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Profile

As an Audit Senior Manager with over 25 years of experience, I specialize in IT and business risk management, delivering international programs across diverse including insurance, pharmaceuticals, sectors, MedTech, staffing, telecommunications, banking, and manufacturing. My expertise lies in evaluating IT and operational processes to deliver high-value outcomes, ensuring best practices and regulatory compliance within organizational control frameworks.

I have a proven track record of leading multinational teams and working independently to foster collaborative, knowledge-sharing environments while executing complex risk and audit projects within time, quality, and budget constraints. My experience enables me to provide strategic guidance and deliver impactful results, helping organizations achieve their objectives and mitigate risks, whether as an employee or a freelance consultant.

Diploma

CISM - Certified Information Security Manager | ISACA, 2025 (in preparation)

CIA - Certified Internal Auditor | IIA

CISA - Certified Information Systems Auditor | ISACA

Master of Science in Economics | University of Geneva

Dipl. in Engineer Sciences HES, Major in telecom. | Engineers School of Geneva

Birthdate: 9 October 1969 | Swiss Citizen | partnership with two children

Languages Native French, Fluent English and basic German

Technical ISO/IEC 2700x, COBIT, IT Governance, ITIL, Scripting, all common OS and Databases including latest infrastructure technologies such as IA, virtualisation, Cloud Technologies, etc.

Career summary

2017 to IT Control and Risk Management Consulting GmbH | Zurich

2024

As a freelance consultant, I have delivered multiple IT Risk and Compliance projects, serving as a short or mid-term contractor to oversee the implementation and management of IT risk frameworks and cybersecurity. My responsibilities included coordinating project activities, ensuring adherence to industry standards, and delivering robust risk management solutions. Additionally, I have taken on operational roles, leading the implementation of IT solutions across the full project lifecycle. This encompassed software development, technical infrastructure management, and oversight of external resources.

Internal Audit Senior Manager | Zurich Insurance Group | Zurich 2014 to

2016 Led a portfolio of circa 30 IT and Operational audits per year representing yearly ~8000 audit hours with internal and external resources in a complex and global organisation.

2008 to Internal Audit Senior Manager | Adecco Group | Zurich

2013 Member of the Group Internal Audit Leadership team

Led the global IT audit team (up to 8 auditors – covering 60 countries) with a strong focus on integrated audit approach and data mining. Additionally, fully accountable (Operational, IT and Financial) for the audit plan of the Central and Eastern European Business Units.

2014 & IT Control and Risk Management Consulting GmbH | Zurich

2004 to Provided Risk Consulting Services to blue-chip clients such as DepuySynthes (J&J Company), Credit-Suisse, Winterthur Group, Axa Tech AG, ABN-Amro Bank,

Altana Pharma to support business integration or internal control framework implementation. Duration of Projects was typically from 6 to 18 months.

1997 to **Deloitte**

2004 2002 Manager, Enterprise Risk Services | Zurich

2001 Senior Consultant | Auckland, New Zealand

1997 **Consultant** | Geneva

Led an Enterprise Risk Management team (up to 6 people) to undertake Information Systems and Operational Audit assignments for external regulatory audits and consultancy services such as business process improvements, computer forensic investigations, and network vulnerability assessments.

Career Insight

2014 to Internal Audit Senior Manager | Zurich Insurance Group | Zurich

2016 Managed audit portfolio included various topics such as:

- · Comprehensive review of a 1 Billon USD project (from bidding to the transition and transformation of the services) related to the outsourcing of the telecommunication services;
- · Review of the service delivering of strategic IT outsourcing suppliers including the IT security and the operation management;
- · Review of the data privacy programme (GDPR) for the key Business Units;
- · Review of the technical database & IT infrastructure of several datacentres managed by different third parties suppliers for a total of 5000 audit hours;
- · Review of the application development lifecycle for critical web-faced applications.

1996 to Audit Manager | Adecco Group | Geneva, Auckland, Zurich 2004

Led a Control Assurance team to undertake Information Systems and Operational Audit assignments - external regulatory audit, project and quality assurance reviews, business process improvements, computer forensic investigations, and network vulnerability assessments.

2024

Selection of projects:

Credit Suisse Financial Services | 18 months

Managed the local implementation of the SOX IT compliance program across CSFS's operations in Italy, Germany, Monaco, Luxembourg, Gibraltar and Brazil.

- Restored project management confidence in critical Business units / environment.
- · Achieved all project deliverables in terms of quality, timescale and budget.
- Performance resulted in becoming a key member of the global SOX IT implementation team.

Winterthur Group | 10 months

Advised local management throughout the re-engineering project of the IT compliance framework in Belgium, Spain, UK, Germany, Hungary and US operation: Project was done under the full satisfaction of both business sponsor and external auditors.

Cablecom AG, Subsidiary of Liberty Global Inc. | 6 months

Provided program delivery support to the Swiss entity during the implementation of the company-wide compliance program with a focus on the design and implementation of automated business controls for the critical business processes. As a results, a full set of automated controls was successfully implemented in a very short period of time and the SOX compliance certification was successful with no significant deficiency.

1997 to **Deloitte** | Geneva, Paris, Auckland, Zurich

2004 Key clients included Merrill Lynch, Glencore, Royal Bank of Canada, Credit Lyonnais, Vodafone, Microsoft, Procter & Gamble, Japan Tobacco International, Phillips Morris, Morgan Stanley, SGS, Coutts Bank, Nestle, Fiat, BASF, Alcatel, Alstom, PartnerRe, Kredietbank, Banca Popolare di Sondria and Sotheby's.

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