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Hajjaj Al-Hajjaj

Nationality: Canadian
Current Location: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Current Job Title: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
Current Company: CAMC, Alberta Health Services

I am a Canada and US board certified surgeon in the Maxillofacial and Head and Neck Surgery and Facial Aesthetic medical fields where I am widely published and currently hold distinguished academic and faculty positions at the University of Alberta and the American Board of Aesthetic Medicine. I completed my MBA at McGill University in Montreal, QC, and invest via my holdings in commercial real estate, real estate development, oil & gas and technology. I serve Central Alberta in my private surgical practice at the Central Alberta Maxillofacial Centre in Red Deer, Alberta, and am actively involved in supporting the community. When I am not in surgery or overseeing my numerous business interests, I am with my wife and four kids in our hometown of Red Deer, AB. or spending time at our coastal home in Victoria, BC.



Sairah Alvi

Nationality: American
Current Location: Chicago, USA
Current Job Title: Consultant Global Medical Affairs
Current Company: Astellas

I have a MSc in immunology, an MSc in molecular genetics and a Ph.D in Hematology/Oncology, and have published over 100 original articles in peer reviewed cancer journals, and continue to lecture extensively at various universities and scientific meetings. I began my professional career at RUSH Cancer Center, Chicago, followed by a post doctorate from the University of Cape Town and a fellowship at South African Institute of Medical Research, Johannesburg, South Africa. At present, I am a consultant with Astellas Pharmaceutical, global medical affairs division, Chicago, adjunct faculty and consultant with International Islamic University, Islamabad, Punjab University Lahore, Shifa International hospital Pakistan. I have over 16 years of professional experience as Director of Medical and Scientific Affairs in the pharmaceutical biotechnology industry. In this leadership role, I am an invited speaker at scientific meetings, organise scientific workshops, oversee publication of global development products, and my skill set allows me to effectively

marry scientific, clinical and commercial interests of the industry with credible academic institutions to drive global medical strategy and business to improve lives of one cancer patient at a time. As an independent professional woman, daughter of a diplomate, my career is immersed in international exchange and I have long enjoyed the cultural diversity of international perspective. I travel extensively for both business and pleasure, support human development foundation, a charity to build schools and health facilities for women and children, in underserved areas of Pakistan. As a book ambassador, USA, I host literary events at my home in Chicago and entertain writers, poets and musicians, and being patrons at Chicago art institute and Goodman theatre we render support to art and culture organisations in the city. I attended the culinary institute of Chicago and discovered cooking as a therapeutic art form for myself, I play golf, and enjoy South African Wild life experiences with my English South African physician spouse and three children.



Shae Armstrong

Nationality: American

Current Location: Dallas, USA

Current Job Title: Corporate Counsel

Current Company: Pacrim US LLC dba
CP Homes

For the past 7 years I have served as in-house counsel of international corporations, managing global operations while focussing on foreign direct investment in US real estate development projects. My hobbies and interests include running, reading, global travel and chasing around my two little boys.

I have always dreamed of attending LSE. The international brand and academic excellence is unmatched. I intend to use this programme to advance my career in two ways: to complete my transition from attorney to global manager in a new organisation; and to supercharge my global networks.



Abigail Beach

Nationality: American

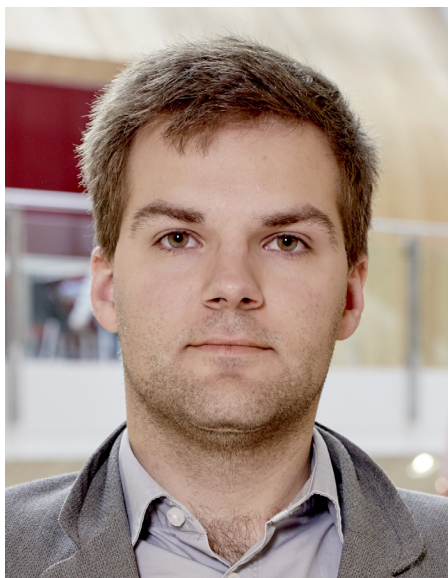
Current Location: Washington DC, USA

Current Job Title: Manager

Current Company: EMPEA

I am an experienced international business practitioner focussed on private sector capacity building and capital markets development in emerging markets. I have a nuanced understanding of diverse investment asset classes and strategies including private equity, venture capital, private credit, infrastructure, and impact investing. I have developed Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) assessment frameworks for companies such as Visa Inc. and Pearson plc; an emerging markets private equity performance database with the Wharton School; and co-authored content for the Springer International anthology, "Positive Impact Investing and Organizational Culture". I began my career as a community development worker in South Africa, specializing in MSME development in informal settlements. I hold an executive certificate in Global Corporate Social Responsibility from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

I graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor in Science in Business Administration and Economics with minors in International Studies and Political Science from the Moore School of Business; University of South Carolina. I complemented my degree with International Business and Economic Development studies at Stellenbosch University, Vienna University of Economics and Business, and American University. I am an avid traveller, independent film enthusiast and foodie. I chose the EGMiM programme because of its format, academic rigour and international networks. I plan to leverage the EGMiM programme to advance my career in the international development and finance space, with a goal of building out innovative ESG management strategies for private capital investors and advancing institutional quality impact investing in emerging markets.



Aleksandr Boulankov

Nationality: Canadian
Current Location: Cambridge, UK
Current Job Title: IT Consultant
Current Company: Cantab Capital Partners

I was educated at one of the best, not to mention one of the most beautiful, universities in North America – University of British Columbia. There I studied a curious mixture of computer science and psychology. It is from those studies that I not only acquired my formidable technical knowledge, but also the spark for understanding the human element in the equation. After completing my education my employment path meandered from the technical world at the world's most admired company – Apple, to my current position in the exciting and fast paced world of high finance where I am now a senior member of an IT team at a quantitative hedge fund. While deliberate and methodical at work, once outside I tend to become more of a risk taker – one of my chief hobbies is riding my powerful motorcycle along the winding and twisting English countryside roads. And when weather prohibits that, I am likely to be found at a movie theatre engrossed in the make believe world of the silver screen. I have now reached the point where to further advance my career I feel more high quality knowledge and training is required. As such, after searching high and low, I found this programme. With the skills and understanding that I look to acquire I believe that I will be able to help lead my current company into the future.



Chanapa Bunyakitjinda

Nationality: Thai
Current Location: Bangkok, Thailand
Current Job Title: Senior SAP Consultant – Independent Contractor
Current Company: Freisland Campina

I have a bachelor's degree in accounting, however I had always been fascinated by a consulting career. After graduation, I started my career with Accenture and have been in consulting ever since. I love travelling and learning about different cultures. I actively travel every month out of Thailand to meet new people and to try new things such as surfing and flying an areoplane. EGMiM was my only choice in pursuing further education due to three reasons. Firstly, it is a part-time programme which allows me to continue working. Secondly, the programme offers exactly the areas where I need to improve in order to achieve my career goal. Lastly, the programme is taught by reputable professors who I completely trust in providing me the best knowledge in each of their expertise. I plan to jump from being a third party consultant, to taking a full-time management position in the fast moving consumable industry, where I'll be driving improvement in their IT landscape and business strategies.



Abhishek Chaudhary

Nationality: Indian
Current Location: London, UK
Current Job Title: Project Manager
Current Company: Accenture Services Pvt Ltd.

I hold a bachelor's degree in technology from College of Engineering Roorkee of hill state Uttarakhand, India. I have around 11 years of demonstrated IT experience starting my IT career with Infosys in 2005 and later working as a SAP Utilities consultant for US based MNC-Sapient Consulting Pvt Ltd. For the last six years, I've been working for Accenture with various global clients in Energy, Utilities across Regulated & Deregulated markets. I have excellent consulting skills and specialisation in SAP Project Implementation.

In the last year, I've been working as a Project Manager in the UK on behalf of Accenture for one of the leading oil and natural gas companies leading an offshore team of more than 30 individuals, managing IT services deliveries to some of the largest Utilities Companies. I have excellent communication, inter-personal and stakeholder management attributes which are pivotal for starting and running a successful project in any IT firm.

This EGMIM programme at LSE will enable me to get a glimpse of other aspects of organisation management in addition to understanding various intricacies of business and management with exposure to other industries apart from IT services.



Kristy H L Chan

Nationality: Hong Kong
Current Location: London, UK
Current Job Title: Global Reward Manager, Human Resources
Current Company: HSBC

In the past decade, I have been working as a Human Resources professional for leading global legal firms and banks. Coming from Hong Kong, I am now working in the London headquarters as a Global HR Manager, specialising in Compensation and Reward leading 15 local markets (mainly across the UK, Europe, Asia, US & Canada) for our Asset Management business.

Academically I pursued my Social Sciences degree at the University of Hong Kong and completed an exchange programme with the University of Toronto. Enriching my intellectual substance, gaining innovative insights, broadening my network and challenging my comfort zone are my major motivation for joining this programme. With strong aspiration to progress further, I am confident that joining the EGMiM programme, a pioneer programme of its kind, and learning alongside with a group of high achieving cohorts would facilitate a fruitful outcome.

Residing in London, I have enjoyed travelling around the UK and continental Europe. The vibrant cultural life in London is amazing and I am thrilled that my schedule is all packed with ballet classes, concerts, theatres, museums and yoga classes!



He Shen Chow

Nationality: Singaporean
Current location: Singapore
Current Job Title: Family Office Investment Manager
Current Company: N/A

I have a bachelor's degree in accounting and am currently a member of the Institute of Chartered Accounts of Australia and NZ (CAANZ).

Upon graduation, I joined JP Morgan Chase and became a senior associate in corporate banking after undergoing the Chase Global Training Program. From banking, I moved to Vickers Ballas Securities and became the founding Equity Research Director covering the equity markets of Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

The firm then established sales offices in London and New York and I was responsible for pitching Asian equity investment ideas to fund managers and hedge funds there. When DBS bank subsequently bought over our firm, I became a family office fund manager.

My decision to pursue a further degree at LSE is driven by the fact that LSE is a great institution situated in the heart of the great city of London. I also wish to improve my understanding of the economies and equity markets of the UK and the rest of Europe. The programme also provides me with huge networking opportunities with well-informed individuals around the globe, not to mention the privilege of being part of the LSE alumni network.

The world class curriculum and high teaching standards at LSE will sharpen my understanding of the world and I am confident that my skills in investing will be lifted.

In my free time, I love to read widely and deeply about economics, finance, politics and philosophy. I also enjoy my occasional rounds of golf. Back home in Singapore, I love entertaining friends from all over the world to a home cooked meal and a nice bottle of wine.



Benjamin Colton

Nationality: American

Current Location: New York, USA

Current Job Title: Active Ownership

Current Company: Norges Bank Investment Management

Following undergraduate studies as a collegiate athlete at the University of Nevada, I chose to pursue my interest in international finance during my Master's while completing an exchange semester at the University of Oslo. Upon completing my studies, I started my professional career working for Norges Bank Investment Management (NBIM) in Oslo, Norway. I have gained extensive experience in the international corporate governance field while working as a member of the Active Ownership team at NBIM. I recently relocated to NBIM's office in New York to concentrate more closely on considerations related to the Americas region. The international focus of the Executive Global Master's in Management programme is highly appealing to me both personally and professionally. The diverse and rigorous learning environment offered by the programme will allow me to develop my skill set and perspectives in new ways.

LSE's faculty and close-knit community facilitates a platform for me to further expand my professional network. Building these relationships will allow me to obtain a deeper understanding of diverse, and sometimes competing, interests, facilitating a more pragmatic and constructive approach to meaningful initiatives. The modular format enables the application of insight learned in the classroom directly into my daily work. By enriching my understanding of key elements of business activities from a management perspective, the programme will develop my ability to more effectively conduct balanced and fruitful dialogues with investee companies. Outside the workplace I enjoy staying active. I participate in long-distance races both on foot and cross-country skis.



Hemerson De Villa

Nationality: Brazilian

Current Location: Florianopolis, Brazil

Current Job Title: Executive Director

Current Company: Famcred/Minaplast

At present, I serve as a Partner and Executive Director of Famcred, an asset management firm focussed on asset-backed securities loans to middle-sized manufacturing companies. I also hold positions on the boards of two other companies in which we made private equity investments, and I am the Chief Operating Officer at Minaplast, a manufacturer of disposables plastic utensils, another firm in which we have bought equity. Living in an area that abounds with research universities and new tech companies, I am also actively involved with many technological start-up firms. Moreover, I hold a BSc in Management Science from Loughborough University and I am a Certified Asset Manager by the Brazilian Securities Commission.



Bill Elman

Nationality: Canadian

Current Location: Mongolia

Current Job Title: Director

Current Company: International School of Ulaanbaatar

I began my professional life as an academic. Specialising in computation and the mind, I spent several years in pursuit of a doctorate in the Philosophy of Science. In the midst of my research I sought to renew my sense of purpose by taking a little time off to teach overseas, and I have never turned back. Over the past 19 years I have worked in schools in Turkey, Latvia, China and Morocco, and I am presently located in Mongolia.. I have found a lifestyle and a career in this area, progressing to the level of school CEO/Director.

I have a strong understanding of education and international schooling, and I also possess sound business sense, but I am not a strategic business thinker. I chose to apply to the EGMiM programme to get a better understanding of the broader context in which education occurs and international schools operate in, the forces which drive school enrollments and the forces which define local business and political contexts. It is my hope that this new understanding will make me a more effective head of school and, more broadly, a more insightful thinker about education in the global context. Outside of work I enjoy reading, cycling, travelling, movies and cryptic crosswords (I fare better with the North American variety than the British!). And I also thoroughly enjoy spending time with my children reading, drawing, sculpting and playing video games. Their interests have evolved over the years, and I take these precious moments of mutual enthusiasm wherever I can!



Jacky Finkelstein

Nationality: Colombian/Polish

Current Location: Bogotá, Colombia

Current Job Title: Associate

Current Company: Advent International

I have worked in the private equity industry for the past 7 years, first in Corficolombiana (the largest merchant bank in Colombia) and then in Advent International (a global private equity firm). I have also worked at Deloitte and the Colombian Central Bank. Outside of work I enjoy playing and watching sports, mainly football. I also enjoy travelling and politics. I chose to apply to LSE as I always wanted to attend the school, given its reputation. The EGMiM programme allows me to continue working while studying. The programme will help me continue advancing my career in the Private Equity industry.



Sebastian Gomez

Nationality: Colombian

Current Location: Medellin, Colombia

Current Job Title: Sales Manager

Current Company: Simex

I have a BA in International Business and Global Management, with graduate degrees in Political Studies and Strategic Marketing Management.

My first work experience was as a Marketing Assistant for Textiles and Apparel at the Colombian Government Trade Bureau in Miami (Proexport). Following my return to Colombia I joined one of the largest Levi's contractors in the continent, working in purchasing and then in sales as the Levi's Account Manager. After three years in this company I was asked to join Avery Dennison, world leader in retail branding and information solutions, starting as a Senior Account Manager, then moving to Product Development Manager and finally as a Sales Manager for Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. After 5 years at Avery, I took the challenge of switching industries, and started working at Simex, Andean leader

in the production of plastic packaging for the cosmetic industry, where I have spent the last 8 years of my career as Commercial Manager, leading the sales strategies for the three companies that make up the holding. I have also led the company's product development team, and I structured the sourcing network in Asia. During the last 5 years I have held a seat at the company's Corporate Executive Committee.

I love to play sports: football, golf, tennis and cycling. I also love to travel and experience new restaurants. I enjoy movies, TV series and reading. I chose the EGMiM for the LSE brand, the curriculum, the international modules and the London experience. I want to strengthen my managerial skills to be able to address problems at a higher level of responsibility.



Patrick Hallberg

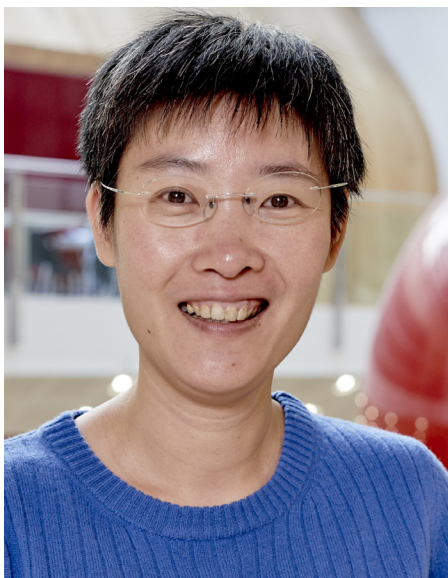
Nationality: Danish

Current Location: Paris, France

Current Job Title: Merchandising Manager

Current Company: Louis Vuitton

I am originally Danish, however I grew up primarily between Switzerland and Italy. I graduated from Bocconi University in Milan with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Management. For the past five years, I have been working for Louis Vuitton. I am currently based in Paris where I am responsible for the development and implementation of commercial and product strategy at a global level. I previously worked with business development and consumer behaviour at smaller tech start-ups in London and Zurich. Outside of work I am interested in sustainable energy, entrepreneurship and technology and enjoy reading, travelling and meeting new people. In the future, I hope to combine these passions into developing comprehensive educational outreach in developing countries.



Jingyi Jin

Nationality: Chinese

Current Location: Beijing, China

Current Job Title: Treasury Director

Current Company: Schneider Electric (China) Co., Ltd.

I obtained my dual Bachelor's degrees from the Beijing University of Technology in 1998 with double majors in Applied Mathematics and International Trade and Investment. Upon graduation, I started my career at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Beijing Branch where I experienced two roles in 3 years: the first was an account officer to manage relationships with key financial institutions in China; and then the Relationship Manager for US & European MNCs in China, with accountability of client visits, credit review and analysis and loan applications. I joined Nokia Treasury Asia in 2001. As corporate treasurer, I helped Nokia China manage banking relationships and set up banklink solution, a STP process to connect Nokia ERP with local banks and to centralize payments processed by Nokia Geneva, the international payment factory.

In 2004 I obtained an LSE offer for MSc Finance and Economics. Unfortunately, due to family reasons, I had to postpone my study plans. That year I joined Schneider Electric China to head Schneider China Treasury team. I have been leading the team to practice in RMB internationalisation, including RMB FDI, RMB cross-border Cash Pooling and Netting. In 2011, Schneider China was awarded the Best Treasury Team of the Year by Treasury Today Eurofinance. As Treasury Director, I am back at LSE to join the EGMiM programme to gain a global view and expand my horizons. My career goal is to be an expert with global views and experience to benefit more and more Chinese companies. Outside work, I enjoy travelling, trekking and sometimes reading.



Ehshan Kodarbux

Nationality: Mauritian

Current Location: Beau-Bassin, Mauritius

Current Job Title: CEO

Current Company: Le Defi Media Group

I started as a trainee reporter at the age of 17. During the course of my work, I was awarded a scholarship and completed a diploma at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (New Delhi). Subsequently I worked as press attache to the Minister of Social Security until I launched my own newspaper which has evolved into a leading media group in Mauritius. We now publish a leading daily and several other publications, own the leading radio station and a major events company. I write mainly in French about politics and international affairs. I have recently completed an MSc Global Management degree at the University of Salford through distance learning. I wish to consolidate this knowledge with world class exposure through the EGMiM programme which I believe would greatly enhance my capacity as an entrepreneur. My hobbies are reading and travelling.



James Byungjun Koh

Nationality: South Korean
Current Location: London, UK
Current Job Title: Project Manager- Consultant
Current Company: Oliver Wyman

I studied business administration at Korea University. I served 2 years in the military alongside the US army as KATUSA (Korean Augmentation Troops to United States Army) from 2006 to 2008. After graduation, I started working as a consultant at Oliver Wyman and I'm currently working as a project manager at the firm. I enjoy travelling, watching movies/musicals/plays/concerts, cooking and playing sports. I usually spend my weekends doing all of my hobbies. I came across LSE alumni not only in Korea but also when I settled in London last year and they strongly recommended joining the LSE community. This will help me settle in the new city better as I plan to be here for a while and expand my network in the professional field outside the company. Through the 17 months on the programme, I will try to leverage the SE network to gain more foundation for progressing to senior level in the company. Plus, as I plan to move to Singapore 4 years from now, I see the LSE experience as valuable foundation for me to have to build out a business platform in whichever country I am in.



Paul Kralert

Nationality: Australian
Current Location: Den Haag, Netherlands
Current Job Title: Senior Geochemist
Current Company: Shell Global Solutions International BV

As one of the most experienced exploration geochemists in Shell, I have been actively involved in the company's global search for oil and gas since 2001. During this time, I've had the privilege of working on numerous opportunities in the Americas, Africa, the Middle East, Australia and East Asia, with multi-year postings in the US, Australia and now The Netherlands. Whilst my current role is heavily geared towards technical consulting, I also maintain a strong R&D commitment by managing several in-house and joint-industry research projects including a self-conceived programme focussing on converting CO₂ to high-value industrial products. Prior to joining Shell, I worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the California Institute of Technology after a three-year stint at Intertek/Geotech in Australia. I hold a BSc (Chem.) (Dux), a PGradDipChem (Hons.) and a PhD in organic geochemistry from Curtin University.

My decision to further my formal education by enrolling in LSE's EGMiM programme was driven by a desire to accelerate my transition into a senior management position in Shell to help drive new technology development, and ultimately, to bring about real and measureable change to the world's energy calculus over the next couple of decades. What I found most appealing about the course is the combination of very high standards of academic rigour and a globally focussed curriculum that draws upon the latest insights from business and institutional thought leaders. The tremendous networking opportunities both within the cohort and through the extended reach of the LSE were also a major plus. Outside of work, I'm an avid reader, a genuine art aficionado and a keen astronomer.



Ardeshir Lessan

Nationality: Iranian/British

Current Location: London, UK

Current Job Title: Lead Principal Subsea Structural Engineer

Current Company: Saipem UK

I am a chartered structural engineer with 22 years of experience in the upstream oil and gas sector, currently working for Saipem UK on a deep water subsea project (1500m) offshore West Africa. I have managed engineering teams of various sizes in my career to deliver full cycle engineering and as part of large scale multibillion EPCI projects. My reasons for choosing to come on the Executive Global Master's in Management course at LSE were to do something cool, exciting and challenging which could broaden my horizon beyond my comfort zone. To be learning at one of the world's most prestigious management schools and meeting likeminded, ambitious and self-driven individuals is not an opportunity that comes by often. I am super excited to be part of this particular EGMiM family and our common journey ahead!



Charles Lim Jun Lie

Nationality: Singaporean

Current Location: Singapore

Current Job Title: Product Manager, Carrier and Alternative Payments

Current Company: PayPal

I am currently a Product Manager at PayPal, focussing on carrier and alternative payments. I work with carriers to allow their subscriber base to purchase virtual goods via their mobile phones. I negotiate and formalise the legal contracts with the carriers and also manage the integration between both parties for the product launch. In my role, I also work closely with the carriers to grow revenues by executing marketing campaigns and optimising the consumer experience.

Prior to PayPal, I graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2010 and joined Oracle as a management trainee. I chose to join the EGMiM programme as I was attracted to the renowned brand of LSE. I was also drawn towards the modular format of the programme which will allow me to continue working and apply the knowledge I have gained from the course real time. Lastly, I believe that the academic rigour and depth of the programme as shared by the alumni will allow me to thrive in the ever-changing business world and handle the complexities which will arise in the future. It will make me well-placed to continue to innovate at PayPal and grow my career in the technology industry. Outside of work, I enjoy numerous sporting activities such as football, rock-climbing, mountain biking and running.



Giuseppe Macri

Nationality: Italian

Current Location: Crawley, UK

Current Job Title: Senior Geophysicist

Current Company: CGG

I hold a BSc in Environmental and Land Planning Engineering from Politecnico di Milano and a full marks MSc in Exploration and Applied Geophysics from the University of Pisa, with a thesis on renewable energy exploration. I continued my research as a collaborator at the University of Pisa and then expanded my expertise on energy exploration as a geophysicist at the University Consortium for Geophysics. It is now five years since I started working in South London for CGG, a leading player in geoscience. I currently hold a Senior Geophysicist position where I process and deliver high-end seismic data to major oil companies. I am in charge of relating with clients and I am responsible for managing every aspect of a project, handling big data volumes, dealing with cutting-edge technology and developing innovative solutions. I am a positive and dynamic person, open minded and always looking for new challenges. I am also a food lover, I like travelling, music, and playing a big variety of sports, among which snowboarding is my favourite.

I decided to apply for LSE's EGMiM because of its attitude and uniqueness. LSE's faculty, reputation, academic rigour and critical thinking focus are what I consider the non plus ultra for investing in my future and competing in this global and inter-connected world. At LSE I will also balance my technical and problem solving capabilities with financial and managerial tools, to comprehend global business and to thrive as a manager.



Foluso Omowunmi Makanjuola

Nationality: Nigerian
Current Location: Lagos, Nigeria
Current Job Title: Tas Contract Engineer
Current Company: Total E&P

I have a degree in economics and have worked for 7 years with Total E&P, first as an HR officer for 2 years and then as a Technical Assistants Services Contracts Engineer. I love travelling, listening to music and artwork. I needed to advance my career and also the drive to improve myself to ensure I could place myself in a strategic leadership position for a gradual transitioning of the regulatory side of my current industry post my studies. I intend to use the knowledge acquired from the programme to improve my current leadership skills which will in turn affect my everyday decisions and judgment in the near future.



Tim Montagu

Nationality: British
Current Location: London, UK
Current Job Title: Intelligence Analyst
Current Company: UK Ministry of Defence

I am a former Royal Navy Officer with 11 years of leadership and management experience across a range of operational environments. Notable deployments were on counter drug operations in the Caribbean, mine hunting in the Persian Gulf and as a leadership instructor with the British Army at Sandhurst and in Kabul. I am currently an intelligence analyst at the UK Ministry of Defence on the counter-Daesh strategy team. My main academic credential is a BSc in Geological Sciences from the University of Leeds and I hold a series of Level 8 qualifications in Defence, Business, Project and Risk management from the UK Defence Academy and the University of Manchester. I applied for the EGMiM as I see the course content, the network and the LSE brand will provide the most efficient career transition route to the business environment. I am particularly drawn to the geo-political and socio-economic aspects that underpin all LSE courses and consider these essential to any sustainable business model. I intend to use the programme to progress my career in the field of business intelligence and political risk within the financial, oil and energy or risk advisory sectors. In my spare time I am a business development director of the Dr Johnsons House museum which is dedicated to the life of the 18th Century lexicographer and neighbours the LSE campus. For recreation I enjoy running, sailing, skiing, mountaineering and gardening.



Vera Nicotra

Nationality: Italian
Current Location: Fleet, UK
Current Job Title: Business Development
Current Company: Canonical, Ubuntu

I possess an MSc in Management taken at the University of Management Bradford, School of Management and I completed a BSc in Business Economics at the University of Catania, Italy. My career has been mainly spent in the software opensource environment, with positions as Business Development and channel/direct sales at Red Hat and later at Canonical. I love travelling to discover cultures and traditions of countries and always keep an eye on technology and business/financial papers. I am an art lover and observe present and old societies through their artifacts in museums and art galleries. One of the most appealing aspects of the EGMiM programme is not only the unique global impact, but also the flexibility of executive courses with no match from other top universities. Opportunities to visit and study in foreign countries and the possibility to use a sophisticated online learning tool made this university one of my top choice for my learning path. This course will facilitate my networking and stimulate my curiosity to keep learning and improving managerial skills with support provided by top professors. I firmly believe that this experience will prepare me for the challenges of my next career step in consulting and management.



Varya Petukhova

Nationality: Russian

Current Location: St. Petersburg, Russia

Current Job Title: Hospitality Director

Current Company: BELTEL

I hold two degrees: one in Biochemistry from St. Petersburg State University and another one in Simultaneous Interpreting from Moscow Linguistic University. However for over 20 years of my professional career I've been working in different management roles for BELTEL, a company that offers IT and engineering solutions. I started as a line manager in the Procurement and Logistics department and then progressed to be the head of this department. In 2013 I undertook my current role at Beltel in the business development in hospitality area. What prompted me to seek education is the need to obtain theoretical knowledge and practical skills in management – a field I have been working in for many years without any formal background. I chose the EGMiM programme mostly because of its focus on solving real-life practical problems and at the same time a thorough fundamental approach. By mixing students and staff from all over the world, this programme also provides unique networking opportunities. I am planning to use the acquired knowledge and skills in developing an edge in my current professional role that will distinguish both me and the company I work for on the market. I also anticipate this education to inspire me to locate an opportunity to undertake a different project. Outside work, I enjoy reading (mainly English and American contemporary literature), sports, cooking and spending fun time with my two sons, who are 15 and 6.



Shalini Prakash

Nationality: Indian

Current Location: Bangalore, India

Current Job Title: Venture Capitalist

Current Company: 500Startups

I believe in the magic that happens at the intersection of entrepreneurship and technology. My interests lie in understanding how these intersections can be empowered to create transformational solutions for different ecosystems. The vast breadth of knowledge and experience gives me a unique perspective and an ability to operate in cross-disciplinary roles and industries, create inter-relations and develop creative solutions. Over the last 8 years, I have had a broad range of work experience ranging from being a Venture Capitalist, Startup Evangelist, Marketing to being a Software Engineer. Currently, I am a Principal at 500Startups, a global venture capital firm and accelerator based in Silicon Valley with US\$250M under management. We're the world's most active early-stage investor with a portfolio of over 1,500 companies across 50 countries. Prior to joining 500, I was working with INKtalks (previously in association with TED) where my roles involved promoting INK's platform through collaborative programmes and partner networks.

Apart from these engagements, I was an "Entrepreneur in Residence" at GSF Global Accelerator Programme, Mentor in Residence for IDEX Accelerator Programme and a Programme Manager at Kyron Accelerator Programme. While I have acquired some business knowledge through education and my past work experience, I think it is time to re-learn and view the dynamic startup technology landscape from a whole new perspective. Studying in a prestigious institution like LSE and learning from a world-class faculty will allow me to gain new perspectives on human and organisation behaviour and decisions; and this experience is very valuable to me.



Mahmoud Qalyoubi

Nationality: Jordanian

Current Location: Dubai, UAE

Current Job Title: General Manager –
Limousine Division

Current Company: Funsho
International Group

I graduated from the University of Toledo (USA) with a BSc in Bioengineering and a minor in Business Administration. After graduation, I worked in the US as an engineer in the medical device manufacturing industry. I then decided to change careers by switching to the business world. I accepted a job in Dubai, UAE as an operations manager for a company called “Kaloti Precious Metals”. Then I made my way up to becoming the Director of Operations and an executive board member of the company. I currently occupy the role of a General Manager – Limousine Division at Funsho International Group based out of Dubai, United Arab Emirates. I like to read news about the aviation industry, watch movies, play volleyball, and soccer. EGMiM is different from the traditional MBA programmes offered by Ivy League business schools. The EGMiM programme is equivalent to such programmes but adds more of a theory-based approach plus the international experience by learning and interacting with corporates overseas (India and China). The reputation of LSE was a major factor in making my decision too. I plan to use my degree to gain access into the strategy-consulting world. I eventually would like to establish my own management-consulting firm to help corporates find solutions to their toughest problems.



Nikolaos Sofianos

Nationality: Greek

Current Location: London, UK

Current Job Title: Senior Consultant

Current Company: Blackrock
Programme Management

I grew up in Thessaloniki, Greece and graduated from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, with the M.Eng. in Civil Engineering with honours, as 2nd among 86 graduates, top 1%. After finishing my studies, I was recruited into the Greek army as a Corporal Civil Engineer for one year. Later, I relocated to London, UK, where I graduated from Imperial College London, with an MSc and D.I.C. in Soil Mechanics (Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering). After graduating, I relocated to USA, where I worked as a Civil Engineer for almost three years. Until today, I have lived and worked in three different countries: Greece, USA and UK. Throughout these years, I have acquired experience on planning, design, construction, supervision, disputes resolution and management. I enjoy travelling, music, chess, gym, sports and especially table tennis with great success. I have chosen the Executive Global Master's in Management not only due to the university's reputation, but also due to the fact that I wanted a fresh approach to the traditional MBA curriculum in order to differentiate myself. Last but not least, it is my passion to enhance my management and leadership skills as well to understand economics, finance, marketing, strategy and management for businesses in order to undertake roles with greater responsibilities or have the flexibility to cross industries in future.



Camila Triana

Nationality: Colombian

Current Location: Bogotá, Colombia

Current Job Title: CEO & Founder

Current Company: Make a Wish Colombia

I hold a degree in International Marketing and Logistics Management. I am a social entrepreneur with a solid background in social responsibility and management. I am the Founder and CEO of Make a Wish Colombia NGO, dedicated to grant the wishes of children diagnosed with life threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

At the same time I sit on the board at TAUROQUIMICA S.A (Family Company) Producer and Distributor of Chemical Products and exclusive distributor of BASF – The Chemical Company for the Andean Region. Outside of work I enjoy travelling, exercising, reading, enjoying time with my family and helping others. I chose EGMiM because I am looking to engage my passion with managerial skills. The base of my accomplishments has been my educational background and I know this programme will help me build both management and leadership skills in order to keep moving forward with my professional and personal path.



Ioannis Tsolkas

Nationality: Greek

Current Location: London, UK

Current Job Title: Finance Partner

Current Company: LSE

I have studied economics and finance and I am currently studying towards CiMA. I love working with numbers and I tend to overanalyse things (outside of work) so naturally I spend most of my professional time by analysing financial information or developing financial forecasting models. I like sunny places and in general anything to do with summer holidays such as swimming, spear-gun fishing and scuba diving. I also play football and volleyball although not as much as I want to as I am a new parent and I spend most of my time with my 6 months old daughter.

I've chosen LSE since it has consistently been one of the top universities in the world, an international centre for excellence and innovation, encompassing the highest proportion of world-leading research among all British universities. Its academic curriculum is renowned for studying real world issues, it has a vast pool of notable alumni, current and former staff; and it offers excellent career prospects for graduates.

I am looking to improve my management skills, broaden my network and improve my understanding of the global social, economic and political environment by exchanging opinions and ideas with my fellow students and LSE academics, by seeing the global business environment from their perspective and by being exposed to their business culture and working ethos.



William Turnor

Nationality: British

Current Location: London, UK

Current Job Title: Regimental Operations Officer

Current Company: British Army

I am a British Army Officer looking to transition into the civilian world at the beginning of 2018. I graduated from Newcastle University with a BA in Politics and Economics in 2009 and from Sandhurst into the Household Cavalry in 2011.

In my current role of Regimental Operations Officer I chair the Commanding Officers planning team and I am responsible for the operational management of around a thousand men. In November I will assume command of a Squadron in London. The highlight of nearly 7 years in the Army is, above all, the wonderful opportunity to command soldiers as a Troop and Squadron Commander. Working with and helping soldiers to succeed has been a responsibility I have found to be fantastically rewarding. The Army has provided a huge variety of valuable experiences and the chance to learn and develop my skills in multiple roles and countries around the world.

I am, however, conscious that I have not had the business experience from which many of my contemporaries have benefitted. The EGMiM at LSE is the perfect programme to help me close this gap and find the right business career. I can't wait to balance 6 years of intense practical experience by moving back into an academic world. In my spare time I have always travelled. Highlights have included four months in pre-war Damascus, where I relished the incredible culture and language, an ascent of the Matterhorn and ski touring and the haute route from Chamonix to Zermatt.



Claudia Velez

Nationality: Spanish
Current Location: Madrid, Spain
Current Job Title: Project Manager
Current Company: Howden Iberia

I studied a double degree program in Law and Business Management at the University of Salamanca and finished my studies at the Wirtshaft Universitat in Vienna. Right after college, I joined Howden Iberia, the Spanish Branch of Howden Broking Group, and after a short period in the Finance Department I was appointed Project Manager and led the implementation of a new IT cloud computing system for around two years. At the same time, the Group was expanding its operations to Latin America, and I actively participate in various M&A processes in Chile, Colombia and Mexico, together with other acquisitions in Spain.

After nearly five years of full working experience in Madrid, I felt it was the right time to step up new challenges and decided to apply to LSE EGMiM, a unique platform from where continue developing my career ahead. My company has always supported and encourage my decision and arranged my temporary transfer to Group's London offices for the period of the Master. I am currently working in the Financial Risks department as broker, dealing with Political Risk and Structured Credit Insurance in the Lloyds Market.



Tijana Vujovic

Nationality: Serbian
Current Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands
Current Job Title: CEO
Current Company: Centurion Venture Capital

After graduating from Bocconi University in International Economics and Management, I joined GE Real Estate as a Risk Analyst in their Commercial Finance group in Milan, where I was primarily focused on analyzing risks associated with potential portfolio acquisitions through preparing business plans, modeling multi-scenario cash flows, assisting in due diligence and performing market comparative analysis. At my own initiative, I transferred to the Prague office. There I was a key member of a 5 person team responsible for all CEE investments, and led the group's potential portfolio expansion across ex-Yugoslavia. In late 2008, I was hired as a Senior Associate in a BoA/Merrill Lynch's Serbian real estate platform. My tasks focused on developing commercial real estate throughout the Balkans, as well as asset acquisitions/divestments and repositioning. In August 2010, I was recruited to join a sister entity, Confluence Property Management, responsible for managing the cash-flowing assets in the BoA/Merrill Lynch portfolio in order to help create an independent asset management platform. My tasks revolved around the stabilization and expansion of the new entity. After five years in Confluence, the company became the independent platform servicing 500,000m2

of retail space and became the leader in the industry. A year ago, I was given a chance to run the holding company in Amsterdam, Netherlands, which assumes overseeing both investment and asset management parts of the company, which gives me a holistic approach to the real estate business. I decided to apply for the EGMiM programme because it would allow me to look at the business from a global perspective, to share the ideas and opinions with a very diverse group of people and get enriched by the diversity of international perspectives, through the learning taught by the world-leading international faculty. In my opinion it is quite a unique course that gives its students a view of the global business in a wider economic, political and social context. I believe this course will enable me to look at the business in a broader dimension, make more insightful strategic decisions and therefore grow my company from local to regional asset/property management company. With regards to my hobbies, I enjoy sports, art and reading.



Fei Wang

Nationality: Chinese

Current Location: London, UK

Current Job Title: Business Analyst

Current Company: Deutsche Bank

I work as a business analyst for equity derivatives in Deutsche Bank London. Prior to Deutsche Bank, I worked at Goldman Sachs fixed income division as an application developer. I hold a first class degree in Information System Engineering from the Imperial College London, and a Master of Finance degree at the LSE.

My previous education has always been very technical and quantitative. With my roles and responsibilities expanded, I become more and more interested in managerial and leadership area. I'm keen to develop a structure approach to solve problems and make decisions critically, taking into account of different variations studied through EGMiM, and become more effective in a huge organisation like Deutsche Bank.

My recent hobby includes Toastmasters. I set up the Deutsche Bank London Toastmaster Club and am a member of several Toastmaster clubs in the Canary Wharf area. I find it very interesting and also complementary to the EGMiM study.



Daniel Weilenmann

Nationality: Swiss

Current Location: Rapperswil, Switzerland

Current Job Title: Regional Head FX Sales

Current Company: Credit Suisse AG

As Regional Head FX Sales at Credit Suisse, I'm responsible for the foreign exchange and rates business in the eastern part of Switzerland. My team covers a large number of corporate & institutional clients. We provide voice and electronic trading services, as well as a wide range of derivative products to our customers. My salesforce advises on managing risks, structuring and executing complex transactions, which involves close collaboration with CEOs, CFOs, treasurers, portfolio managers and other company principals. In my role, I'm responsible for the leadership of my team, the team's overall P&L but also the strategic development of the business within my region.

Before entering the FX business, I worked as a Derivatives Trader and Quantitative Portfolio Manager, where I was given the opportunity to acquire profound know-how of the trading and investment universe, and global markets in general. I started my career at Credit Suisse Private Banking and Investment Banking in 2008. Besides working in the financial industry, I hold a political mandate as an elected Member of the Audit and Supervisory Committee for the City of Rapperswil.

I completed my Bachelor of Science in Business Information Technology while working for the bank. I also obtained a Professional Diploma in Banking and Finance from the Swiss Bankers Association, as well as several trader certificates. Furthermore, I graduated from the Armed Forces College as a Commissioned Officer and Company Commander of the Swiss Army. I'm generally interested in common foreign and security policy, military history, tactics and survivalist themes, being a member and former board member of various military associations. Due to my background and interests in defense topics, I have earned all major land and water vehicle licenses, the parachute brevet and NATO parachute wings. I frequently do sports, such as running, swimming, cross-fit and dynamic shooting. In my free time, I enjoy life with my wife Marina and our son David Tian.



Marina Weilenmann

Nationality: Swiss

Current Location: Switzerland

Current Job Title: Senior Operational Risk Manager

Current Company: Credit Suisse

I have been working at Credit Suisse since 2009. As a Business Analyst in Private Banking and Investment Banking Operations (also located in London Canary Wharf), I was given the chance to acquire know-how of operations management, risk management, project management and also of the banking industry itself together with having been able to take on leadership responsibilities early in my career. In my previous role as Head Risk Oversight & Control Services, I led a sector consisting of four teams with twenty employees. My teams and I were responsible for the main operational risk management topics within CFO Global Operations, Ops Control & Risk Switzerland including the accountability for the consolidation and release of the operational risk reporting in Switzerland. In my current role as Senior Operational Risk Manager, I am responsible for our private clients segments (Premium Clients to Retail Banking) as well as External Asset Managers.

I have graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Information Technology (Information Systems. Besides working at Credit Suisse, I was a Member of the Board of Directors at Tonhalle-Gesellschaft Zurich Sponsors (the Symphony Orchestra of Zurich) for the past five years, where I was responsible for several projects for the further development of the organization; mainly in the youth sector where I also presided the respective forums. I love to play piano and I am generally very interested in Music and Art (being a member of Tate London and Art Museum Zurich since 2010). In addition, I have done Karate almost my entire life. I am married to Daniel Weilenmann and at home, we have a wonderful little son named David Tian and two mixed-breed shepherd dogs who are also an important part of our family.



Dan Weston

Nationality: British

Current Location: Evesham, Worcestershire

Current Job Title: Chief Operating Officer- Europe

Current Company: Adjuno

I did my undergraduate degree in Economics at Lancaster University, which I followed up with a Certificate in Project Management whilst starting my career in logistics and supply chain management at Reebok. I joined the Maersk Group in 2005 and spent 7 years in various Supply Chain Development and Account Management roles, mainly focussed on international supply chains for large retailers. I joined the Cargo Services group in 2012, focussing increasingly on technology. In 2014, we started work on creating a new group business to encompass all client-facing software, which earlier this year was launched under the brand name Adjuno and offers supply chain software solutions to retailers, manufacturers and the insurance industry. I am responsible for European sales & marketing, account management, implementation and support. I am also responsible for the insurance sector globally and CSR. Adjuno are targeting rapid growth over the next 5 years and this will present a wide-variety of challenges in terms of management and leadership. I want to be as fully equipped for those challenges as possible and I believe the approach to that the EGMiM takes offers something different in that respect. I also believe it will provide a strong grounding for further study.



Angelina Xu

Nationality: Chinese

Current Location: Ningbo, China

Current Job Title: Vice president

Current Company: Oulin Group, China

I graduated from Cass Business School 6 years ago majoring in Management. Then I started my own business focussing on consumer retail. Three years later I joined my family's business which operates under its main brand Oulin and focuses on providing superb quality kitchen and bath appliances. Outside of work I like to participate in economic and government forums, to broaden my network and advance my knowledge. I also enjoy giving entrepreneurship lectures once a month for the local international high school course. The EGMiM will provide me with the right tools to better enhance my critical thinking skills, necessary to tackle the problems of management from a global perspective. After attending LSE's graduate open evening in early November last year, I knew the strong academic curriculum and outstanding faculty at LSE were exactly what I need to further groom myself into a better business leader. As the successor of my family business, the responsibility will eventually be passed on to me to continue the growth of the business and create a truly sustainable globalised business model. In order to do so, I need further and deeper understanding in the field of management. The EGMiM programme is the perfect choice as it also allows putting what we learn into practice immediately and I can continue my work while studying.