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Profile Summary

30 years in financial and professional services providing expert and operational advice to large companies around strategy, transformation, risk, asset and capital management, compliance and adapting to new regulation and technology. More recently PhD in computer science and startup co-founder.

Career History

Copenhagen Business School Department of Digitalization. Postdoc researching DAOs and blockchain-based business models, part-time	Nov 2024 – present
Pixelpai Co-founder of startup building a web3 financial infrastructure platform	Dec 2023 - present
University of Copenhagen, Dept of Computer Science, PLTC Ph.D. fellow, thesis on DAOs and Blockchain in regulated finance.	Aug 2021 – Oct 2024
Business angel and mentor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digishares Investor, mentor, and advisory board member• Copenhagen Fintech Mentor for startups• Ante Investor, mentor	Jun 2020 - present Jun 2020 – present Jun 2020 – present Mar 2019 – present
Ernst & Young Denmark Senior partner, responsible for digital, risk, advanced analytics and translating and scaling analytics and enabling business around the AI agenda	Jul 2018 - Jun 2020
Ernst & Young UK Leading EY EMEIA FSO's Banking Union Centre, which was a core team focusing on clients European Central Bank (ECB) in its supervisory capacity (SSM), Single Resolution Board (SRB) in its supervisory capacity (SRM), European Commission (DG FISMA) and select other banking regulators and supranational institutions. Since the middle of 2017 responsible for the EMEIA FSO Prudential Risk practice	Jul 2015 - Jun 2018
Ernst & Young Denmark Equity partner, FS Denmark Advisory leader, leading the Nordic Risk practice and member of the Nordic Advisory leadership. Since 2013 also Advisory leader for Denmark	Apr 2011 - Jul 2015

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)	Jan 2005 - Apr 2011
Equity partner responsible for the Risk practice. From 2005-2007 I lead the European Enterprise Risk Management network and from 2007-2009 I was also the Financial Services x-line of service market leader for PwC Denmark and member of the global firm's Governance, Risk & Compliance leadership team.	
Marsh Inc	Jul 1995 - Jan 2005
Marsh Inc	Jan 2004 - Jan 2005
Managing director, responsible for the global Business Risk consulting practice	
Marsh Nordic, Copenhagen	Jul 2002 - Jan 2005
Managing director, responsible and accountable for the development of Marsh Risk Consulting Nordic. Member of Marsh Nordic executive committee.	
Marsh Europe SA, London	Apr 2001- Jun 2002
As a director in Risk Consulting, I was part of the European management team, responsible in the line for building the infrastructure of a pan-European consulting operation.	
Marsh Europe SA, London	Jan 2000 - Mar 2001
As program director, I was responsible for implementing a large strategic program for Marsh Europe retail (B2B, B2C, B2B2C), including the implementation of a matrix organization. I managed a program office of 6 direct reports and an investment budget of USD +30m	
Marsh Denmark, Copenhagen	Jan 1998 - Dec 1999
Practice leadership of the local Marsh Risk Evaluation Group, the Risk Finance-, Quantitative analysis-, Strategic Risk Assessment- and financial and professional industry practices.	
Bonnor & Company/T.V. Bonnor law firm, Copenhagen Lawyer	Jul 1995 - Dec 1997
Law firm Thomas V Bonnor, Copenhagen	Jan 1992 – Jul 1995
3-year mandatory internship (adv.fm) to become lawyer under the Danish Bar. Specialising in commercial insurance law, contract and EU law	

Education and qualifications

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- ❑ Ph.D. in Computer Science, University of Copenhagen 2021-2024
 - ❑ Token Engineering / TE Academy alumni, DAO Governance, 2021
 - ❑ Python specialization by the University of Michigan on Coursera 2020 (5-course specialization)
 - ❑ MIT Sloan & MIT CSAIL Artificial Intelligence: Implications for Business Strategy Program 2019
 - ❑ EY leadership training at Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern and Harvard 2012-2017
 - ❑ Six Sigma Green belt, October 2008
 - ❑ FRM degree through Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) 2005
 - ❑ Columbia Business School exec education and Marsh leadership development 2000-2004
 - ❑ Executive MBA at Copenhagen Business School 1998 – 1999
 - ❑ Commercial and casualty insurance education at Danish Insurance School 1993 – 1995
 - ❑ Master's degree in law, University of Copenhagen 1986 – 1992