. He is also responsible for legal and financial compliance.

**Jared Ward**

United States

Sports Marketing

Saucony, United States

Sector: Consumer Goods

Jared recruits and leads a team of global sports ambassadors for performance running brand Saucony. He is an Olympic Marathon runner (6th place, 2016 Rio Olympics), Statistics professor and academic researcher, non-profit founder and board chair, entrepreneur (see ABC's Shark Tank episode 1103), real estate developer and fund partner and motivational speaker. Jared and his wife Erica have six kids and are active in their faith and community.

**Francesca Whalen**

United States

Managing Partner

Rocca Ventures, United States

Sector: Investment Management

Francesca is an accomplished venture capitalist, board member and finance executive with a distinguished track record of cross-border investment success. As the founder and managing partner of Rocca Ventures, she spearheads strategic initiatives and investment decisions for early-stage and technology-focused asset management.

**Adam Will**

United States

GM Strategic Collaborations and Professional Sport

GE Healthcare Capital

Sector: Healthcare

Adam is a seasoned executive, entrepreneur and PGA professional with over two decades of experience. He has a proven track record of driving growth and leading strategic expansions for global brands like Thermo Fisher, GE Healthcare and Professional Sport. As an investor, Adam focuses on wellness, medical technology and real estate. A graduate of the prestigious Jack Welch leadership programme, he now leads a new GE segment in imaging for pro sports, preventive medicine and longevity.

**Eunice Wong**

Malaysia

CEO & Co-founder

Talk Stack AI, Singapore

Sector: Technology

Eunice is a seasoned entrepreneur who has founded three startups in AI and blockchain, with backing from Y Combinator, Samsung and Harvard. Currently, she is leading the development of a superhuman AI assistant at Talk Stack AI, aimed at enhancing the quality of life for knowledge workers. In addition to her tech ventures, Eunice is a real estate developer in Bali, specialising in wellness hospitality projects.

X

**Kevin Xu**

China

Consultant

A Aerospace Guy, Hong Kong S.A.R.

Sector: Aerospace, Aviation and Defence

Kevin is an aviation professional with experience spanning three continents. His expertise includes navigating complex dynamics, business development and operations excellence, such as the Belt and Road initiative in Ghana and operations in Egypt during the Arab Spring revolutions. Leveraging his technical skills and industry network, Kevin now provides a range of consulting services, including executive headhunting, aircraft and engine leasing and strategic advisory for commercial airlines.

Y

**Bing Yan**

China

Head of Asia

Lufthansa Group Business Services, Hong Kong S.A.R.

Sector: Aerospace, Aviation and Defence

Bing has served in various roles in the corporate functions and shared service organisation (Accounting, Consolidation of Financial Statements, Process Management, HR and Compliance) in the aviation industry. She has profound intercultural competences with strong transformational leadership skills. In her current role, she is responsible for HR, Finance, Tax, Legal and Compliance for the group across Asia, enabling the operations of airlines, cargo and technical business segments.

**Hua John Yan**

China

Founder & Chairman

Ocean International Trade, France

Sector: Healthcare

Hua John Yan is an international trade, mobility services, and medical aesthetics entrepreneur with over ten years of experience in establishing and scaling businesses across Europe, Asia, and America. He has a proven track record in strategic management, innovative business solutions, cross-border trade relations, and the healthcare and beauty industries. Fluent in both English and French, Hua focusses on digital transformation, market expansion, and promoting health and beauty.

**Nazar Yaremchuk**

Ukraine

Director of Engineering

JustAnswer, United States

Sector: Technology

Nazar is a transformational leader with nearly 20 years of versatile experience in software engineering. He recently led the transformation of 38 software teams in the software department, increasing regular production releases from one per week to three hundred, elevating the organisation to an elite group under Google's DORA standards. Nazar now focuses on development and integration of AI into all aspects of a company. He combines technical leadership with business insight and understanding, fostering a culture of innovation.

Z

**Chi Zhang**

China

Co-founder and CEO

NeurWorld Inc., China

Sector: Technology

Chi is the CEO and co-founder of NeurWorld Inc., with a richly diverse career spanning from engineering to executive leadership across startups, IPO ventures, and multinational corporations in software, hardware, and consulting sectors. Chi leads the technology start-up committed to revolutionising the way people around the world access information and resources through cutting-edge neural network models and AI algorithms.

**Dora Zhao**

China

Director

JLL, United Kingdom

Sector: Real Estate

Dora Zhao is a distinguished real estate director and head of the private office at JLL, dedicated to serving Asia's UHNWIs in the UK market. With a deep understanding of market dynamics and robust experience in strategic operations, Dora excels in maximising profits and catalysing growth. A certified AssocRICS member, she has garnered multiple top industry awards for her exceptional contributions to real estate. Dora is also recognised as a Spear's 500 Recommended Property Advisor.

**Lef Zografos**

Greece

Medicine Development Lead

GlaxoSmithKline, United Kingdom

Sector: Healthcare

The core purpose of Lef's role is to strategically lead the optimal global development of a medicine, acting as the single point of accountability for the medicine from Phase 2 to approval in first major market. Lef leads the multi-functional matrix project team which has responsibility for representing various Research and Development and commercial disciplines required to optimally deliver the development of a medicine.



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