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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

International Chief Financial Officer and Board Finance Executive with more than 30 years of leadership experience across commodity trading, structured finance, treasury, corporate finance, governance, enterprise risk management, and international business operations. Trusted by Boards of Directors, Chief Executive Officers, investors, financial institutions, and executive leadership teams to strengthen financial strategy, optimise treasury and funding structures, enhance banking relationships, support complex financing initiatives, and guide strategic business decisions across multinational organizations operating throughout Europe, the United Kingdom, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Central Asia, and global commodity markets. Recognized for combining commercial insight with financial discipline to drive governance excellence, capital strategy, liquidity management, investor confidence, regulatory compliance, mergers and acquisitions, and sustainable business growth while building trusted relationships with executive stakeholders and aligning financial leadership with long-term organizational objectives.

EXECUTIVE IMPACT

- ❖ More than 30 years of international executive leadership spanning commodity trading, treasury, structured finance, corporate finance, governance, and multinational business operations.
- ❖ Trusted adviser to Boards, Chief Executive Officers, investors, banking partners, and executive stakeholders on corporate finance, treasury strategy, governance, enterprise risk management, and strategic decision-making
- ❖ Extensive experience strengthening banking relationships, developing trade finance structures, and supporting liquidity strategies for international commodity businesses.
- ❖ Executive leadership experience across Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, treasury, structured finance, corporate finance, governance, compliance, mergers and acquisitions, and enterprise risk management.
- ❖ International leadership experience supporting organizations across Switzerland, Austria, the United Kingdom, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Central Asia, and global commodity markets.
- ❖ Recognized for aligning financial strategy with commercial priorities while supporting executive leadership, organizational resilience, governance excellence, and sustainable business growth.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERTISE

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| ❖ Board & Executive Advisory | ❖ Investment Analysis | ❖ Enterprise Risk Management |
| ❖ Corporate Finance | ❖ Commercial Finance | ❖ Banking & Financial Institution Relations |
| ❖ Treasury & Liquidity Management | ❖ Financial Planning & Analysis (FP&A) | ❖ Mergers & Acquisitions |
| ❖ Structured Trade Finance | ❖ Working Capital Management | ❖ Financial Strategy |
| ❖ Capital Strategy | ❖ Credit Risk Management | ❖ International Commodity Trading |
| ❖ Corporate Governance | ❖ Regulatory Compliance (KYC & AML) | ❖ Stakeholder & Investor Relations |
| ❖ Foreign Exchange (FX) Management | ❖ Executive Leadership | ❖ Performance Reporting |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant Chief Financial Officer DANEX INTERNATIONAL SA	01/2026 to Current Geneva Switzerland
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Executive Overview

Provide executive financial leadership for an international commodity trading organization, partnering with the Chief Executive Officer to oversee finance, treasury, governance, trade finance, investor reporting, banking relationships, and enterprise risk management. Support strategic decision-making by aligning financial leadership with commercial priorities while strengthening governance, regulatory compliance, liquidity, and long-term organizational growth.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Lead finance, accounting, treasury, audit, and financial control activities to strengthen governance, financial integrity, and operational performance.
- ❖ Direct banking relationships and trade finance initiatives supporting liquidity management and international commercial transactions.
- ❖ Partner with the Chief Executive Officer to prepare Board reports, executive presentations, and strategic financial updates.

- ❖ Deliver executive financial reporting and performance analysis to support informed business decisions and stakeholder confidence.
- ❖ Oversee enterprise risk management, compliance, trade credit insurance, and marine cargo insurance programmes to strengthen organizational resilience.
- ❖ Align financial strategy with commercial objectives while supporting sustainable business growth and long-term value creation.

Chief Financial Officer

EG RESOURCES SA

Executive Overview

Provide executive financial leadership for an international natural resources organization, partnering with executive leadership to oversee corporate finance, treasury, financial governance, trade finance, banking relationships, Board reporting, and enterprise risk management. Support strategic decision-making by aligning financial leadership with commercial priorities while strengthening governance, liquidity, regulatory compliance, and long-term organizational stability.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Lead finance, accounting, treasury, audit, and financial control activities to strengthen governance, financial integrity, and operational performance.
- ❖ Direct banking relationships, treasury operations, and trade finance facilities to support liquidity management and international commercial activities.
- ❖ Partner with the Chief Executive Officer to prepare Board reports, investor updates, and executive financial presentations supporting strategic decision-making.
- ❖ Deliver executive financial reporting, budgeting, forecasting, and performance analysis to support organizational growth and stakeholder confidence.
- ❖ Oversee enterprise risk management, Risk & Compliance Committee activities, trade credit insurance, and marine cargo insurance programmes to strengthen organizational resilience.
- ❖ Align financial strategy with business objectives while supporting ownership transition, commercial continuity, and long-term value creation.

01/2024 to Current

Lugano, Switzerland

Head of Structured Trade Finance & Group Treasurer

OPEN MINERAL AG

Executive Overview

Provided strategic leadership across treasury, structured trade finance, banking relationships, liquidity planning, foreign exchange, and enterprise risk management for a global commodity trading organisation. Partnered with executive leadership to strengthen funding capabilities, optimize treasury operations, enhance governance, and support commercial growth through disciplined financial strategy and risk oversight.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Directed Group treasury strategy, liquidity planning, and foreign exchange management to support international business operations.
- ❖ Strengthened banking relationships to expand trade finance capacity and improve funding flexibility across global trading activities.
- ❖ Structured transaction-specific financing solutions aligned with commercial contracts and international commodity transactions.
- ❖ Produced treasury reporting, liquidity analysis, and financial insights to support executive decision-making and strategic planning.
- ❖ Oversaw KYC and AML governance processes, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements and banking standards.
- ❖ Served on the Credit and Risk Committees, providing executive oversight of counterparty exposure, country risk, and enterprise risk management initiatives.

01/2021 to 12/2022

Baar (Zug) Switzerland

Independent Commodity Finance & Corporate Advisory

AK CONSULTANT

Executive Overview

Delivered independent executive advisory services to organizations operating within the international commodity sector, supporting corporate finance, structured trade finance, mergers and acquisitions, governance, enterprise risk management, and strategic business initiatives across global markets.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Advised executive leadership on corporate finance, structured trade finance, and strategic investment opportunities.
- ❖ Supported mergers, acquisitions, and corporate transactions through financial analysis and commercial due diligence.
- ❖ Guided governance and enterprise risk management initiatives to strengthen organizational performance and financial resilience.
- ❖ Provided strategic advice on banking relationships, funding structures, and trade finance solutions.
- ❖ Assisted clients with commercial strategy, financial planning, and business transformation initiatives.
- ❖ Delivered executive-level financial advisory services focused on sustainable growth, operational effectiveness, and long-term value creation.

09/2018 to 07/2021

Zug Switzerland

Finance Director**07/2016 to 07/2018****PROMETHEUS PARTNERS GMBH****Zug Switzerland****Executive Overview**

Directed finance, treasury, banking relationships, and trade finance activities, supporting commercial growth while strengthening funding capabilities, financial governance, and operational performance across the organization.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Managed strategic banking relationships to support treasury operations and organizational liquidity.
- ❖ Developed new banking partnerships to expand trade finance capacity and financing flexibility.
- ❖ Oversaw trade finance facilities supporting international commercial contracts and commodity trading activities.
- ❖ Coordinated treasury activities to strengthen cash management and funding efficiency.
- ❖ Partnered with executive leadership on financial planning, funding strategies, and commercial priorities.
- ❖ Supported financial governance by aligning treasury and banking activities with organizational objectives.

Chief Operating Officer (COO)**05/2013 to 09/2015****MRI TRADING AG****Zug Switzerland****Executive Overview**

Reported directly to the Group Chief Executive Officer with executive responsibility for operations, shipping, structured commodity finance, information technology, credit risk, and corporate governance, supporting strategic growth and operational excellence across the organization.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Led shipping, logistics, and operational functions while strengthening organizational efficiency and cross-functional collaboration.
- ❖ Reorganized operations and credit teams into geographically aligned structures to improve operational effectiveness and risk oversight.
- ❖ Directed structured commodity finance activities supporting international trading operations and commercial agreements.
- ❖ Strengthened credit governance through enhanced policies, committee oversight, and trade credit insurance programmes.
- ❖ Oversaw information technology initiatives to improve business systems, operational processes, and organizational performance.
- ❖ Managed corporate governance activities, including budgeting, legal matters, litigation support, year-end processes, and executive administration.

Director, Structured & Project Commodity Finance**11/2008 to 05/2013****MRI TRADING AG****Zug Switzerland****Executive Overview**

Reported directly to the Chief Executive Officer, providing strategic leadership across structured commodity finance, project finance, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, and investment evaluation. Supported the organization's commercial growth through innovative financing structures, due diligence, investment analysis, and shareholder advisory across international commodity markets.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Structured and implemented financing solutions, including pre-export finance, tolling arrangements, inventory finance, and limited recourse funding structures.
- ❖ Led financial evaluation and due diligence activities supporting acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic investments, and corporate transactions.
- ❖ Designed financing structures that aligned commercial objectives with shareholder value and long-term business strategy.
- ❖ Advised executive leadership on corporate finance matters, investment opportunities, and strategic growth initiatives.
- ❖ Represented shareholder interests through selected directorship responsibilities associated with investment activities.
- ❖ Partnered with the Chief Executive Officer to strengthen financial strategy, commercial decision-making, and investment governance

Deputy Director, Commodities Structured Finance**08/2007 to 10/2008****FORTIS BANK S.A., LONDON BRANCH****London United Kingdom****Executive Overview**

Managed structured finance solutions within the Energy, Commodities and Transportation Division, supporting international clients with tailored financing strategies while strengthening commercial relationships, credit assessment processes, and portfolio management across commodity markets.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Managed a diversified portfolio of commodity finance clients across international markets.
- ❖ Structured tailored financing solutions supporting commercial transactions and client growth objectives.
- ❖ Strengthened strategic client relationships to expand financing opportunities and long-term partnerships.
- ❖ Contributed to the enhancement of internal credit assessment models and financing evaluation processes.
- ❖ Prepared credit proposals supporting executive lending and financing decisions.

- ❖ Facilitated financing solutions valued at approximately USD \$175 million, supporting complex commercial transactions.

Regional Structured Finance Manager, Europe Middle East & Africa

11/2005 to 05/2007

NOBLE EUROPE LTD

London United Kingdom

Executive Overview

Led structured commodity finance initiatives across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, supporting commercial growth through innovative financing solutions while contributing to strategic investment evaluations and mergers and acquisitions initiatives across international commodity markets.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Developed structured commodity finance solutions supporting regional commercial trading activities.
- ❖ Structured financing transactions across sugar, aluminium, steel, and related commodity sectors.
- ❖ Evaluated strategic investment opportunities linked to commodity infrastructure and supply chain assets.
- ❖ Supported mergers and acquisitions initiatives through commercial and financial analysis.
- ❖ Collaborated with executive leadership on funding strategies aligned with regional business objectives.
- ❖ Strengthened commercial decision-making through financial modelling, market analysis, and investment evaluation.

Structured Trade Finance Manager

11/2002 to 10/2005

STEMCOR TRADE FINANCE LTD

London United Kingdom

Executive Overview

Managed structured trade finance activities supporting international commodity transactions across emerging and established markets, delivering innovative financing frameworks that strengthened supply chains, commercial performance, and long-term business relationships.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Raised structured commodity financing solutions supporting international trading activities.
- ❖ Delivered financing programmes across Northern Africa, Latin America, the Balkans, and Central Asia.
- ❖ Designed specialized financing structures supporting steel trading contracts and commercial supply chains.
- ❖ Collaborated with banking partners and commercial stakeholders to secure transaction funding.
- ❖ Supported international trade growth through structured finance and commercial risk management.
- ❖ Contributed to the successful execution of complex cross-border commodity transactions.

Operations Shipping Senior Officer

01/1997 to 10/2002

MARC RICH INVESTMENT LIMITED

London, White Plains United Kingdom, New York USA

Executive Overview

Established an early foundation in international commodity trading by managing shipping operations for the copper trading portfolio, ensuring the efficient execution of commercial contracts, logistics coordination, and operational support across global markets.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Coordinated daily shipping operations supporting international copper trading activities.
- ❖ Managed shipping documentation and logistics associated with physical commodity movements.
- ❖ Worked closely with commercial teams to ensure the timely execution of international trading contracts.
- ❖ Supported operational planning and supply chain coordination across global trading activities.
- ❖ Contributed to the efficient execution of physical commodity transactions through effective operational support.
- ❖ Established the operational expertise that supported progression into trade finance, treasury, and structured commodity finance leadership roles.

Structured Commodity Finance Officer

01/1997 to 10/2002

MARC RICH INVESTMENT LIMITED

London, White Plains United Kingdom, New York USA

Executive Overview

Progressed into a structured commodity finance role, supporting international commodity trading activities through the design and execution of transaction-specific financing solutions linked to commercial offtake agreements. Worked closely with banking partners, commercial teams, and senior leadership to facilitate financing structures that supported global trading operations.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Structured commodity financing solutions supporting international commercial offtake agreements.
- ❖ Developed transaction-specific financing structures aligned with global commodity trading activities.
- ❖ Collaborated with banking partners to facilitate structured financing requirements and transaction execution.
- ❖ Supported complex commodity trading operations through commercially aligned financing strategies.
- ❖ Worked closely with internal stakeholders to strengthen financing execution and commercial performance.
- ❖ Expanded expertise across structured commodity finance, international trade, and financial risk management.

Trade Finance Officer & Cash Management Officer

01/1997 to 10/2002

MARC RICH INVESTMENT LIMITED

London, White Plains United Kingdom, New York USA

Executive Overview

Supported international commodity trading activities through trade finance and treasury operations, strengthening liquidity management, financial controls, and cash management processes while contributing to the efficient execution of global commercial transactions.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Managed trade finance activities supporting financed physical commodity collateral across international trading operations.
- ❖ Reconciled financed trading positions while supporting commercial trading and treasury activities.
- ❖ Implemented and managed the rollout of a new cash management system to enhance treasury operations.
- ❖ Supported day-to-day liquidity management and cash management activities across the organization.
- ❖ Worked collaboratively with finance and commercial teams to strengthen financial control and operational efficiency.
- ❖ Built a strong foundation in treasury, trade finance, and international commodity finance.

Operations Shipping Officer

GLENCORE UK LIMITED

05/1994 to 12/1996
London United Kingdom

Executive Overview

Established an early foundation in international commodity trading by supporting shipping operations for the copper trading business, ensuring the efficient execution of commercial contracts, logistics coordination, and cross-functional operational activities that supported global trading performance.

Strategic Contributions

- ❖ Coordinated daily shipping operations supporting international copper trading activities.
- ❖ Managed shipping documentation associated with commercial contracts and physical commodity movements.
- ❖ Worked closely with trading, logistics, and commercial teams to facilitate the timely execution of international shipments.
- ❖ Supported operational planning to ensure efficient movement of commodities across global markets.
- ❖ Maintained accurate operational records while supporting compliance with commercial shipping requirements.
- ❖ Developed a strong operational understanding of international commodity trading, providing the foundation for progression into trade finance, treasury, and executive finance leadership.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

See Through Carbon

International network of experts working collaboratively on initiatives focused on achieving measurable carbon reduction outcomes through practical and sustainable solutions.

EDUCATION

B.A. (Hons.) European Business Administration With A Major in Economics.

European Business School

1994
Regent's University, London, UK

LANGUAGES

French:	Native	German:	C1
Native		(C1)	
English:	C2		
(C2)			