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Personal Information

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Personal profile

A down-to-earth and open team player, having strong communication skills, decisiveness, a creative yet pragmatic attitude, initiative-driven, curious and passionate. Self-motivated with a strong entrepreneurial mindset

A high degree of professional ethics and integrity.

Well-organized, accurate, pro-active, detail-oriented, ability to multi-task and work to independently.

Experience in MBO, growth financing across private equity & infrastructure

Professional experience

1 June 2020 – present : Investment manager, SFPIM

October 2016 – 1 April 2020: Investment Director, Korys family office

Jan 2012 – oct 2016 : Senior Investment Manager, KBC AM

2006-2011: Portfolio Manager KBC TMT Funds

2000 -2005: Financial Analyst , KBC AM

1999-2000 : Quantitative Analyst, KBC AM

Further details on professional experience

1 June 2020 – present : Investment Manager , SFPIM

SFPIM is the Belgian Sovereign Wealth Fund (12 billion AUM).

SFPIM acts as a trusted partner in helping Belgian companies, large caps, SME as well as scale-ups, to become a reference in their industry by providing smart capital solutions.

October 2016 – June 2020: Investment Director, Korys

- Korys is the investment company of the Colruyt family. A team of 30 professionals invests in companies and entrepreneurs taking a patient, well-thought-out and sustainable approach
- Korys focusses on the following sectors : Energy, conscious consumer and health care

Jan 2012 – oct 2016 : Senior Investment Manager , KBC Asset Management

- Manager of KBC Institutional Fund EMU small & medium caps: *Winner of the 2016 Tijd Award, 'best European Small & mid cap fund manager*
- I set up and build out the 'family enterprises' franchise within KBC. I was responsible for both the investments and fund raising. In three years time the franchise reached 400 million AUM.

2006-2011: Portfolio manager KBC TMT Funds (= 900 mio AUM)

- Responsible for the portfolio & risk management of KBC EF Technology & Telecom

2000 -2005: Financial analyst , KBC Asset Management

- Financial analysis of technology companies supporting the KBC investment team

1999-2000: Quantitative analyst, KBC

- Operational management and development of internally developed quantitative models

Deal sheet / board mandates

Responsible for the whole due diligence process from a to z. Active hands-on approach

- **Aukera Energy** : international developer of solar and BESS projects

Type: growth , buy and build

Mandate : board member

- **WIFV** : Waterleau International Finance vehicle . Financing vehicle for international water projects developed by Waterleau

Mandate : board member

- **Hex-Rays** : Founded in 2005, Hex-Rays is a Belgian technology company that develops advanced software solutions for Software Reverse Engineering (SRE).

Mandate : Board member

- **Itineris** : Itineris supports utilities by providing innovative Customer Information System (CIS), CRM, Asset and Field Services Management solutions

Board member 2020-2025

- **Clevernett** : Clevernett is a developer and operator of decentralized solar and battery projects

Current mandate : board member

- **Gridlink** : Energy holding active in solar EPC (EARTH) , energy brokerage (ENBRO), batteries & renewable assets (Clevernett) and EV charging (Sparki).

Mandate : board member

- **Sparki BV** : Developer and operator of an EV fast charging network in Belgium.

Mandate : chairman of the board

- **Qpinch** : Qpinch manufactures industrial heat exchangers for upgrading residual heat in industrial processes.

Mandate : board member + chairman of the audit committee

- **Solithor** : developer/producer of solid state batteries, spin-off of IMEC

Mandate : board member

- **Magnax** : developer of yokeless axial flux electric motors

Mandate : board member

- **Banqup** : offers enterprises tools to build strong digital connections with their customers, suppliers and other stakeholders. By doing so, we help our customers become more efficient, cost effective and compliant. Banqup is quoted on Euronext-Brussels.

Mandate : board member

Aukera : developer and operators of renewable assets and battery parks.

Mandate : board member

Education

2022-2025 : Energy Project Finance & Financial Modelling, Energy storage, PPA modelling & risk analysis

2002-2024 : CFA ,Chartered Financial Analyst program

1994-1999 : Master's degree in economics & engineering (handelsingenieur) , University of Antwerp, UFSIA,
first major = technology management, second major = corporate finance, graduated cum laude