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Personal Profile

Date of Birth: 13 September 1966

Age: 54 years

Executive Summary

I have over 29 years' experience as a Global Entrepreneur, dealing extensively in the offshore sector since 1992. I have been educated in a vast spectrum of industries in countries including the USA, United Kingdom, Antarctica, UAE, Russia, France, The Netherlands, South Africa, and Mauritius. My expertise has been nurtured from years of learning from the best in the respective fields of manufacturing, finance, family office, hospitality, property development, emergency medical care and corporate architecture to name a few. Since 2013, I have worked exclusively in the field of global wealth structuring, holding positions of Chairman, Financial Director, Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, AML Officer, Secretary and Non-Executive Director in Offshore Investment Funds, SPV's, OTC's, Pension Funds, and International Companies across the globe. Having looked after well-established clients and their business's, invested in the offshore market, my expertise and knowledge will no doubt add value. I have been privileged and am gracious to have worked and learned from with the absolute best.

Experience

January 2014 -

Transworld Holdings

Owner

- A personal platform.
- Closed Group
- www.transworldholdings.com

October 2016 -
June 2019

CAPTA FX - 25% Shareholder

April 2017 -
August 2018

Titan Corporate Services -Chairman

Chairman

Company Secretary.

- In charge of the day to day running of the company.
- Director on 32 Companies / Funds.
- Specializing in Property & Funds

Hercules International - 100% Shareholder

Director

October 2016 -
August 2018

COBUS Group

CFO

- Look after the Financial Team.
- Responsible for producing monthly Management Report to the Owner.
- <https://www.cobus.net>

OFFSHORE FORMATIONS 247

CFO

- Look after the Financial Team.
- Responsible for producing monthly Management Report to the Owner.
- <https://www.offshoreformations247.com>

ONEOFFSHORE COMPANY

CFO.

- Look after the Financial Team.
- Responsible for producing monthly Management Report to the Owner.
- <https://oneoffshorecompany.com>

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- Look after the Financial Team.
- Responsible for producing monthly Management Report to the Owner.
- <https://www.emfordglobal.com>

**October 2016 –
November 2017**

Titan Corporate Services –Director

CFO.

- Looked after the Financial side of the company.
- Involved in restructuring the business.
- Reported to owner.

**June 2014 –
October 2016**

Atlas Financial Group –Wealth Manager

Wealth Manager.

- Looked after my own portfolio of clients.
- Advising my clients on investments.
- Looked after their investments.
- My day-to-day activity involved researching the market, taking calls from prospective referred clients, communicating weekly with my client on their position in the market and how to better it, taking instructions from my clients to buy or sell their position.

**June 2005 –
June 2014**

Transworld Projects –Managing Director

Property Developer – based in Cape Town South Africa.

- Founding member of Transworld Projects.
- Procured 2 major developments.
- Developed, managed and built over 100 residential homes in Noordhoek, South Africa.
- My day-to-day job entailed:
 - Marketing and selling future off plan homes to protective clients.
 - Providing a one stop shop for my clients from breaking ground to turnkey on completion.
 - Managing over 200 personnel.
 - Programming a schedule that saw the company complete a 250sqm plus home every 3 weeks.

**Feb 2002 -
Dec 2004**

Haskell Incorporation – Director

International Investment Company based in Moscow.

Looked after the affairs of the company in South Africa and France.

- Project managed the development of a leading Wine Estate, Dombeya.
 - This entailed purchasing a fruit farm on auction in the golden triangle of Stellenbosch, South Africa.
 - Taking out all the fruit trees and rehabilitating the soil.
 - Planting 4 different varieties of grape.
 - Renovating the mohair shop on the estate.
 - Building a restaurant.

- Managing the restaurant and shop.
- Project managed, from initiation to completion, the estate's winery.
- www.haskellvineyards.com
- Projects managed the full development of 3 lodges in a Private Wildlife Safari Reserve.
 - This entailed purchasing a farm in the Bela Bela region, fully fencing 7500ha with big five fencing.
 - Rehabilitating the bush.
 - Purchasing wildlife, transporting them to the reserve.
 - Building an aircraft runway.
 - Renovating an old bush lodge from 1star to 4 star.
 - Building 2 x 5 star tented camps.
 - This project took 2.5 years to complete.
 - Shingwedzi Villa
 - Skukuza Villa
 - Monate lodge
 - www.monatelodge.com
- Project Managed a major renovation of a Villa in Fresnaye, Cape Town.
 - Purchased the villa.
 - Oversaw the total overhaul and decoration of the home.
 - Purchased the land next door.
 - Built a whole wellness centre.
- Bought and managed a guest house in Cape Town, South Africa.
 - Managed the renovation thereof.
 - Operated it for a year.
 - Sold for a 40% profit.
 - <http://www.fourseasonsguesthouse.co.za/>
- Project Managed a hotel.
 - Purchased a hotel in Long Street Cape Town
 - Closed its doors and did a 100% overhaul of the whole hotel, opened its doors again and then managed the entire operation as a going concern.
 - Oversaw the selling of the property.
 - 55% profit on the sale.
 - <https://www.granddaddy.co.za/>
- Managed a Super Yacht based in St Tropez.
 - I fully managed the day to day operation of the superyacht from hiring and running the crew, to organising berths around the Mediterranean, to supervising and looking after the owner and any guests, their travel arrangements and whilst on the boat. This also included a total overall during one of the winters.

**Feb 1995 -
Jan 2002**

Transworld Tourism – Managing Director

International Travel Company

Founding Member

- I developed a highly professional touring operation that offered a range of products including V.I.P. Tours, personal tours to all-inclusive package tours for both small and large groups and Incentives Travel. I introduced South Africa to guests ranging from the Vice President of a northern hemisphere country, C.E.O's of top USA, UK & Asian corporations, Chief Executives of the World Bank, stars from the film and entertainment industry and many families who have come to enjoy our warm climate and scenic beauty.
- Quote from a brochure in the USA, promoting Southern Africa.
 - John's understanding and knowledge of the travel industry comes from five years of hands on experience, since leaving the commerce field. During this time, he has established companies to handle inbound and outbound tourists. His leadership qualities have blended well with his

genuine interest in people, a gift that has played a major role in his success. John's vision, that all tourists using his companies will be treated as his personal guests, has now become a reality. This and other visions he has for tourism has earned him the nickname of "The Visionary." A name given to him by regular clients and people that have been recommended to his company. It is his dedication and youthful enthusiasm that has enabled him to caption the phrase, "perfection in travel."

- I was the preferred chaperone for an exclusive tour agency in San Francisco.
 - <https://www.geoex.com>
- Lead 2 expeditions down to the Antarctica.
 - Was instrumental in chartering an Ilyushin IL-76 from Russia and flying scientists from 3 different countries down to the Russian base in the Antarctica and then chartering a smaller plane to take them onwards to their respective bases. Before we initiated this, scientists had to spend weeks on boats sailing to the Antarctica.
 - This operation is still ongoing.
 - I left the operation on accepting a job with Haskell Incorporation.
- Was the preferred Incentive Tour Operator for the No 1 Life Insurance Company in South Africa leading groups of up to 50 pax to:
 - Alaska
 - France
 - East Coast of USA
 - Lapland
- The last 3 years I was involved with Transworld, I was on the road traveling for 922 days.
- Extracts taken from a few of over 200 letters written to John Sparks on completion of their travels:
 - *"Perception: Take an unbelievable beautiful trip to South Africa, meet an intelligent gracious human being, try and take them back to New York with you, sorry no go, love them unforgettably, what more can anyone hope for?"*
 - *Ad Artra Per Aspera—you are such a fine representative for SA.*
 - *Dear John – I hope they put a statue of you in the square or better still on top of Table Mountain! You make a huge difference for South Africa and actually probably all of Africa.*
 - *We learned from him not only the history but also the social evolution of the country. In one week, he became a very dear friend to us. We look forward to having many more great trips with him.*
 - *In-depth knowledge. John is deeply knowledgeable across a number of fronts. He is particularly grounded in everything he does.*
 - *Top-notch interpersonal skills. John is a warm and engaging individual. He related empathetically with each member of our family. As he came to understand the family dynamics, he played an important role in balancing our interests and in resolving apparent controversies as to how we spent our time. He has an easy and friendly manner with service people at all levels of seniority. By the end of the trip, we came to consider. John was more a friend than a chaperone we had employed.*
 - *John, this is our 2nd trip to the Cape, but this one far surpasses our last. You are a wonderful & hardworking person. Thank you for sharing your love with us. See you soon.*
 - *Your love of South Africa is infectious – we'll have to warn travellers to get inoculated! An absolutely superb performance by you.*

**Mar 1992 –
Dec 1994**

Robertson & Cain Boatbuilding – Accounts Executive

A leading boatbuilding company registered in the USA.

- Based in Maitland in Cape Town, I joined the company in the first 6 months of operation.
- Oversaw the financial side of the building of the first ever Robertson and Cain Catamaran.
- 15 Catamarans were built before I left the company to start Transworld Tourism.
- The company now is one of the world leading catamaran boat building operations.
- To date I believe they have built over 1000 catamarans which are spread all around the world.

**Jan 1990 -
Dec 1991**

Price Waterhouse

Auditing Company - Articles

- Worked on different companies' books, auditing and signing off their annual Financial Statements.

Qualifications

1987 – 1990

University of Cape Town: B Comm Accounting specialising in Mathematics, Statistics & Tax

Interests

Financial News, Athletics (National Junior and Senior Provincial Colours), Triathlon (National Senior Colours), Mountain Biking (Completed 2 x Cape Epic's), Sailing (raced semi-professionally), Golf, Cricket, Rugby (Senior Provincial Colours) & Reading

Other Experience

**January 1982 -
Dec 1984**

Represented South African Schools Athletics

1984:

Captain of the Western Province Schools Athletics

June 1984

Represented Western Province Schools: Rugby

1985 / 86

**South African Defence Force
Western Province Senior Athletics Team**

1985 / 86

Represented South African Defence Force: Rugby

1986

Represented South Africa at the All-Africa Games: Triathlon

1986 / 87

Represented Western Province U20 – Rugby

**April 1987 -
May 2000**

Air and Sea Rescue South Africa - Manager

- I was an active member of the Air and Sea Rescue South Africa.
- Managing the whole operation in South Africa from 1997 to 2000.
- Carried out over 250 hours of actual rescue flying time with countless rescues been undertaken.
- Obtained my Level 3 Paramedic Certificate.

1993

Cape to Rio Yacht Race

- During my University period I looked after Bertie Reeds yacht “Grinaker”
 - This involved taking sponsors and guests out on day trips.
- I was part of his professional team in offshore races over a 3-year period.
- I was part of his 4-man team for the Cape to Rio Yacht Race in 1991

2010

ABSA Cape Epic Mountain Bike Race

- Known as the Tour De France of Mountain biking
- www.cape-epic.com/

2012

ABSA Cape Epic Mountain Bike Race

References available on request.