

GLOBAL EXECUTIVE MBA COHORTS PROFILE 2025

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WELCOME TO OUR GLOBAL EXECUTIVE MBA CLASS PROFILE

As Global MBA Programmes Director, Xavier leads the academic and strategic direction of professional MBA programmes and transnational education at Alliance Manchester Business School. He is passionate about innovation in business and management education, and how technology and global change are reshaping MBA programmes.

"I am delighted to introduce the two cohorts that joined our Global Executive MBA (GEMBA) at Alliance Manchester Business School in 2025.

Known as Cohorts 7 and 8, these GEMBA groups bring together 53 students working in 29 global locations, all advancing their global careers through the very diverse Global Executive MBA. Representing 23 industries, they join the programme with an average of 18 years' professional experience, with 66% holding CEO or C-suite roles.

GEMBA students complete 32 days of practical and interactive in-person residential workshops through The University of Manchester's network of international centres in Dubai, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore and Manchester. These are supported by flexible online learning that fits around the schedule of busy senior executives. Wherever they are based, students have access to our outstanding academic and careers support, and networking opportunities offered by a global network of 63,000 alumni from 177 countries.

Over the past year, our GEMBA candidates have broadened their perspectives, stretched their strategic thinking and strengthened their social responsibility credentials. Through exposure to a very diverse cohort of individual peers and world-class academics, their journey as GEMBA students will shape their future careers as global business and management leaders.

This booklet highlights the profiles of our talented candidates across both GEMBA 2025 cohorts. We warmly invite you to read about each candidate's achievements and career growth."



XAVIER DURAN
Global MBA Director

Cohort 7 (Jan 25)



Cohort 8 (July 25)





GLOBAL EXECUTIVE MBA CLASS STATISTICS

QS GLOBAL EXECUTIVE MBA RANKINGS 2026

The QS Global EMBA Rankings 2026 rank the world's leading Executive MBA programmes. In the latest rankings, our Global Executive MBA (GEMBA) is ranked:

21st

in the world
overall

5th

in the world
for Diversity

24th

in the world for
Executive Profile

24th

in the world for
Thought Leadership

GEMBA 2025 CLASS



Class size:

53



Nationalities

29



Female

26%



Industries

23



CEO & C-Suite

66%

Cohort 7 (Jan 25)



Class size

25



Nationalities

19



Female

19%



Average age

40



Average years
of experience

17

Cohort 8 (July 25)



Class size

28



Nationalities

19



Female

32%



Average age

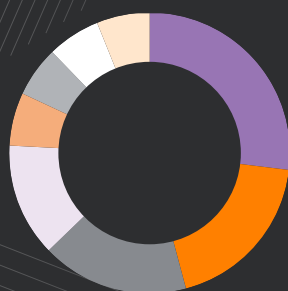
42



Average years
of experience

19

CURRENT JOB LOCATIONS



UK & Europe

27%



East Asia

13%



North America

6%



Africa

19%



South Asia

6%



South America

6%



MENA

17%



Southeast Asia

6%



Our Global Executive MBAs work across

29 countries

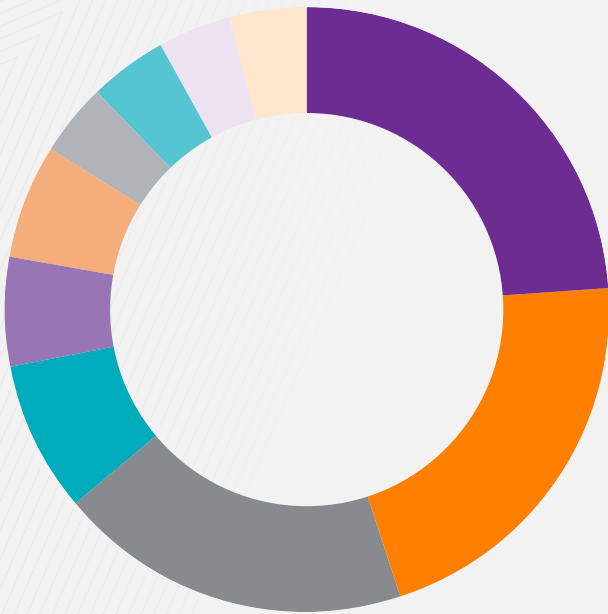


Our Careers teams collaborate across our

5 global locations



PRE-GEMBA INDUSTRIES/EXPERIENCE



Finance/Accounting

24%



Legal

6%



Media/Advertising

4%



Technology

21%



Transportation/Logistics

6%



FMCG/Retail

4%



Engineering/Manufacturing

19%



Consulting

4%



Energy

8%



Healthcare/Pharma/Biotech

4%

COHORT 7 PROFILES

JANUARY 2025

HUSSAIN ALHAZZANI

Programme Manager Integration



- > **Company:** BAE Systems
- > **Nationality:** Saudi
- > **Country of residence:** Saudi Arabia

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Business Administration,
King Abdulaziz University

Programme Manager with experience leading portfolios, programmes, and projects (3Ps) across complex environments. Expertise in driving strategic initiatives, ensuring integration across workstreams, and applying robust project controls to deliver consistent results. Skilled at aligning stakeholders, optimising resource management, and developing organisational capability to support effective delivery. Passionate about leadership, youth empowerment, and building high-performing teams that deliver sustainable impact and innovation.

ABDULLAH MOHAMMED ALSABHAN

Chief Executive Officer



- > **Company:** METSCCO Heavy Steel Industries Co. Ltd.
- > **Nationality:** Saudi
- > **Country of residence:** Saudi Arabia

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, King Saud University

An Engineering and Management professional with over 20 years' experience in executive management, engineering, and company operations. Resilient, experienced leader that adapts to change, leading through continued growth and strategic development. Consistently identifies solutions that strengthens the company's position and creates value for stakeholders. Holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering and continuously expands expertise through hands-on application, ongoing research, and regular knowledge-sharing with colleagues and industry channels.

HUGO AROCHE MORALES

Global Quality &
Food Safety Director



- > **Company:** Fyffes
- > **Nationality:** Guatemalan
- > **Country of residence:** Switzerland

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor's degree in Agriculture,
Zamorano University

Global quality director with over 20 years' experience in food quality assurance, with a lifelong dedication to agriculture. Oversees operations for Fyffes, a global leader in fresh bananas, pineapples and melons. Works in 6 countries across LATAM, Europe and the USA. Holds a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Zamorano University, Honduras.

MAHDI ATTYA

CEO



- > **Company:** MMS Advisors
- > **Nationality:** French
- > **Country of residence:**
United Arab Emirates

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Higher Diploma in Strategic Management,
University College Cork

Senior healthcare and insurance executive with over 20 years' experience in leadership across insurance & third-party administrators, payers, and digital health. Steers complex organisations through turnaround, growth, and transformation, with a strong command of commercial strategy, operational performance, and stakeholder alignment. Entrepreneurial in approach, with a track record of bridging healthcare delivery with insurance dynamics, leading cross-functional teams through large-scale change, launching innovative service models, and shaping market strategy across the GCC. Currently CEO of MMS Advisors, a specialised consultancy operating at the intersection of healthcare, insurance, and digital platforms.

GAMZE BEDIRKURUM

Head of Legal Middle East
Africa North



- > **Company:** Ericsson
- > **Nationality:** Turkish

- > **Country of residence:** Turkey
- > **Previous education/degree:** Master of
Laws (LLM), Marmara University

Senior legal executive with over 17 years' experience in the telecommunications and technology sectors. Strategic and commercially focused leader with a proven track record in leading multi-country legal operations, enabling business growth in complex environments. Operates as a trusted advisor to senior leadership, able to influence decision-making across diverse stakeholders and geographies. Passionate about leadership development, coaching and continuous improvement, with a focus on building high-performing teams and driving sustainable business outcomes and fostering a culture of collaboration and accountability.

DIANA DUMITRIU

HR Director



- > **Company:** GoDaddy
- > **Nationality:** Romanian
- > **Country of residence:** Romania

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Master's degree in Communication and
Human Resources, National School of
Political and Administrative Studies

People leader with global experience supporting teams and managers across Europe and Asia. Strategic partner with a strong track record in driving organisational transformation, navigating complex labour environments, and elevating manager capability at scale. Passionate about building high-performing, globally distributed teams, embedding AI into HR processes, and shaping a modern employee experience where clarity, consistency and innovation thrive.

IVAN EFIMOV
Head of Communications



- > **Company:** LME Trading DMCC
- > **Nationality:** Russian
- > **Country of residence:**
United Arab Emirates

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Master of Arts in Political Science and
Government, Moscow State Institute
of International Relations

Company director specialising in trading communications and relations, with over 20 years experience in the governance, energy and technology sectors. Meticulous in monitoring and providing early warning of government policies to help manage compliance and policy risks to reduce their impact on businesses. Thoroughly establishes a distinctive corporate style, setting up internal and external communication systems, including websites and portals, as well as crafting the corporate history of the company. Holds a master's degree in Political Science and Government.

PATRICK GRONDIN
Payments Product Manager



- > **Company:** Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB)
- > **Nationality:** Mauritian
- > **Country of residence:** Mauritius
- > **Previous education/degree:** Bachelor's degree in Finance, University of Mauritius

Banking professional with over 18 years' experience in payments, digital banking, and product management within the financial services sector. Proven leader with a track record of building, leading, and developing high-performing, cross-functional teams to deliver complex, large-scale initiatives. Strong advocate of Agile ways of working, actively contributing to digital and cultural transformation by fostering collaboration, accountability, and customer-centricity across teams. Combines strong analytical capabilities with a data-driven mindset to support strategic decision-making and optimise business performance.

FADY WADEA NAGUIB
Head of Sales & Marketing



- > **Company:** Central Trading Company – Al Rostamani Group
- > **Nationality:** Egyptian
- > **Country of residence:**
United Arab Emirates
- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering, Egypt
Sales Management Certificate,
Rutgers University, USA

Results-driven commercial leader with over 14 years of experience across multinational and family-owned businesses in the automotive aftermarket and distribution sectors across the UAE, Iraq, and Egypt. Senior manager within one of the leading business groups in the UAE, managing complex commercial operations and working with more than 20 global brands and multinational partners, including Castrol, ACDelco, and Michelin.

Has a proven track record of driving business transformation, optimising go-to-market strategies, scaling distributor networks, and successfully launching and developing new brands in highly competitive markets. Known for combining strategic vision with hands-on execution and building high-performance teams and delivering sustainable, profitable growth. Founder of Motive for Supplies in Egypt, a successfully scaled business, and the creator of "Fady Wadea – People & Business Transformer," a platform focused on sharing insights and influencing business transformation, leadership, and sales excellence.

LEIGH IRELAND

Director



> **Company:** TheOnly.

> **Nationality:** British

> **Country of residence:** UK

> **Previous education/degree:**

Bachelor of Science in Sports Studies,
University of Birmingham

Creative strategy leader with over 18 years' experience in PR. Has a proven track record of driving business impact for global brands, startups, and diverse organisations across sectors. Collaborates across international markets, delivering results-oriented global, regional, and local market strategies that align with organisational objectives and foster growth. Expert in developing and executing innovative solutions that address complex business challenges, with a focus on driving measurable outcomes and enhancing market positioning. Founded business consulting service TheOnly. in 2025.

ROBYN JO

Strategy & Partnerships Lead



> **Company:** NZ Korea Post

> **Nationality:** New Zealander

> **Country of residence:** South Korea

> **Previous education/degree:**

Master of Laws (LLM),
Duke University School of Law

Cross-border governance and strategy professional based in Korea. Over 14 years of experience spanning legal, investment, and stakeholder-facing roles across Korea and international contexts. Background includes overseas investments, M&A transactions, and multi-jurisdictional projects, with experience working across legal, commercial, and governance dimensions in complex environments. Keen interest in senior roles that bridge governance, stakeholder engagement, strategic partnerships, and international growth.

KRA KOUADIO GUILLAUME

Credit Risk Director



> **Company:** Equity Banque

Commerciale du Congo (EquityBCDC)

> **Nationality:** Ivorian

> **Country of residence:**

Democratic Republic of the Congo

> **Previous education/degree:**

Master's degree in Banking,
Harvard Business School

Senior Banking Executive with over 17 years of leadership experience in Credit Risk Management, Corporate Banking, and Strategic Transformation across world-class financial institutions, including BNP Paribas and Equity Group Holdings. Currently serving as Director of Credit Risk and Executive Committee member at EquityBCDC (DRC), managing a \$2.5 billion credit portfolio and leading a team of 145 professionals. Results-oriented executive with proven expertise in navigating complex bank mergers, restructuring credit departments, and maintaining exceptional asset quality in challenging African markets.

TITILAYO LAWANI
Head of Trading and Execution



- > **Company:** Rand Merchant Bank
- > **Nationality:** Nigerian
- > **Country of residence:** Nigeria

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Arts in English,
Obafemi Awolowo University

A seasoned financial markets professional with close to 20 years of experience across Africa and the Middle East, including exposure to the region's leading Gulf economies. Proven expertise in active trading across Nigeria's foreign exchange and fixed income markets, complemented by a strong background in treasury solutions for clients, Eurobond markets, and Derivatives. A trusted contributor to the development of Nigeria's foreign exchange and domestic debt markets.

HUSAM OTHMAN
General Manager



- > **Company:** Farabi Petrochemicals
- > **Nationality:** Saudi
- > **Country of residence:** Saudi Arabia

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Chemical Engineering,
University of British Columbia

Senior executive with 14+ years of leadership across global organisations delivering enterprise transformation, operational excellence, and sustainable value creation. Proven ability to optimise large-scale assets, lead complex operations, and shape strategy to drive growth and performance. Brings strong board-level exposure and a cross-functional leadership approach, aligning strategy, operations, and people to build high-performing organisations and deliver lasting impact.

OUSSAMA OULD ZMIRLI
Regional Sales Director - MEA



- > **Company:** Cenosco
- > **Nationality:** Algerian
- > **Country of residence:** Saudi Arabia

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical
Engineering & Energy Management,
University of Blida Saad Dahleb

Business and Technology Leader with over 15 years' experience in the oil and energy sector. Enthusiastic agile evangelist with a proven track record in the delivery of technical projects and the management of programmes of work. Operates as a Servant Leader, able to lead with empathy and trust across stakeholders and senior leadership. Passionate about leadership development and continuous improvement, with a focus on building high-performing teams, advancing innovation and delivering sustainable business solutions. Completed an advanced executive leadership programme at Alliance Manchester Business School.

KYRON DIJON PORTWIG

Vice President, Middle East



- > **Company:** Planaday Inc.
- > **Nationality:** South African
- > **Country of residence:**
United Arab Emirates

- > **Previous education/degree:** Bachelor of Commerce in Accountancy, Auditing, and Taxation, University of Kwa Zulu Natal

Strategic and visionary commercial leader with over 20 years of leadership experience driving revenue growth and commercial governance within high-profile, multi-asset environments. Specialises in transforming underperforming departments by implementing high-accountability structures and a coaching-led approach to performance. Consistently exceeds ambitious sales targets and recaptures major accounts through clear vision and operational agility. Leverages core CliftonStrengths in ideation, command, and analytical thinking. Excels at navigating complex stakeholder ecosystems, eliminating organisational friction, and delivering sustainable, technology-driven business solutions.

MARCUS QUEK

Director, Head of Partnerships & Strategy



- > **Company:** Vistra
- > **Nationality:** Singaporean
- > **Country of residence:** Singapore

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance), RMIT University

A proven leader in the strategic partnerships field, with experience across global banks, fintechs and corporate services. As Director of Partnerships in Vistra, he is currently building an ecosystem of embedded partners for Vistra's AI compliance platform. Founder and President of the Singapore Strategic Partnership and Ecosystem Professionals Association (SSEPA), a non-profit community bringing together seasoned partnership leaders for networking and collaboration.

VENKATESH SETHURAM

CEO and General Manager



- > **Company:** Falaj Al Qaria International Co. LLC
- > **Nationality:** Indian
- > **Country of residence:** Oman

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Technology (Information Technology), National Engineering College, Anna University

Experienced business leader with a background in electrical contracting, operations, and technology. Currently serving as CEO and General Manager at Falaj Al Qaria International Co. LLC, an electrical and civil contracting firm based in Oman. Has led the company through growth, restructuring, and diversification, while supporting digital transformation and process improvement across the business. Earlier experience in software and technical roles has shaped his practical and grounded approach to problem-solving, team leadership, and delivery.

**MOHAMMED
GHURAIR SHAIKH**
Head of Sales



- > **Company:** Atribs Metscon Group
- > **Nationality:** Indian
- > **Country of residence:**
United Arab Emirates

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics
and Instrumentation, BITS Pilani

Commercial leader with deep experience in IT and HR services, recognised for shaping strategy, steering transformation, and elevating team performance. Leads with a confident, people-centred style grounded in clarity, trust, and accountability. Skilled at aligning teams behind a shared vision, strengthening GTM execution, and building structures that enable consistent, scalable growth. Known for developing talent, driving cross-functional cohesion, and fostering a culture of innovation and continuous improvement, supported by advanced executive development through a Global Executive MBA.

MARINA SHIFMAN
Head of Strategic Initiatives



- > **Company:** SKB Kontur
- > **Nationality:** Russian, Israeli
- > **Country of residence:** Russia

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Master's degree in International
Marketing, University of Strathclyde

Strategy, marketing, and product leader with over 14 years' experience across IT and financial services. Expert in developing and implementing product, marketing, and corporate strategies, launching new products, leading complex projects, and building high-performing teams. Operates as a collaborative leader, able to work with empathy and trust across diverse stakeholders and senior leadership. Passionate about developing people, facilitating strategic decision-making and delivering sustainable business outcomes. Holds distinction degrees in International Economics from the Ural State University and International Marketing from the University of Strathclyde.

ASHUTOSH SINGH
Manager: AI Projects



- > **Company:** Presight AI PLC
- > **Nationality:** Indian
- > **Country of residence:**
United Arab Emirates

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Technology in
Computer Science & Engineering,
U. P. Technical University

Technologist and Lead Solution Architect with over 18 years' experience delivering digital transformation across complex enterprise environments. Operates at the intersection of technology and business, actively contributing to senior management discussions and strategy sessions across operations, product, and development.

Collaborative and pragmatic leader known for simplifying complexity, fostering high-performing teams, and promoting a culture of continuous improvement. Passionate about leveraging AI, cloud, and enterprise platforms to enable innovation, operational efficiency, and sustainable growth.

JOSEPH VARNER

CPO



- > **Company:** CHRO (USA)
- > **Nationality:** American
- > **Country of residence:** USA

> **Previous education/degree:**

Chief Human Resources Officer Executive Leadership Program, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Over 20 years' experience building and leading people functions through acquisitions, restructurings, and step-change growth across public, private, and PE-backed companies. Partnered with founders, boards, and ownership groups to turn culture into commercial advantage. Confident and empathetic leader who carries the fingerprints of some of the most demanding operating environments in business. Started in entertainment at New Line Cinema and Warner Brothers, sharpened his craft in global beauty at Revlon and Elizabeth Arden, and delivered \$6.1M in workforce synergies through acquisition integration at Diageo. Navigated cross-cultural governance with Tokyo leadership at Woodside Homes under Sekisui House. Currently in senior living, he scaled HR across a 9,500-employee, 11-state operator and integrated 23 acquisitions in under ten months. Known for being candid, commercially fluent, and unusually calm when the room is not.

WEND-N'BUDE DONALD THIERRY YAMEOGO

Head of Operations



- > **Company:** ATC - Burkina Faso
- > **Nationality:** Burkinabe
- > **Country of residence:** Burkina Faso

> **Previous education/degree:** Master of

Informatics System Conception in CS2I (Engineering and Informatics), Institut d'Ingénierie Informatique de Limoges

Senior Operations leader with over 20 years' experience in Telecommunication and TowerCo sector, passionate about leadership, talent development and continuous improvement. Recognised for a calm, results-oriented style in complex, cross-cultural environments, he combines an engineering background with discipline, a strong work ethic, and a focus on operational excellence and sustainable growth. Skilled at leading multidisciplinary teams and strategic partners, he streamlines processes and delivers scalable, data-driven operations that support business growth and customer experience.

COHORT 8 PROFILES

JULY 2025

MILAGROS ARBULÚ

Commercial Vice President



- > **Company:** Price Forbes
- > **Nationality:** Peruvian
- > **Country of residence:** Peru

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Management and
International Business, Universidad
Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas

Commercial executive with over 15 years of experience across the insurance, reinsurance, and commercial banking sectors. Leads strategic business development initiatives and corporate relationships across multiple industries, with a strong focus on complex risk solutions and reinsurance placements. Recognised for building long-term client partnerships, expanding market opportunities, and driving business growth through a highly commercial and relationship-oriented approach. Proactive leader committed to the professional development of teams and to delivering sustainable growth in international business environments. Graduated in the top tenth percentile of students from one of Peru's leading universities.

GRZEGORZ BINKO

Sales Director



- > **Company:** Cargill
- > **Nationality:** Polish
- > **Country of Residence:** Poland

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Master of Arts in American Studies,
University of London Postgraduate
Diploma in Process Management,
Kozminski University

Over 20 years' experience across manufacturing, supply chain and sales with a strong focus on the animal protein industry. Partners with global quick service restaurants and retailers to drive growth and innovation. Passionate about process optimisation, negotiations, and new business development. Thrives on finding practical solutions that deliver real impact. Outside work, enjoys exploring history and culinary tourism, as well as staying active through cycling and running.

KUDAKWASHE CHITANGA

Regional Manager, Legal,
Corporate Services



- > **Company:** First Quantum Minerals Ltd
- > **Nationality:** Zimbabwean
- > **Country of residence:** Zambia

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Masters in International Commercial Law,
University of Salford

Experience and expertise centres around executive strategy and risk mitigation in the mining area with a key focus on long term projects, having spent 5 years with a corporate commercial law firm before joining the mining sector in 2017. Was responsible for a number of key capital projects in influencing key investment decisions at FQM. Has led teams responsible for strategic sourcing of energy and other key mining inputs. Qualified Barrister (Zambia) with a Bachelors in Law from the University of Zambia, a master's degree in Law from Salford University, a Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Leadership from Oxford University as well as Executive Finance Certificate from Saïd Business School.

LIAN MUN CHOK

Finance Business Partner, APAC



- > **Company:** Novonesis
- > **Nationality:** Malaysian
- > **Country of residence:** Malaysia

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Accounting,
Universiti Utari Malaysia
Chartered Accountant

Finance Leader with over 15 years of experience in financial strategy and operational leadership within Southeast Asia. Has contributed to profit growth, improved project management, and streamlined processes through digital transformation initiatives by aligning financial planning with business objectives. Passionate about fostering collaboration and operational efficiency within the region. Partners with stakeholders across business units and countries to drive process optimisation and implement regional strategies. Completed 27 years of career journey with Deloitte, Siemens and now moving into Novonesis. Looks forward to creating direct impact to sustainability via biology value creation.

ARIF CINARLI

Regional Commercial Manager



- > **Employer:** Rockwell Automation
- > **Nationality:** Turkish
- > **Country of residence:**
United Arab Emirates

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Electrical Engineer,
Istanbul Technical University

Senior commercial leader with over 19 years' experience driving growth, customer value creation, and operational excellence in the Industrial Automation and Energy Sectors across the Middle East and Türkiye. Has a proven record of leading multicultural teams, shaping regional go to market strategies, and delivering sustained revenue and margin improvements. Currently serves as Regional Commercial Manager for Services & Solutions at Rockwell Automation. Leads diverse business streams while cultivating high performing teams and strengthening long term client partnerships. Fluent in English, German, and Turkish.

MOHAMMAD GOBURDHUN

CFO



- > **Company:** Aera Group
- > **Nationality:** Mauritian
- > **Country of residence:** Mauritius

- > **Previous education/degree:**
ACCA Fellow (FCCA)

Seasoned Chief Financial Officer with 18+ years of experience driving financial performance, strategic growth, and operational excellence across financial services, mining, pharmaceuticals, and renewable energy sectors. Proven expertise in financial planning & analysis, treasury management, and regulatory compliance, with a strong track record of optimising cash flow and profitability. Adept at partnering with executive leadership and boards to support high-stakes decision-making and long-term strategic planning. Demonstrated success in leading large-scale financial operations, managing multi-entity portfolios, and implementing robust financial controls. A people-focused leader skilled in building high-performing teams, enhancing financial systems, and delivering actionable insights to maximise business value.

ROBERT GUTIERREZ
CEO



- > **Company:** GameDriver
- > **Nationality:** Canadian
- > **Country of residence:** Canada

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Diploma in Computer Systems
Technology, Camosun College

Technology entrepreneur with a background spanning public service, enterprise delivery, and high-growth startups. Began career with a decade in the Government of British Columbia working on large digital initiatives. Later joined HP to support complex enterprise and government programs. Currently leads GameDriver, a company advancing automation and quality engineering across the gaming and XR industries. Looks forward to contributing a mix of public-sector, enterprise, and startup experience to the Manchester community.

JUN HUANG
Group Chief Financial Advisor



- > **Company:** Sinclair
- > **Nationality:** Chinese
- > **Country of residence:** Italy

- > **Previous education/degree:** Associate
degree in Accounting, Shandong
University of Finance and Economics

Senior financial executive with 30 years' experience leading complex financial systems across global enterprises, including over 20 years in senior leadership roles within Fortune 500 companies. Has over 15 years of overseas experience managing finance teams across 40+ countries. Expert in post-integration finance, IFRS, global tax planning, treasury optimisation, and shared services. Flexible, multi-tasking leader who held dual leadership roles at Haier Group as Chairman: Global Internal Control, and Co-CFO: Europe.

SILO LEANDRO JOAO
Senior Continuous Process
Improvement Specialist



- > **Company:** Thermo Fisher Scientific
- > **Nationality:** Angolan-American
- > **Country of residence:** United States

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Petroleum Engineering,
London South Bank University

Operational excellence and business transformation leader with deep expertise in Lean Six Sigma, digital innovation, and AI-enabled process optimisation across biotech, pharma, and advanced manufacturing. Has a foundation in petroleum engineering and nearly a decade driving measurable performance outcomes. Brings a unique blend of strategic foresight, analytical rigour, and human-centered leadership. Has led multi-million-dollar savings initiatives, architected cross-functional transformation roadmaps, and pioneered mixed-reality technologies such as Microsoft HoloLens 2 within regulated manufacturing environments. Committed to shaping resilient, data-driven, and future-ready organisations through excellence, innovation, and purposeful leadership.

HANNAH JOHNSON

People Director



> **Company:** For Everyone Group

> **Nationality:** British

> **Country of residence:** UK

> **Previous education/degree:**

Master of Organisational Psychology,
The University of Manchester

Operating in the appliance market as People Director at For Everyone Group. Background in business consultancy for workplace psychology and performance with over 10 years' experience. Committed team player who has sat on executive teams at board level since 2017, with extensive experience in workplace culture and leadership development. Holds a master's degree in Organisational Psychology and a Level 5 Qualification in Coaching and Mentoring from the Institute of Leadership & Management.

IBIRONKE KIYOMI

Project Executive, Complex Project
Management Practise Focal



> **Company:** IBM

> **Nationality:** Nigerian

> **Country of residence:** Morocco

> **Previous education/degree:**

Bachelor's degree in Computer Science/
Economics, Obafemi Awolowo University

Project Executive with over 20 years of experience across various sectors including Industrial Solutions, Manufacturing, Financial Institutions, Telecommunications, Agriculture, and IT. Has led transformational programs and managed multi-cultural teams internationally, engaging with top management and C-level clients. Holds a master's degree in International Business Management and a bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Economics, along with multiple certifications such as PMP, ITIL, SAFe SCRUM Master and IBM's Women's Leadership Program (Elevate). Passionate about leadership and continuous improvement; excels in delivering sustainable business solutions.

IAIN LAWRENCE

Business Unit Manager



> **Company:** Euro Mechanical

> **Nationality:** British

> **Country of residence:**

United Arab Emirates

> **Previous education/degree:**

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering in Oil
and Gas Studies, University of Aberdeen

Business Unit Manager with over 20 years' experience in the oil and energy services sector across the Middle East and UK. Proven track record in delivering sustainable business growth through strategic planning, operational leadership, and service line expansion. Experienced in leading cross-functional teams, managing full P&L responsibility, and executing complex engineering and maintenance programmes for major operators. Passionate about developing local talent and building high-performing teams, with a strong focus on continuous improvement, innovation, and long-term value creation. Currently undertaking a Global Executive MBA at Alliance Manchester Business School to further strengthen leadership and strategic capabilities

GUERRERO MARQUEZ

Deputy General Manager, Pipe
Overseas Div. Energy Steel
Products Unit



- > **Company:** Mitsui & Co. Steel
- > **Nationality:** Japanese
- > **Country of residence:** Japan

> **Previous education/degree:**

Bachelor of Laws (International Legal
Studies), Dokkyo University

Global business leader with deep experience in business development, large scale project execution, and international procurement within the energy infrastructure sector. Has led complex initiatives across Asia, Europe, and North America, including seven years of overseas assignments in Norway, a hub of North Sea oil & gas, and Houston, Texas, USA, the energy capital. Built strategic partnerships and delivered commercially impactful outcomes in dynamic, cross cultural environments. Brings additional depth through hands on involvement in cross border M&A and post merger integration, aligning diverse stakeholders to create sustainable long-term value. Currently completing a Global Executive MBA to strengthen strategic leadership and prepare for internationally mobile senior roles contributing to global trade and the energy transition.

PRUDENCE F MUCHINOUTA

Associate Director & Country Lead
– ESG and Corporate Services;
Fractional Chief Financial Officer



- > **Company:** HLB Zambia (covering Zambia, Malawi, Botswana)
- > **Nationality:** Zimbabwean
- > **Country of residence:** Zambia

> **Previous education/degree:** MSc

Professional Accountancy; CA (ZM);
BBA (Accounting), ACCA Fellow (FCCA),
ACMA, CGMA

Strategic finance and sustainability leader with deep experience strengthening governance, ESG integration, and financial resilience across mission-driven enterprises in Africa. Advises boards, social enterprises, and SMEs on embedding climate-gender considerations into financial systems, enhancing accountability, and mobilising capital for inclusive growth. Her cross-sector portfolio spans agriculture, renewable energy, conservation, and financial services, supported by recognised achievements including the ACCA Africa CFO Award (ESG). She also serves in multiple non-executive and advisory roles, championing purpose-driven organisational transformation. She completed the THINK Executive Leadership Programme in the Netherlands and is currently advancing her global leadership capability through the Global Executive MBA at Alliance Manchester Business School.

MARCO ORSINI

Head of Container Management,
Europe & Africa



> **Company:** Ocean Network Express

> **Nationality:** Italian

> **Country of residence:** Poland

> **Previous education/degree:**

Executive Education in Finance for Non-Finance Managers, LUISS Business School

Senior maritime and logistics executive with over 30 years' international experience across commercial, operational and global sales management and supply chain leadership roles in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Currently leading regional container management for Ocean Network Express in Europe and Africa, with prior responsibility for a global portfolio of large enterprise clients. Known for building and mentoring high-performing multicultural teams, driving digital transformation and optimising complex logistics networks to deliver strong financial and service outcomes. An enthusiastic lifelong learner, passionate about sustainability, leadership development and strategic innovation in global shipping.

MIGUEL PARAMO CALDERON

Credit and Collections Director



> **Company:** AT&T

> **Nationality:** Mexican

> **Country of residence:** Mexico

> **Previous education/degree:**

PhD in Financial Sciences and Risk Management, Tecnológico de Monterrey

Self-motivated and dedicated C-suite leader with over 25 years' experience in senior management roles. Operates risk management, credit operations, product development and digital transformation for financial institutions within Mexico, USA, and the UK. Multifunctional team leader at different organisational levels with active participation and decision-taking at board level. A start-up venturer who built financial digital platforms for serving various industries (retail, manufacture, pawnshops, logistics, agriculture). Over 10 years' teaching experience in prestigious Mexican universities and holds several degrees and qualifications, including a PhD in Financial Sciences.

COSMIN ADRIAN POPOVICI

Chief Executive Officer



> **Company:** MAGNOR

> **Nationality:** Romanian

> **Country of residence:** Romania

> **Previous education/degree:**

Master's degree in Accounting, Bucharest University of Economic Studies
Chartered Accountant

Visionary CEO with 15 years' entrepreneurship experience. Passionate about business growth and finding the equilibrium between humanity and full dedication to the bigger picture. With a background in Accounting and Finance, began as CFO at MAGNOR and became CEO within 5 years. A strategic, purposeful leader who builds an inclusive and inspiring work climate. Creates optimal integrated organisational processes and provides the fundamentals, resources, tools and knowledge necessary for realistic financial projections. Innovates short-term lending services such as pawnshop and money exchange.

FATEMA RASHID

VP, Product Operations
& Transformation



- > **Company:** Health Catalyst
- > **Nationality:** British
- > **Country of residence:** UK

> **Previous education/degree:**

Bachelor of Chemical Engineering,
The University of Manchester

Strategic transformation leader with 25 years' experience in delivering technology solutions globally across both private and public sectors. Manages strategic FTSE/NYSE-listed customers in the UK, USA and Europe. Outcomes-focused programme leader with a passion for optimising business processes, reducing waste, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. Creates a positive atmosphere that motivates others and builds team spirit. Expert in building trust with stakeholders at all levels, using change management methodologies. Holds a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering with Biotechnology.

SHIMPEI SAITO

Division Director: Project
Procurement & Logistics



- > **Company:** Chiyoda Corporation
- > **Nationality:** Japanese
- > **Country of residence:** Japan

> **Previous education/degree:**

Bachelor of Engineering, Saitama University

Project manager with over 30 years' experience in the energy (oil & gas) industry. Committed, empathetic leader who fosters an environment of creativity, guiding and influencing technical decisions that will ultimately drive desired business results. Goal-oriented Head of Corporate Division who understands the importance of human resources and mindset in leadership. Attended the Art and Practice of Leadership Development Program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Executive Education.

ASSER SALEH

Consulting Senior Manager:
Portfolio & Program Management



- > **Company:** PwC Middle East
- > **Nationality:** Egyptian
- > **Country of residence:** Saudi Arabia

> **Previous education/degree:**

Bachelor of Engineering,
University of Greenwich

Senior Program Manager, Portfolio Manager and EPMO Consultant with over 14 years' experience leading multimillion-dollar diverse technology initiatives across the Middle East and Europe. Clients include Rolls-Royce, Orange Egypt, Canon, Vodafone and the Royal commission for Alula. Innovative consultant with extensive experience in EPMO and management, excelling in the oversight of complex digital transformations, cybersecurity initiatives, and large-scale CRM and ERP implementations.

SHAWN SEET
Commercial Director



- > **Company:** Auptimate
- > **Nationality:** Singaporean
- > **Country of residence:** Singapore

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Masters in Project Management,
George Washington University

Commercial leader and ex venture-backed founder with over 10 years' experience scaling startups into multi-million dollar revenue businesses across APAC. Designs AI-enabled revenue engines that drive predictable growth through disciplined pipeline management, qualification rigour, and execution cadence. Combines enterprise sales and consultative selling with hands-on GTM execution, closing complex deals and building high-performing teams. Holds a master's in Project Management from George Washington University and a certificate in Leading with Big Data Analytics & Machine Learning from National University of Singapore Business School.

MAGDALINE USADA
Senior Director – AP VAS Sales
& Commercial Operations



- > **Company:** VISA Inc
- > **Nationality:** Zimbabwean
- > **Country of residence:** Singapore

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Bachelor of Accounting Sciences,
University of South Africa

A confident, multi-skilled, and capable executive and Head of Business Operations with over 14 years of experience. Proven ability to drive out inefficiencies through process improvement and assist in the maintenance and development of business systems, processes, and robust business analysis. Passionate about leading others to drive change and bringing the best in people, with a strong communicator's touch and excellent interpersonal skills. Is invested in building high-performing teams, coaching and encouraging young talented women, particularly in high tech industries and driving change through leadership and empathy.

THOMAS WHELAN
Director



- > **Company:** Rivora Advisory
- > **Nationality:** Irish, Australian
- > **Country of residence:** Hong Kong, SAR

- > **Previous education/degree:**
Master of Science in Finance,
University College Dublin

Seasoned international executive with over 20 years' experience leading teams and operations across diverse industry sectors. Adept at driving financial strategy, operational excellence, and business growth in complex regional and global markets. Recognised for aligning finance with business goals, positioning the function as a catalyst for sustainable growth and long-term value creation. Financial expert with proven success restructuring and developing high-performing teams. Holds various degrees and accolades, including an award for Best Final Dissertation in a bachelor of Philosophy from the University of London.

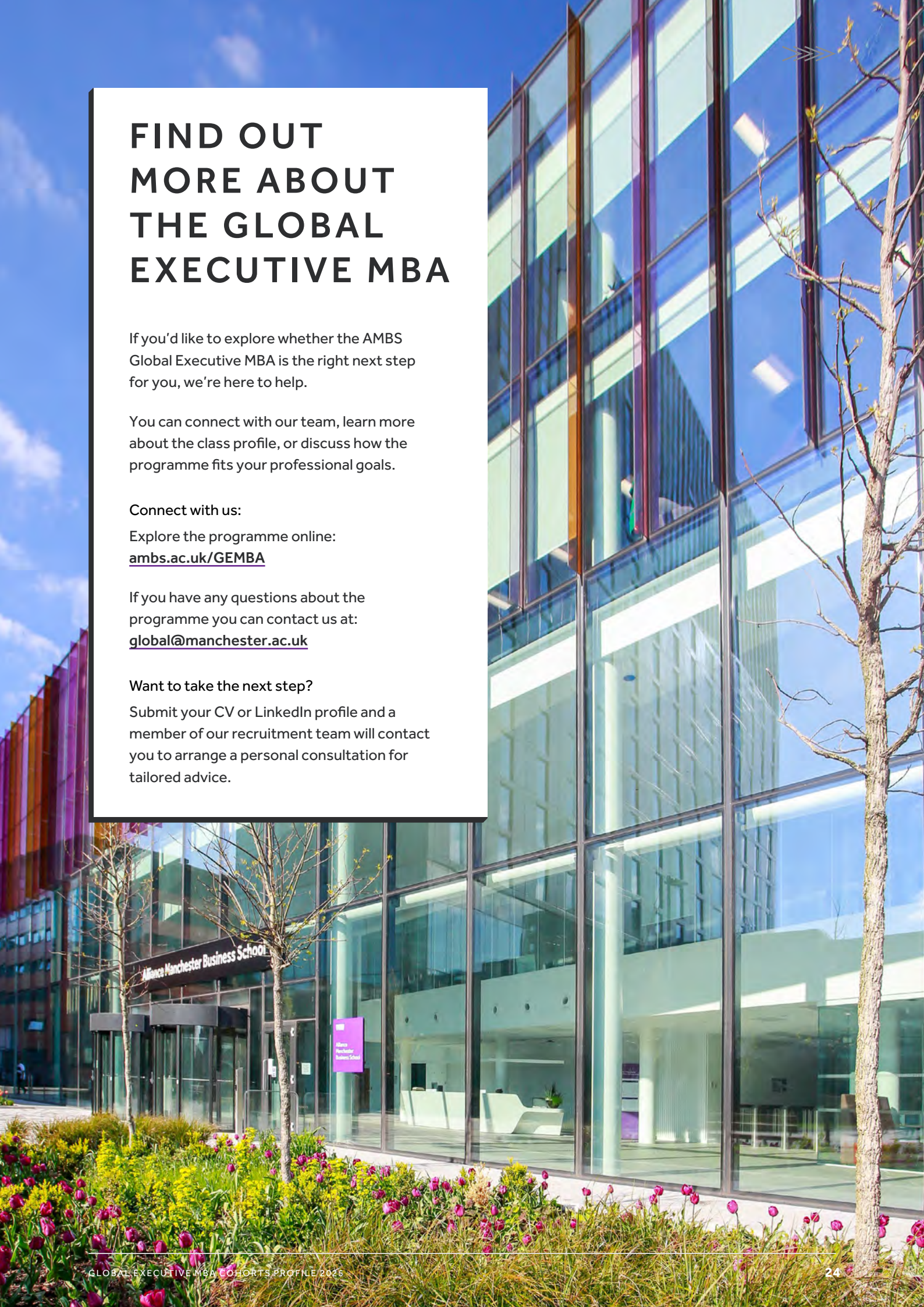
ROY YUEN
Chief Operating Officer



- > **Company:** Oursky Ltd
- > **Nationality:** Chinese
- > **Country of residence:** UK

- > **Previous education/degree:** Bachelor of Engineering in Information Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Technology leader with over 18 years of experience building and scaling a software consultancy and product studio across Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the UK. Overseeing cross-functional teams spanning sales, project management, design, development, and QA. Co-founded two SaaS products (Authgear and FormX.ai) and led the company's expansion into European and US markets. Passionate about the practical application of AI in software delivery, currently pioneering agentic coding workflows to transform how teams build products. Pursuing a Global Executive MBA at Alliance Manchester Business School to deepen strategic and leadership capabilities.



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