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EXPERIENCE

Hidden River Farm

Director

New Jersey, USA

3/10 - Present

Part owner and Director of sustainable farm development. Responsibilities include: designing and developing family farm property to a sustainable farm completely functional in a grid down situation. Includes the design of multiple energy, water, vegetable, and animal protein sources.

Architectural Investments

President

SIA, Latvia

3/93 – 4/09

Owner and President of the first foreign owned real-estate development & management firm in Riga, Latvia. Responsibilities include: Locating and developing property with financial potential. Once the projects were developed, to manage the buildings, including repair and maintenance, hiring of personnel, rent monitoring, and customer relations.

Aizkraukles Biznesa Centrs (ABC)

C.E.O & Director

SIA, Latvia

2/07 – 4/09

Owner, C.E.O. and Director of the largest business center in the Aizkraukle Region of Latvia. ABC is a development and reconstruction project of 21,000 m² (226,000 ft²) building located on 3.4 ha (8.4 acres) of land that was the former VEF (State Electronics Factory). Responsibilities include: locating and purchasing the facility, arranging financing, overseeing the renovation, bring to EU standards, renting and management of ABC, including repair and maintenance, hiring of personnel, rent monitoring, and customer relations.

Scandinavian Buildings & Homes

C.E.O. & Director

SIA, Latvia

3/05 – 1/09

Owner, C.E.O. and Director of start-up prefabricated manufacture of a timber frame wall panel production located in Aizkraukle, Latvia. Responsibilities included: Managing operations, setting corporate strategy, arranging financing, negotiating customer contracts, purchasing and setup of manufacturing machinery. Besides supplying Sweden's largest construction companies with product, SB&H created a low cost, energy efficient replacement for the Soviet housing stock.

Old Riga Christmas Market, www.vzt.lv

CEO & Shareholder

SIA, Latvia

12/01 – 4/09

A founding shareholder, concept creator, and first Director of the first (non-profit) Christmas Market since Soviet occupation of Latvia in 1939. The Markets purpose is to reestablish and promote Christmas and holiday traditions, develop the Latvian Christmas craft industry, and promote tourism during the holiday period. Responsibilities included: Design of market and kiosks, construction of kiosks, location of sponsors, receiving Riga City and architectural permission, arranging volunteer staff. Presently a shareholder. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ycy9BbgbC_A

InterSource Real-Estate Group

Vice President Operations

SIA, Latvia

9/95 – 10/00

Responsibilities included: Property management, leasing and sales of approximately 20,000 sq. meters (200,000 sq. ft) of property, 25 items representing approximately \$25 mil of investment in Riga controlling 5% of Old Riga. Also, locating property with financial potential, designing projects for maximum profit. Hiring of engineers, attorneys & sub-contractors. Formulating cost analysis of improvements. Supervising and coordinating construction. Negotiating contracts with tenants and purchasers. Evaluating marketing and advertising program. Construction Project Manager of Jacob's Barracks, the largest project of its kind in the 3 Baltic States, responsible for building, managing and securing the European Commission's Embassy, Royal Netherlands Embassy, the US Ambassador's residence, and the Italian Ambassador's residence. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wcg428vTHm8>

LEADERSHIP

American Chamber of Commerce of Latvia, www.AmCham.lv President & Board of Directors

**SIA, Latvia
3/93 – 3/08**

President for the first 9 years of the first and largest Western business organization in Latvia, continuing 6 years as Director at large all volunteer (15 years in total). Responsibilities include: starting and building the Chamber, representing the views of the Chamber's members to the Latvian, American and other governments, representing the Chamber on the Foreign Investors Council in Latvia (FICIL), advising potential American investors on Latvia, fighting for the development of fair and healthy business laws in Latvia, representing the Chamber at the White House and Capitol Hill.

Foreign Investors Council in Latvia (FICIL), www.FICIL.lv Vice Chairman & Council Member

**SIA, Latvia
5/99 – 3/08**

A founding member and instrumental in the formation of the first Foreign Investment group in the Baltic countries – all volunteer. FICIL annually meets with the Prime Minister and Cabinet to advise on improvements of Latvia. American Chamber of Commerce representative to FICIL, Vice Chairman of FICIL, and Chairman of the FICIL Real-estate Committee. Actively works with both the Latvian Government and Riga City Council to improve the real-estate environment by advising on the development of laws and the removal administrative barriers. Advised the US Embassy, the EC, and the World Bank on Latvia's development. Responsible for setting up the structure of FICIL.

Junior Achievement Latvia (JA Latvia), www.JAL.lv Chairman & Board of Directors

**SIA, Latvia
10/96 – 1/08**

Chairman for 4 years, Director at large – all volunteer. JA is the largest non-profit student business education organization in Latvia. JA Latvia has 28,000 students (approximately 10% of the Latvian grade school population) and over 300 schools participating in its courses. Implemented financial monitoring system, organized sponsorship program, increased student and school participation.

EDUCATION

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA

- B.S. Civil Engineering, June 1983
- B.S. Geological Sciences, June 1983

National Outdoors Leadership School (NOLS)

- Wind River Wilderness Course, Wyoming, USA – 5 weeks Summer 1973
- Yellowstone National Park Course, Wyoming, USA – 3 weeks Winter 1976

Martial Arts

- Ryu Kyu Kempo - 2nd Degree Black Belt
- Tiger Commando Karate - 1st Degree Black Belt

National Ski Patrol – Senior Patroller (1986 – 1992)

- Winter Emergency Care
- Advanced 1st Aid
- CPR

Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP)

- Master Practitioner 1990 – Richard Bandler
- Trainer 1988 – Anthony Robbins