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EXPERIENCE

Jean-Marie Van der Elst is a Director in BRG's Latin American Global Investigations & Strategic Intelligence, Corporate Finance and Construction Practices and is based in Miami, Florida. He has significant financial management, treasury, accounting and corporate management experience. Dr. Van der Elst has provided international expert testimony on both financial and economic matters. His industry experience includes automotive, & pharmaceutical manufacturing, packaging and distribution and the retail industry in Europe, South America, Africa, USA, Russia and Eastern Europe.

Dr. Van der Elst has more than 35 years of experience which includes forensic finance experience in domestic and international arbitrations (ICC, ICSD), valuations, financial fraud, contract disputes, business and consequential losses, economic and loss of earnings claims as well as other matters involving financial conflict or anticipated litigation. He has significant experience in the Financial Services and Construction Sectors, leading economic analyses and market research projects in developing countries. His track record of successfully negotiating pre-litigation settlements outside of the formal mediation process has delivered significant value to clients.

Dr. Van der Elst has experience in structuring and financing successful Public Private Partnerships, trade agreements, implementing financial and commercial risk management policies, international trade and transfer pricing, free trade zone structures, developing shared services centers and has successfully led strategic planning initiatives including business renewal plans for a pharmaceutical company.

Jean-Marie has lead teams responsible for multiple benchmarking projects including supply chain logistics as well as brand and business development redesigns for multinational pharmaceutical, beverage and tobacco companies. In the packaging industry, as a CFO, he has experience in supervising finance, treasury, internal audit and information technology management accounting, tax planning, developing and executing financial structures, transfer pricing and creating and implementing sales support finance solutions.

Dr. Van der Elst holds a Doctorate Summa Cum Laude in International Economics & Business from the Nathan Bisk College of Business at the Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL. He holds a Master's degree in Economics & Finance from University of Port Elizabeth, South Africa where was a Lecturer in the Faculty of Economic Sciences before completing the SEP program at Columbia, NY. Dr. Van der Elst has been Treasurer at GMSA, Finance Director Tetra Pak UK, Switzerland & Russia, CFO RJR Russia and GM Coca-Cola Sabco Tanzania. He was also Chairman/Executive Director of

GR Pharmaceuticals in Cape Town, RSA. He founded TAS Forensics, developing a niche market for international financial forensic services and opened TAS Forensics LLC, Florida in 2015 and joined BRG as an IC in March 2016. He continues to teach as a visiting Lecturer on Economics and Finance at International Universities. Dr. Van der Elst is a licensed member of American College of Forensic Examiners (ACFEI), the American Bar Association (ABA), the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DBRF) and the Florida Council for Public Private Partnerships (FCP3).

EDUCATION

Ph.D., International Economics and Business	Nathan Bisk School of Business, Florida Institute of Technology, Florida, 2019
M.A., Economics & Finance	University of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 1989
B.A., (Honors) International Economics	University of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 1985
B.A., Economics & Psychology	University of Cape Town, South Africa, 1980
Senior Executive Program	Columbia University, USA, 1996
Corporate Finance Program	London Business School, London, UK, 1992
Advanced Marketing Program, GSB	University of Cape Town, 1983

CASE EXPERIENCE

Valuation / Forensic Finance / Economic and Financial Damages Analysis / P3 Advisory

- Valuations & defense
 - Airport operations. Brazil
 - Pharmaceutical group. South Africa
 - Technical IT start up. Spain
- Economic & Financial, Socio-Economic damages determinations & defense
 - National water utility P3 project. Colombia
 - Urban transport P3 project. Peru
 - Water Utility P3 project. Ecuador
 - Real Estate investment. Mexico
- General Motors SA Treasurer.
 - GMC dis-investment from SA, road show & successful recapitalization of Newco.
 - Negotiating & implemented Free Trade Zone structures for CKD import & re-exports
- Tetra Pak International, Finance Director. Switzerland

- Design & implement International Treasury & Leasing operation Dublin Ireland.
- Design & implement Trade and asset finance solutions in Europe, CIS, Africa & Latin America.
- Negotiate & implement Free Trade Zone structures for PM imports, various locations in CIS, Africa & S America.
- Tetra Pak CIS, CFO, Merger & Acquisition, USD1 billion vertical integration, structuring & financing for PPPs.
- GR Pharmaceuticals SA, Chairman, Lead Acquisitions & restructure, including:
 - Lead restructuring team to secure MCC certification
 - Implementing performance management systems and distribution network.
- General Motors SA, Member Management Buyout Coordinating Committee in NY responsible for corporate finance resulting in successful buy-out from GMC & restructuring Newco's (DMC) balance sheet and negotiating facilities.

Business Advisory Services

- Irving & Johnson SA, Design and develop Shared Services Centre.

Project Management Advisory Services

- Tetra Pak UK, Team Leader
 - Design & implement equipment leasing solutions for sales teams.
 - Production benchmarking & restructuring UK facilities.
 - Logistics projects TPW, TPUK & TP Russia redesigning and training responsible staff.
- Coca-Cola Tanzania, GM.
 - Logistics development into rural areas using innovative distribution techniques. Recognized in TCCC Annual Report 1999.

Finance Disputes Advisory Services

- Financial Control Board (FSB), SA, Expert forensic investigator and witness in financial forensic cases.
- High Court SA, Expert Witness on financial disputes.

CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Florida institute of Technology, Melbourne Florida, Visiting Lecturer on Corporate Finance, Strategic Management, International Business. 2017-Present.
- Puerto Rico P3 Summit. Ensuring bankability of Projects in Puerto Rico - Panel, June 2018.

- ACFEI Annual Forensic Research Conference. Keynote Speaker. Financial Forensics – A green hat approach to delivering value from integrated industrial psychology support. San Francisco, CA. Fall 2016.
- Florida Council of Public Private Partnerships (FCP3). Value for Money (VfM) in P3s. Tampa, FL, Fall 2016.
- ACFEI Annual Forensic Research Conference. Speaker. Financial Forensics and loss of earnings determinations – The increasing role for forensic industrial psychology in investigating and determining post-morbid uninjured scenarios in personal injury claims. Fall 2015.
- Ras-al-Khaimah American University, School of Graduate Studies & Research, Visiting Lecturer. Patience, Perseverance & Tolerance. Spring 2015.
- International Finance Symposium. Monaco. International Financial Markets performance and trends. July 1985.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Forensic Examiners Institute, Member. USA. License: 116797
- American Bar Association - Member
- Dispute Resolution Board Foundation – Member
- Florida Council for Public Private Partnerships (FCP3)

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- “The Economic Impact of Anti-Corruption Legislation on Foreign Investor Perceptions of Corruption.” Doctoral Dissertation, Florida Institute of Technology. November 2019.
- “Infrastructure investments can be achieved by building bridges.” *The Bond Buyer*, April 2018. Co-author
- “Mexico’s new national anti-corruption system.” *Bloomberg Law Securities Regulation & Law Report*, March 2017. Co-author.