

From Accountant to CFO: Essential Skills and Strategies for Career Advancement

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About our speaker:

Mr. Edwin Lee is a distinguished finance expert with over 25 years of experience in the financial services industry, currently based in Dubai. His career has been characterized by his adeptness at navigating complex cross-border transactions across diverse jurisdictions and sectors.

Mr. Lee's expertise encompasses a broad range of financial disciplines. He is particularly skilled in FinTech, including managing the capital markets lifecycle with blockchain and digital assets, and raising capital through digital securities. His extensive experience also covers fund structuring and management, corporate finance, investment banking, capital markets, valuation, financial structuring, private equity, and banking. Additionally, Mr. Lee is proficient in mergers and acquisitions, investments, VAT and tax planning, and financial modeling.

His industry experience is equally impressive, spanning real estate, digital media, hospitality, construction materials procurement, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, textiles and fashion, manufacturing, commodities, infrastructure, telecommunications, mining, commercial and trade printing, as well as corporate finance and public accounting.

Mr. Lee excels in several key areas: setting up and managing funds, strategic planning for investment entry and exit, mitigating risks associated with cross-border transactions, and overseeing regional and international expansion projects. He is adept at developing and managing financial and time budgets, assessing regional corporate restrictions and tax implications, and executing due diligence. His skills in financial planning, budgeting, and corporate financial execution further enhance his professional profile.

Notably, Mr. Lee has successfully managed the end-to-end execution of Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), Reverse Takeovers (RTOs), and Digital Securities Offerings (DSOs). As a Chief Financial Officer (CFO), he has guided companies through their transition periods following stock exchange listings. His proven track record in raising private equity spans Canada, the Middle East, and Asia. Mr. Lee has been a member of CPA Canada since 2001 and is bilingual in Cantonese, which complements his international financial expertise.

