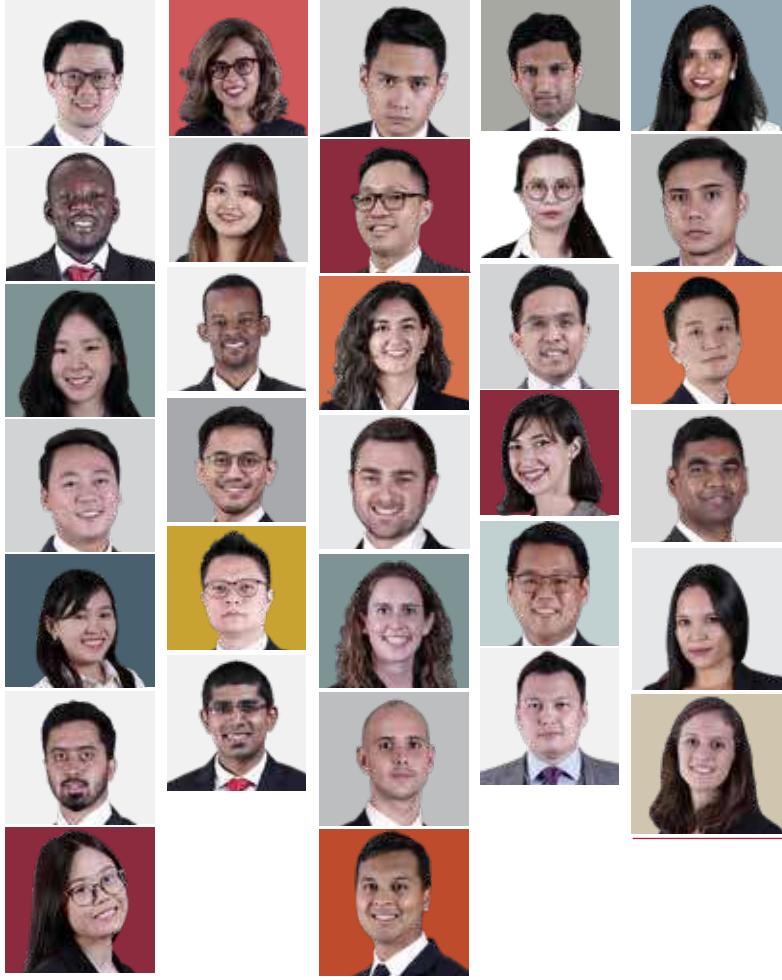




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PROFILE OF 2021

Asia School of Business MBA Students

↙ Total MBA Graduates **32**
↙ Average Age **29** Years
 ↙ Average Work Experience **6** Years



Gender

● Male **63%**
● Female **37%**



Age

















● < 25 **9%**
● 26 - 28 **34%**
● 29 - 31 **38%**
● > 32 **19%**



Work Experience

● 1 - 3 years **22%**
● 4 - 6 years **41%**
● more than 7 years **38%**

Nationalities*

	Malaysia	31%
	USA	9%
	India	16%
	South Korea	6%
	Argentina	3%
	Brazil	3%
	Philippines	6%
	Canada	3%
	Chile	3%
	Colombia	3%
	Ghana	3%
	Kazakhstan	3%
	Liberia	3%
	Morocco	3%
	Sudan	3%
	Vietnam	3%

Industries

• Finance	22%
• Energy	22%
• Consumer Products	9%
• Consulting	6%
• HighTech/Multimedia	6%
• Start-up	6%
• Other	6%
• Aerospace/Aviation	3%
• Agriculture	3%
• Government	3%
• Law/Legal Services	3%
• Nonprofit	3%
• Real Estate	3%
• Pharmaceutical	3%
• Publishing/Media	3%
• Transportation	3%

* Nationalities listed on this page are based on primary nationalities declared by students upon admission. Please note that some students have multiple nationalities and details can be found in the individual bio pages that follow.

Abhiram Keremane

Industry Experience:

Finance, Accounting,
Start-Up

Areas of Interest:

Private Equity, Business Strategy,
Business Finance

Nationality:

India

**Education:**

Bachelor of
Commerce in
Business,
BANGALORE
UNIVERSITY

**Years of
Experience:**

5.5

**Languages
Spoken:**

English,
Hindi,
Kannada

Biography

Abhiram is a Chartered Accountant from India who is interested in strategy roles in data driven organization across the Asia Pacific region. Before joining ASB, he worked with KRP Associates Chartered Accountants where he led the assurance practice.

Prior to KRP Associates, he was a Deputy Manager in Deloitte where he was responsible for multinational assurance engagements and played a key role in ensuring seamless workflows during his projects.

Abhiram began his career as an Associate in TSMT Chartered Accountants, handling financial diligence, taxation, valuation and internal audit engagements. He is a passionate trekker who has completed several high altitude treks in the Himalayas and has played professional badminton.

Amanda Silver

Industry Experience:

Start-Up, Real Estate Services,
Transportation and Logistics

Areas of Interest:

Future of Work,
Operational Systems,
Data Science

Nationality:

USA



Education:

Bachelor
of Science in
Psychology,
DAVIDSON
COLLEGE

Years of Experience:

3.5

Languages Spoken:

English

Biography

Amanda loves designing scalable operational systems and building teams of process-focused individuals. She began her career as the third employee at a real-estate technology startup called Castle, and after that, the third person to join the operations team at an autonomous-vehicle transportation startup called May Mobility.

She had the opportunity to manage her department and lead internal organizational strategy at Castle in the role of Detroit Head of Operations, as well as write the playbook used to launch America's first autonomous commuter shuttle service at May Mobility in the role of Operations Project Manager. She has a passion for people and process, and works relentlessly to get the best out of both.

Her experience working at disruptive technology companies has fueled her interest in the changing workplace. She started a monthly newsletter called Workable where she compiles insights from news sources, academic journals, and her own research articles to foster a community of inclusive and intentional working professionals. She plans to spend the rest of her career researching these trends and applying high-impact best practices to ensure a smooth transition for today's workforce.

Outside of work, she enjoys running, reading, listening to podcasts, writing Medium articles, and having conversations about the wonderful city of Detroit, where she has lived for the past four years.

Amjed Ali

Industry Experience:

Consulting, Nonprofits and Social Enterprises, Aerospace, Aviation and Defense

Areas of Interest:

Management Consulting, Consulting, Innovation Management, Business Development, Entrepreneurship, NGOs

Nationality:

Sudan



Education:

Bachelor of Engineering in Aerospace Engineering, SUDAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Years of Experience:

8

Languages Spoken:

English, Arabic

Biography

Amjed is an aeronautical Engineer who navigated his way into entrepreneurship and strategies. He worked in both aircraft maintenance and research as well as undertook many endeavors that ranged from NGO works to trying to establish his own business. He has always looked for a purpose and impact on what he did and was invested in activities that aimed to foster and sustain a collaborative entrepreneurial ecosystem in Sudan.

Amjed grew a great interest in management consulting when he was involved in the establishment of the Aeronautical Research Center in Sudan and played a big role in developing its strategy and managerial system. He has been involved in a number of strategic planning teams and developed KPIs and result maps. In his company, RoadMap Group, Amjed developed frameworks and manual for establishing and running sustainable business incubators in Sudan. He decided to pursue an MBA in ASB to obtain relevant smart and sharp skills to become a management consultant, learn how to create and run companies and help entrepreneurs do the same. He also hopes to gain transferable insights and know-how on developing emerging and growing markets.

In his free time, Amjed travels to the mountains, an environment he finds humbling and touching. He also enjoys football, swimming and long walks.

Asyur Mustapha

Industry Experience:

Start-Up, Software,
Technology Consulting

Areas of Interest:

Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Digital
Business Consulting, Venture Capital

Nationality:

Malaysia



Education:

Bachelor of
Technology in
Information Systems,
INTERNATIONAL
ISLAMIC
UNIVERSITY
MALAYSIA (IIUM)

Years of Experience:

3

Languages Spoken:

English,
Malay

Biography

Asyur is the founder and CEO of Easytech Digital Solution, a company dedicated to providing the best user experience for its clients through developing augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), mobile and web solutions. He is determined and passionate to make technology understandable and inclusive to everyone.

Before he started his own venture, he was a Lead Trainer for Coding@ Schools, a program that equipped the younger generation with skills necessary to become more creative and innovative. Asyur also participated as a Mentor for the 1Malaysia Entrepreneurship (1MET) Bootcamp in 2015. Since then, he has taught and mentored more than 1,000 students and youth throughout Malaysia. He is also a Youth Ambassador for the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and has worked with the Asian Pacific Children Convention.

Asyur studied Information Technology at the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) in Gombak. During his college years, he was president of the school's entrepreneurship club and treasurer of the faculty students' society. In his free time, he likes to travel, watch movies and play futsal with his friends.

Benjamin Suren Kee

Industry Experience:

Electrical Power, Building Technologies

Areas of Interest:

Smart Cities, Mobility Technology,
Corporate Strategy,
General Management

Nationality:

Malaysia



Education:

Bachelor
of Science in
Mechanical
Engineering,
OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY

Years of Experience:

4

Languages Spoken:

English,
Malay,
Bahasa Indonesia,
Tamil

Biography

Benjamin started his career at Siemens in a regional role covering ASEAN and rotated through various roles such as strategy, business development and sales. Being a junior executive in a regional role, Benjamin adapted quickly to navigate the cultural and hierarchal challenges in the organization in order to ensure strategies are communicated and implemented. He was the only junior member of a global team of senior executives that devised strategies to grow the electrical utility business in the region. His last role in Siemens prior to joining ASB was in sales of building technologies to optimise capital and operation expenditures throughout the lifecycle of a building.

Benjamin loves technology and innovation especially in infrastructure and the digitisation of this field. Recent changes in the energy and mobility industries got him pondering on the implications of a future with renewable energy and electric vehicles, weighing the immense opportunities against the potential challenges. By pursuing an MBA, Benjamin intends to build off his previous experience and create an impact in these exciting new industries.

In his free time Benjamin keeps busy with CrossFit and enjoys walking in nature. He also loves to travel in order to widen his perspective of the world and discover how businesses vary, from rural villages to large metropolises. A self-proclaimed foodie, he will not miss the best ice cream joint in town.

Chung Jin Chuah



Industry Experience:

Investment Banking and Brokerage,
Public Finance, Commercial Real
Estate

Areas of Interest:

Venture Capital, Private Equity,
Fund Management

Nationality:

Malaysia



Education:

Master
of Science in
Finance,
OXFORD
BROOKES
UNIVERSITY

Years of Experience:

7

Languages Spoken:

English,
Cantonese,
Mandarin,
Malay

Biography

Chung Jin has more than 6 years of experience in investment banking. He obtained his Master of Science from Oxford Brookes University in 2012 before joining the Corporate Finance department at M&A Securities Sdn Bhd.

As a Licensed Person under Capital Markets and Services Act 2007, Chung Jin served as the principal adviser for a portfolio of more than 40 public-listed companies on a wide range of corporate exercises including initial public offerings, project fund-raising, company restructuring, mergers and acquisitions, private placements, and employee share issuance or option schemes.

Chung Jin is also interested in managing businesses and runs his family-owned private limited company providing property rental and property management services. Since joining the company in 2014, he broadened the company's income streams by diversifying into property management. He also ventured into the tourism rental sector by partnering with property owners and managing their listings on platforms such as Airbnb.

Currently, he is developing a web application to automate property management processes as well as provide tenants with additional services such as record-keeping and complaint management. In his free time, Chung Jin is a keen participant in the competitive team sport of dragon boating. He has participated in several international regattas over the past three years.

Corinne Sullivan

Industry Experience:

Software Technology, Start-Up

Areas of Interest:

Sports Management, Operations,
Sustainable Development

Nationality:

USA



Education:

Bachelor of Arts
in Economics and
International Peace
Studies,
UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME

Years of Experience:

2

Languages Spoken:

English,
Spanish

Biography

Corinne is a data-driven leader and team player who has experience at several startups working as an analyst in dynamic, fast-paced environments. Most recently, she spent two years as a Venture for America Fellow in Baltimore. There, she was a data analyst at a health education software startup working to help all departments make more insightful, quantitative decisions. Before that, she worked at a fintech startup optimizing the company's outreach strategy.

Corinne graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a BA in Economics and International Peace Studies. Her academic ventures were focused on the intersection of global events and economic impact with a particular interest in athletic events such as the Olympics and World Cup.

At ASB, Corinne is excited to learn more about the local cultures and global business environment of Southeast Asia, as well as develop better management and operations skills. In her free time, she is an avid sports fan and loves outdoor activities with friends.

Cristóbal Galilea

Industry Experience:

Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Hospitality

Areas of Interest:

Entrepreneurship, Customer Service, E-Commerce

Nationality:

Chile, Mexico



Education:

Bachelor of Economics in Finance, UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA

Years of Experience:

5.5

Languages Spoken:

English, Spanish, Portuguese

Biography

Originally from Chile, Cristobal has lived in multiple cities such as Mexico, Venezuela, and Australia. He believes that this exposure is the main reason for his affable and sociable personality. He is most passionate about entrepreneurship, social impact and practicing sports, especially tennis.

He holds a bachelor degree in economics from the University of Guadalajara, where he was selected as a counsellor to represent students will at the school board. He participated in the Perach social program for over a year where he was the mentor of a under privileged kid

His professional career started as an analyst at Hewlett-Packard Mexico. He was recognized for his outstanding commitment and performance when the organization faced the biggest company split in business history. After a few years in HP, He moved back to Chile to be closer to his nephews and therehe started working in Primus Capital Financial Services as an Internal Control Manager.

Finally, his entrepreneurship spirit made him fund his startup, participate in the MIT entrepreneurship Bootcamp, and wonthird place in the weekend startup in Brisbane Australia.

Post MBA, he is looking to enter the consulting industry with the final purpose of becoming an impact consultant.

Daniel Phang

Industry Experience:

Investment Banking and
Brokerage, Engineering
Services

Areas of Interest:

Training, Education, Consulting,
Automotive, Real Estate
Development

Nationality:

Malaysia



Education:

Bachelor
of Science in
Mechanical
Engineering,
UNIVERSITY OF
NOTTINGHAM

Years of Experience:

3.5

Languages Spoken:

English,
Mandarin,
Malay

Biography

Daniel is a personal growth enthusiast. Several years ago, he fell into a depression and with the help of his family and friends, was able to overcome it. The experience led him to strive to become a better person every day.

While on this journey, Daniel learned a lot about psychology, gratitude, control, influence, leadership, love, how the brain works and how other people think. Armed with this knowledge, his personal mission is to continue learning and help the people around him grow and lead better lives.

Daniel studied mechanical engineering, a pursuit that grew out of his love of supercars and LEGO building blocks. During his studies, he participated in many co-curricular activities including training, dancing, and project management. He was later given a lucky break to enter the banking industry and learned a lot about the sector.

Going forward, Daniel hopes to help other people through coaching, training and consulting. He has also helped out in his extended family's 70+ year old traditional restaurant in Pudu, Sek Yuen Restaurant, since the age of nine.

Diana Ayala Gómez

Industry Experience:

Start-Up, Agribusiness,
Food and Beverage

Areas of Interest:

Social Entrepreneurship,
E-Commerce, Agribusiness

Nationality:

Colombia



Education:

Bachelor of
Economics in
Economics and
Business, ICESI
UNIVERSITY

Years of Experience:

6

Languages Spoken:

English,
Spanish,
Portuguese

Biography

Diana is an economist and international negotiator, certified in 2016 as an Internal Auditor Quality Management Systems – ISO 9001-ISO 14001-OHSAS 18001 with 6 years of work experience. She has a passion for coffee commercialization and through this, formed connections with farmer, indigenous and afro-descendant communities.

In 2015, she founded a company, Aygo Organic SAS, which seeks to unite the Colombian organic farmers and support them by exporting their products under the fair trade and direct trade principles. Skilled in both intrapreneurship and entrepreneurship, Diana has developed a wide range of expertise in export markets, logistics and negotiation. She also has experience working together with people from different countries, including Italy, Brazil, Germany, Colombia and the Netherlands.

Diana was recognized as a Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLA) Professional Fellow program of the United States Department of State in the initiative's 2018 cohort due to her strong focus on responsibility, innovation, teamwork and community.

She fell in love with social work since she was a child, participating in educational programs for children in the Brazilian favelas.

Dilip Suresh

Industry Experience:

Pharmaceutical research and development, Packaging and Manufacturing, Project Management, Institutional business

Areas of Interest:

Consulting, Marketing, Product Development, Exports and Logistics

Nationality:

India



Education:

Master of Pharmacy in Pharmaceutical Sciences, JSS UNIVERSITY

Years of Experience:

3

Languages Spoken:

English, Kannada, Telugu, Hindi

Biography

Dilip loves building and leading teams to succeed. Before ASB, Dilip worked with AstraZeneca India in operations, handling packaging for 25 drug products and managing production activities for the Indian market. He also worked as a Project Manager for a global project impacting the local market collaborating with fellow employees from China, the UK, USA, and Sweden.

Dilip's passion for leading and problem solving was noticed and was offered a dual role while he was asked to lead operations activities. He played an instrumental role in developing and scaling the Institutional Business for Astra Zeneca Indian from the operation department. Under his leadership, the company was able to grow its business from USD 2m in 2017 to USD 7.3m by the end of 2018. He supported the business by setting up new processes, optimizing and streamlining activities and sharpening the work force which increased overall productivity by 10x. For his contribution in 2017 he was nominated and awarded as Rising star of Astra Zeneca.

Dilip holds a Bachelor and Master degree in Pharmacy and has published a research article in the Arabian Journal of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants on reducing the toxicity of an anticancer drug.

Through his MBA at ASB, Dilip aims to sharpen his business acumen and entrepreneurship skills. He is passionate about building businesses and becoming an able leader and change-maker.

Diyas Sarsenbay

Industry Experience:

Oil and Gas,
Chemical Manufacturing,
Financial Consulting

Areas of Interest:

Petrochemicals,
Consulting

Nationality:

Kazakhstan



Education:

Master of Finance,
UNIVERSITY OF
DURHAM

Years of Experience:

11

Languages

Spoken:

English,
Kazakh,
Russian

Biography

Diyas, originally from Kazakhstan, earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics from the Financial Academy under the government of the Russian Federation in 2008, and his Master's degree in Finance from the University of Durham in 2015.

Over his career, he has held a variety of different positions, from managing the trading department in an investment company to his most recent position as Head of Strategic Planning for the United Chemical Company, a national chemical company in Kazakhstan. His professional experience includes working in different industries such as petrochemicals, oil and gas, construction and investments. Diyas looks forward to learning more about finance, exploring different career opportunities and developing his leadership and professional skills. He is also excited to build his professional network and develop his career in the process.

Franco Bravard

Industry Experience:

Engineering,
Construction,
Supply Chain

Areas of Interest:

Engineering Projects,
Production, Retail

Nationality:

Argentina, Chile



Education:

Master's
Degree
Industrial
Engineer,
ARTS ET METIERS
PARISTECH

Years of Experience:

5

Languages

Spoken:

English,
Spanish,
French

Biography

Franco is passionate about engineering, production systems, new technologies and human dynamics. He enjoys working in a globalized world, while learning and proposing innovative solutions.

He won a full scholarship given by the Argentinian and French government to do a double degree in industrial engineering. He finished his studies in 2014 in Paris, France, obtaining his industrial engineer degree in Arts et Metiers ParisTech.

He started working at ETF-Groupe Vinci, a French construction company in 2012 before obtaining his engineering degree. In 2014 he moved to Chile to start the construction of 2 subway lines in Santiago. He worked in this company till December 2017 once the project was running satisfactorily. During this period, he was responsible for quality management and client billing.

In January 2018, he joined Hatch, a Canadian engineering firm specializing in mining projects where he was Bid Manager. Later that year, he joined Vielva Comercial SPA, a Chilean retail company that designs, imports and distributes machinery. He worked as a Product Manager for the company's energy, water and farm product lines.

Franco aims to sharpen his business skills and seek new opportunities via his MBA at ASB. PostMBA, he is interested in working as project manager in fields such as engineering, production or retail.

Hisyam Hassim

Industry Experience:

Oil and Gas,
Engineering Services

Areas of Interest:

Oil and Gas Project Management,
Corporate Finance and Modelling,
Engineering Management,
Consulting

Nationality:

Malaysia



Education:

Bachelor of
Engineering
in Petroleum
Engineering,
UNIVERSITI
TEKNOLOGI
PETRONAS

Years of Experience:

6.5

Languages Spoken:

English,
Malay

Biography

Hisyam has been in the oil and gas industry ever since graduating with a degree in petroleum engineering. He has gained expertise in the preparation of proposals and tenders of large-scale and complex floating production systems (FPSO) both from a technical and commercial standpoint ensuring that the solution proposed provides the best techno-commercial proposition for the client.

Hisyam was involved in technical meetings as well as commercial and contractual negotiations with his clients. Hisyam has also been involved in the business development side of things, regularly meeting international oil and gas upstream players which includes National Oil Companies (NOC) and large cap companies.

Hisyam is happily married and a proud father of a son. He is an avid sports fan (of any kind) and plays both the guitar and drums.

Hrishi Eathakota

Industry Experience:

Equipment and Hardware,
Technology, Consulting

Areas of Interest:

Product Management,
Innovation Management,
Consulting

Nationality:

India



Education:

Bachelor of
Engineering
in Electrical
Engineering,
OSMANIA
UNIVERSITY

Years of Experience:

9

Languages Spoken:

English,
Hindi,
Telugu

Biography

Hrishi is an engineer who came to Southeast Asia to explore career opportunities in product and innovation management. Before ASB, he worked with the Fire and Security group of United Technologies, where he led mobile app development and hardware product development efforts.

Hrishi's team was responsible for building the first Bluetooth enabled smart lock for United Technologies that has been installed in over 100,000 rooms in hotels such as The Hilton and The Marriott. Hrishi also spearheaded process excellence efforts by conducting several kaizen events that improved team productivity by over 30%. He also led several innovation initiatives at United Technologies and has 7 patent-pending invention disclosures.

Before that, he was an Associate Consultant at Capgemini and led quality assurance efforts for clients such as the 21st Century Insurance and The Royal Bank of Scotland Insurance group. He managed a team of six engineers to create a multi-platform software test automation framework resulting in over \$25 million of revenue. Hrishi is a trained musician and vocalist who loves teaching and mentoring high school students in his free time.

Huan Ren Chan

Industry Experience:

Legal Services, Real Estate, Entertainment

Areas of Interest:

Pharmaceutical, Blockchain, Biosafety

Nationality:

Malaysia



Education:

Bachelor of Laws, MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY, Master of Laws, UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA

Years of Experience:

8

Languages Spoken:

English, Mandarin, Malay

Biography

Chan practiced as a lawyer in a top 5 law firm in Johor Darul Ta'zim where she advised established MNCs, national strategic investment companies, and GLCs while completing her Master of Laws at the University of Malaya. Exercising resourcefulness, she developed her scope of practice as a Senior Associate to encompass a wide range of business needs which includes both local and cross-border commercial transactions.

Business-focused, she often engages with diverse stakeholders and brings to the table a strong understanding of legal and commercial issues, providing creative input to structure bespoke commercial contracts that enables her clients' businesses to be both innovative yet sustainable. The highlight of her career was helping her GLC clients close deals for housing development projects of an aggregate GDV exceeding RM1 billion, while proactively identifying associated risks.

Being entrepreneurial, and in line with her real estate experience, Chan co-founded a propTech start-up with the social objective of "making neighbours family again". She hopes to combine what she learns through her MBA at ASB with her ability to identify and solve problems to address the business challenges facing Asia. Some of her hobbies include biohacking, traveling, and appreciating jazz music.

Ilham Bazi

Industry Experience:

Utilities, Retail

Areas of Interest:

Entrepreneurship, Business Development, Consulting, Operations

Nationality:

Morocco



Education:

Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, INSTITUT SUPERIEUR DE COMMERCE ET D'ADMINISTRATION DES ENTREPRISES (ISCAE)

Years of Experience:

6.5

Languages

Spoken:

English, Arabic, French

Biography

Ilham completed her degree in Finance from ISCAE, a Moroccan Business School which included an exchange semester at the ICN Graduate Business School, a private French higher educational establishment.

She holds significant professional experience in various finance roles in 3 different continents. After graduation, she started as a financial controller for a multinational corporation in Morocco. With her excellent smart skills and proven ability to achieve targets, she was appointed to manage a \$200 million revenue acquisition in Oceania. After succeeding in her mission, she was nominated as the finance manager of another acquisition in the United Kingdom. In 2018, Ilham returned to Morocco to work as a finance business partner responsible for 70 countries. Throughout her managerial accounting experiences, Ilham reconciled finance with business proving that finance and numbers are key for business to thrive, adapt and adopt. She is also effective at persuading operations and business managers. As her opinions are highly valued and evidence-based judgements respected.

She is a strong believer in the power of positive thinking in the workplace and life in general, an enthusiastic traveler and an art lover. When she is not wandering around galleries and museums, she enjoys meeting new people, indulging in flavorsome cuisines, bungee jumping and skydiving.

Jamie Tam

Industry Experience:

Finance, Consulting, Non-Profits
and Social Enterprises, Start-Up

Areas of Interest:

Strategy Consulting, Digital
Business and Innovation,
Entrepreneurship

Nationality:

Canada
Hong Kong S.A.R.



Biography

Education:

Masters of
Philosophy in
Technology
Leadership and
Entrepreneurship,
HONG KONG
UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

Years of

Experience:

3.5

Languages

Spoken:

English,
Cantonese,
Mandarin,
Korean

Jamie is a client management professional who explores unconventional opportunities. Previously, she worked at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong as a Member Relations Manager, where she oversaw account management and identified cross-selling opportunities. She also liaised with key Chamber Committees and partners to develop potential advocacy, campaign and event opportunities.

Before that, she was a Client Associate at Coleman Research, where she played an instrumental role on the APAC Investment Management team. She was responsible for expert research, establishing new relationships with industry professionals, and handling investment management clients in APAC.

Jamie co-founded a travel app startup during her MPhil studies, where she was in charge of the business development and marketing strategies. After earning her MBA, she is interested in pursuing a career in entrepreneurship. In her free time, she is a music enthusiast, songwriter, and dancer.

Jan Abelard Bagay

Industry Experience:

Aviation, Flight Operations, Customer Service, Sales and Innovation

Areas of Interest:

Entrepreneurship, Operations Management, Sales, Customer Journey and Innovation

Nationality:

Philippines



Education:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Trinity UNIVERSITY OF ASIA

Years of Experience:

8

Languages Spoken:

English, Filipino

Biography

Before joining the aviation industry, Abelard has a medical background as a nursing undergraduate that focused on public health policy and advocacy. He joined Philippines' AirAsia as one of the pioneer cabin crew. After 3 years, he was given an opportunity to lead within his department as a cabin crew executive and later promoted to crew engagement and training executive. The position required him to grasp new ideas and concepts quickly from other countries (i.e. Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, and India) to develop benchmarks for successful implementation of business strategies for management operations, innovation, sales, training and engagement.

Working cross-functionally with other countries made him agile, adapting well and initiate innovation that brings value to his organization. Abelard often competes against himself to continuously improve his ability to serve others. He is a genuine, caring person who talks the talk and walks the walk. As a God-fearing family man, nothing makes him happier than leading the charge, uniting and motivating his team with infectious enthusiasm.

Jennie Teh

Industry Experience:
Engineering Services

Areas of Interest:
Management Consulting,
Finance, Social Enterprise

Nationality:
Malaysia



Education:
Bachelor of
Engineering in
Electrical
Engineering,
UNIVERSITY OF
NEW SOUTH
WALES

**Years of
Experience:**
4

**Languages
Spoken:**
English,
Mandarin,
Malay

Biography

Jenie holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering with First Class Honours from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia.

Upon graduating, she worked as an engineer at Panasonic Appliances Air-Conditioning R&D Malaysia, where she applied her engineering skills and technical knowledge. Her perseverance and indomitable spirit have helped her thrive in the highly competitive and fast-paced engineering industry.

After gaining four years of invaluable work experience, Jenie is ready to undertake a new challenge and make a career transition into business management. She aspires to push boundaries, create change and be a transformative leader.

Through ASB's innovative MBA program, she aims to further broaden her perspective, develop a strong business acumen, and gain important experience and skills to be industry-ready. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, traveling, and meeting new people.

John Loh

Industry Experience:

Publishing, Investment Banking

Areas of Interest:

Technology, Finance,
Investing

Nationality:

Malaysia



Education:

Bachelor of Arts
in Journalism,
CURTIN
UNIVERSITY
OF
TECHNOLOGY

Years of Experience:

8

Languages Spoken:

English,
Cantonese,
Mandarin,
Malay

Biography

John was a journalist and editor covering finance and business news for eight years in Asia before he decided to pursue an MBA. He wrote for The Star, Malaysia's largest English daily newspaper, before moving to Hong Kong to cover the Asia-wide capital markets as a correspondent with Euromoney, winning the Award for Best Editorial Comment in the 2016 State Street Institutional Press Awards Asia Pacific.

While in Hong Kong, he witnessed the rise of China's technology powerhouses and "unicorn" companies. John hopes to use his MBA as a springboard into the venture capital and private equity industries, with a special focus on artificial intelligence start-ups.

In his free time, John enjoys solo travelling, cooking and CrossFit. In 2016, he completed a 100-kilometer race in Hong Kong within 40 hours to raise HKD \$13,800 for charity.

Jonathan Chu

Industry Experience:

Advertising, Marketing,
Human Capital Consulting

Areas of Interest:

Management Consulting, Business
Consulting, Product Consulting

Nationality:

Malaysia



Education:

Bachelor of
Arts (Honours)
in Advertising
and Media,
NORTHUMBRIA
UNIVERSITY

Years of Experience:

7

Languages Spoken:

English,
Cantonese,
Mandarin,
Malay

Biography

Jonathan is the General Manager at 95% The Corporate Culture Consultants. Under his leadership, his company pivoted its business in 2015 and has consistently doubled its revenue every year since then. Throughout this process, his company grew from 8 to 33 employees, won awards, and secured its biggest client ever.

Jonathan played an instrumental role in developing, consulting, facilitating and managing 95%'s core product, the Culture Transformation Programme, which supported many of their clients to turn around their company cultures and produce business results. It was with this experience that he discovered he had an unquenchable thirst for scaling companies and developing products that sell.

Championing entrepreneurship and youth empowerment, Jonathan was the Editor-in-Chief for two key reports – 'Our Future Says' and 'IMPACT' – and presented them to world renowned leaders such as Sir Bob Geldof, Prof Muhd Yunus, Kofi Annan, and Prince & Princess of Norway at One Young World, an international youth leadership summit, in 2010 and 2011 respectively. 'Our Future Says' Report featured insights from 20,000 Malaysian youths on Education, Entrepreneurship, Politics, Economics, Race and Interfaith Dialogue; and 'IMPACT' Report featured Malaysia's top 50 impact-driven ideas by Malaysian entrepreneurs.

Jonathan is an avid rock climber, pianist and final fantasy gamer. He loves reading, learning and growing, which is what led him to ASB. Jonathan looks forward to enhancing his skills to support more companies to scale and build brands that create a better world.

June Park

Industry Experience:

Finance and Fintech,
Intergovernmental Organization

Areas of Interest:

Data Analytics,
Technology,
Innovation Strategy

Nationality:

South Korea



Education:

Bachelor of
Arts in Political
Science,
HANYANG
UNIVERSITY

Years of Experience:

2.5

Languages Spoken:

English,
Korean

Biography

June has an affinity for breaking down complex problems to come up with applicable solutions. Before joining the Asia School of Business, June was a data analyst at Bloomberg L.P where she was the point person for the South Korean fixed income market. Her responsibilities ranged from data acquisition and maintenance to solving client inquiries. She also regularly implemented strategies to optimize efficiency in data workflow to ensure quality and enhanced product database.

June earned her BA in International Studies at Hanyang University in Korea. Her first exposure to Southeast Asia was when she travelled to Lao PDR to serve as a United Nations Volunteer at the UNDP Vientiane office. She fell in love with the fast-growing region and could not help but come back to complete her MBA here at ASB.

At ASB, June hopes to explore various opportunities throughout the region and aspires to become a leader who implements data-driven business decisions. She looks forward to build her leadership skills and is excited to make an impact as the next generation leader.

Luiza Massari

Industry Experience:

Food and Beverage,
Transportation and Logistics

Areas of Interest:

General and Non-Profit Consulting,
Education, Logistics

Nationality:

Brazil



Education:

Bachelor of
Engineering in
Civil Engineering,
UNIVERSIDADE
FEDERAL DO RIO
DE JANEIRO (UFRJ)

Years of Experience:

2.5

Languages Spoken:

English,
Portuguese,
French

Biography

Luiza is an engineer with operations experience. She started her career in AmBev, the Brazilian arm of AB InBev, the world's largest brewer. As a logistics analyst, she was responsible for optimizing operations by reporting on and implementing strategies aimed at improving the department's KPIs.

At AmBev, she improved the efficiency of the company's warehouse management and logistics distribution functions in complex urban centers. She also developed resilience and creativity through managing the firm's daily beer distribution operations, as well as social skills through dealing with people from all levels of the organization.

Luiza joined ASB to experience other industries, work with start-ups, and meet people from different cultures. She is a sports lover, passionate about discovering new foods and excited to explore Southeast Asia.

Mohammed Awal Suddeeq Musah

Industry Experience:

Agribusiness

Areas of Interest:

Management Consulting,
Marketing Consulting,
Agribusiness

Nationality:

Ghana



Education:

Bachelor of
Science in Human
Settlement Planning
TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE,
GHANA

Years of Experience:

7

Languages

Spoken:

English

Biography

Motivated by the desire to create positive societal change, Mohammed started his first company after working as a Project Manager for a construction consulting firm. The agribusiness firm brought together farmers from across northern Ghana to learn best practices in the industry. The firm's marketing team also leveraged economies of scale to promote local products, leading to a 50% increase in farmers' sales. He also created a brand of cosmetics made from local raw materials, creating jobs for northern Ghanaians.

To arm the next generation of entrepreneurs with the right expertise, Mohammed has provided training in technical and vocational skills, as well as mentorship in entrepreneurship. After his MBA, he hopes to provide consulting services to startups, focusing on general management and marketing.

Nodira Bobojonova



Industry Experience:

Accounting, Investment
Banking and Brokerage

Areas of Interest:

Human Capital,
Human Resource Management

Nationality:

USA, Uzbekistan



Education:

Bachelor of
Business
Administration in
Accounting and
Finance
UNIVERSITY OF
PITTSBURGH

Years of Experience:

4.5

Languages Spoken:

English,
Uzbek,
Turkish

Biography

Born in Uzbekistan, Nodira lived in Czechia for seven years before moving to the United States for her undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh. Her experience of having lived and studied in multiple countries gave her the passion to learn about other cultures and human development.

Her professional life started at the public accounting industry in taxation and regulation. She received her certified public accountant license in the state of Pennsylvania. She has experience in managing corporate, partnership and individual tax returns. In 2017, she had the opportunity to help implement the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act for a regional bank in Pittsburgh and its 26 affiliates. Her perseverance and commitment to her work lead to a successful career path at fast-paced public accounting industry.

At Asia School of Business in collaboration with MIT Sloan, she is ready to take on new challenges whilst strengthening her knowledge to make a career transition into human resource management and operations. Ultimately, she aims to be an organizational designer to implement workforce development strategies on a global scale.

In her free time, she enjoys playing the piano, choreographing freestyle dance compositions, listening to podcasts, travelling and reading about human capital development. She is a first-generation immigrant to United States and speaks Uzbek and Turkish fluently.

Ranjini Rayappa

Industry Experience:

Investment Banking
and Brokerage

Areas of Interest:

Finance, Marketing,
Entrepreneurship

Nationality:

India



Education:

Bachelor of
Business
Management,
BANGALORE
UNIVERSITY

Years of Experience:

6

Languages Spoken:

English,
Hindi,
Kannada

Biography

Ranjini is a finance professional who came to Southeast Asia to explore career opportunities in emerging countries and markets. Prior to joining ASB, she was attached with the investment banking division in Goldman Sachs.

She started her career in Goldman Sachs and worked her way through multiple divisions such as risk and private wealth management. In the span of 6 years, she has gained extensive experience in managing risk for the firm.

Her roles involved reconciling books and records, managing client portfolios, managing even developed her own organic beauty products.

In her free time, Ranjini pursues her passion for sports. After representing the Goldman women's football team as captain in multiple corporate tournaments, she went on to represent her state football team in the national women's league.

Rex Ericson Bamba

Industry Experience:

Transportation and Logistics,
Aerospace, Aviation and Defense

Areas of Interest:

Operations Management,
Customer Experience, Community
Engagement

Nationality:

Philippines



Education:

Bachelor of Science
in Nursing, HEALTH
SCIENCES AND
TECHNOLOGY,
ANGELES
UNIVERSITY
FOUNDATION

Years of Experience:

7

Languages

Spoken:

English,
Tagalog,
Kapampangan

Biography

Rex is an adept operations manager who specializes in optimizing operational performance and streamlining procedural essentials. He has been part of the aviation industry for seven years and has made great strides to modernize its technology.

During his time as a Guest Service Manager, he initiated and implemented innovations in AirAsia Philippines that improved customer experience and customer loyalty. Besides, his contribution in reforming of ground operation processes both enhanced customer journey and optimized staff productivity.

Rex is fond of exploring new places, embarking on new adventures and immersing himself in unique cultures. He enjoys playing board games where he and his partner boast of their growing collection.

Shaun H. Kim

Industry Experience:

Government, Technology

Areas of Interest:

Technology,
Product Management

Nationality:

South Korea



Education:

Bachelor of Arts in
Business,
KOREA INSTITUTE
OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY
(KAIST)

Years of Experience:

3.5

Languages Spoken:

English,
Korean,
Japanese

Biography

Shaun discovered his dream of making a positive impact on society through technology and innovation while studying at KAIST. To pursue this dream, Shaun joined ETRI, a government R&D institute where he worked alongside Korea's most well-known researchers, Ministry of Science and ICT, learning the dynamics of government-driven R&D. His previous experience in managing diverse stakeholders made him an excellent communicator and team player. With ambitions to make an impact on society at large, Shaun decided to challenge himself and make a career shift into the IT industry in the Asia Pacific market to see what opportunities await him outside of his home country.

Shaun believes that IT is the key to a better future in creating more quality jobs and making the living environments simpler. He hopes to do his part to change the world post-MBA starting with becoming a product manager, working in an interdisciplinary environment and managing teams in a technology-driven firm. Shaun is full of curiosity, willing to try new things and go out of his comfort zone.

He is a global-ready leader with eyes open for the world.

Utkarsh Kulkarni

Industry Experience:

Education, Non-profits and Social Enterprises, Real Estate

Areas of Interest:

Management Consulting, Venture Capital, Operations

Nationality:

India



Education:

Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering, UNIVERSITY OF PUNE

Years of Experience:

4

Languages Spoken:

English, Hindi, Marathi

Biography

Utkarsh is a qualified civil engineer with extensive leadership experience. He began his career in the real estate industry as a Graduate Engineer Trainee at Lodha Group, one of the largest real estate companies in India. After working on multiple projects, he moved to the procurement department where he managed the supply chain of all the finishing items across all of the company's projects. Utkarsh was responsible for the procurement of USD \$15 million worth of products for projects covering 30 million square feet.

Passionate about social impact, Utkarsh left the corporate world to pursue Teach For India fellowship. He worked in a low-income government school for two years, leading a team of four diverse fellows and fifty volunteers from organizations such as FIAT, Deutsche Bank, and Symantec. Through this work, he impacted the lives of 110 students and 250 adults in the community.

Utkarsh loves to brainstorm ideas for new initiatives and to focus on the big picture. He is fond of swimming, reading biographies, and astronomy. He plans to leverage his ASB experience to create a sustainable positive impact in the world by working closely with entrepreneurs and disruptive startups.

Vy Nguyen

Industry Experience:
Oil and Gas

Areas of Interest:
Technology,
Energy, Consulting

Nationality:
Vietnam



Education:
Bachelor of
Engineering in
Chemical
Engineering,
UNIVERSITI
TEKNOLOGI
PETRONAS

**Years of
Experience:**
6

**Languages
Spoken:**
English,
Vietnamese,
Mandarin,
Malay

Biography

Vy is a passionate oil and gas professional who has great interest in technology and science. Her experience with Baker Hughes – General Electric, the world's second largest oilfield services company shaped her into a strong believer of teamwork, motivation and performance consistency. Over the years, she led teams of various nationalities for offshore executions in key drilling campaigns across different countries in SEA. She started as a Junior Engineer then progressed into a managerial and coordinating role after 5 years of field exposure. In spite of the oil price crisis, she managed to secure high-value contracts for the company over strong incumbents in the market for both Vietnam and Malaysia operations.

Vy has always considered Malaysia her second home ever since she completed her degree in Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, and she is grateful to be back to pursue her MBA. Apart from academic excellence, she has solid enthusiasm over sports. She represented her organization's badminton team and won multiple medals. She is a frequent traveller especially to places where she can experience new cultures and capture street-life photos. In her free time Vy loves playing the piano and recording acoustic covers of her favourite songs.

Upon graduation from ASB, Vy intends to leverage her engineering knowhow with the newly acquired knowledge from the MBA program to explore opportunities in technology or consulting firms. She is also attending certified specialty coffee courses to chase her dream of opening a Vietnamese coffee shop in Malaysia.

Yazman Harris Yahya

Industry Experience:

Oil and Gas,
Management Consulting,
Government

Areas of Interest:

Renewable Energy,
Oil and Gas,
Consulting

Nationality:

Malaysia



Education:

Bachelor of
Engineering
in Mechanical
Engineering,
UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Years of Experience:

13.5

Languages Spoken:

English,
Malay

Biography

Yazman is a proud engineer-turned-corporate-strategist who built his career at PETRONAS. He has vast energy industry experience from operations to the CEO office, including work in corporate strategy and HR strategy. He has extensive international exposure throughout his career and was based in Milan, Florence and Yokohama for several years.

While working in corporate strategy and HR strategy, he was involved in various strategic studies aimed at developing the workforce of the future, positioning the company for growth, and reviewing key strategic functions. He worked alongside reputable consulting firms such as McKinsey and BCG.

Yazman also played a key role in crafting the company's renewable energy strategy, which led to the creation of the New Energy business unit. He represented Malaysia during several Free Trade Agreement negotiations across the globe and worked closely with Malaysia's Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

He is married to a doctor and blessed with two daughters. He enjoys running and volunteering in youth outreach and motivational programs. Yazman is keen to begin his un-learning and re-learning process at ASB, to fulfill his aspiration to become the CEO of PETRONAS.

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