

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Senior maritime professional with 25+ years of experience operating across the oil & gas and offshore wind markets. Combines technical background as a naval architect with extensive commercial experience in shipbroking, business development and strategic advisory roles. Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers with an established international network across Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia. Experienced in developing senior level relationships with international clients and supporting strategic decision making, contract negotiations and transactions for complex, high value assets.

Qualifications:

- Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (FICS), United Kingdom
- Chartered Engineer (CEng), Engineering Council, United Kingdom
- Member of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (MRINA), United Kingdom

Key Skills and experience:

- Expert Witness Training – HKA, Assurety
- Certificate in Vessel Valuation – Lloyds Maritime Academy
- Chartering/Sale & Purchase Masterclasses – BIMCO
- Contract and Change Management for Ship Construction, Royal Institute of Naval Architects
- Professional Certificate of Management – Open University



APPOINTMENTS and RESPONSIBILITIES

TMC Marine Consultants Ltd, London, UK
Head of Naval Architecture

2026 - Present

Marocean Ltd, London, UK
Director

2017 - 2026

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

Founded specialist offshore energy and maritime consultancy supporting clients in the development, acquisition and optimisation of complex offshore assets.

- Led vessel brokerage and consultancy activities managing up to 3-4 associates on project-by-project basis.
- Negotiated, executed and managed vessel charter agreements and sale & purchase transactions.
- Supported clients on newbuild contracting and vessel conversion opportunities.
- Provided strategic advisory and commercial due diligence support for vessel acquisitions and financing.
- Advised Owners, Investors and lenders on asset valuations, market dynamics, transaction strategy and risk.
- Developed and maintained senior level relationships worldwide with shipowners, financiers, shipyards and lawyers.
- Advising clients on maritime regulatory considerations and risks affecting asset transactions and operations.
- Provided support to clients on next-generation vessel concepts and decarbonisation options.
- Provided expert witness services in maritime arbitration and litigation proceedings.

Kennedy Marr Ltd, London, UK
Head of Consultancy Services/Brokerage Manager, Rig Desk

2014 - 2017

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

Led Consultancy division of a global shipbroking firm providing strategic advisory, market intelligence asset valuation and transaction support for specialised offshore and maritime assets operating in the offshore energy markets.

- Led consultancy division managing activities of 10-12 employees across 4 offices worldwide (UK, Norway, Singapore, China).
- Originated and managed vessel and rig brokerage activities covering chartering, sale & purchase and new build transactions.

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- Delivered market analysis reports and valuation assessments for shipowners, banks and investors.
- Provided commercial advisory and transaction support for vessel acquisition and financing processes.
- Developed and maintained senior level relationships with international shipowners and maritime clients.
- Advised private equity, lenders and asset owners on market cycles, asset pricing and risk factors.
- Represented the company at international industry events and client engagements.

Kennedy Marr Ltd, London, UK
Offshore Shipbroker

2007 - 2014

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

Developed emerging markets and executed transactions involving offshore construction, accommodation and support vessels operating in the oil & gas and offshore wind markets.

- Developed newbuilding and conversion opportunities with shipyards and vessel owners.
- Evaluated specifications and commercial positioning of offshore construction vessels.
- Advised on asset deployment and lifecycle strategy for complex offshore vessels.
- Executed chartering and sale & purchase transactions worldwide.
- Led business development in offshore renewables focused on offshore wind installation and support vessels.
- Built senior level commercial relationships with shipowners, utilities, contractors, shipyards and financial institutions.
- Represented the firm at international exhibitions, conferences and events.

Allseas, Delft, The Netherlands
Senior Naval Architect

2006 - 2007

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

Member of Audacia Project Management Team delivering conversion of bulk carrier to dynamically positioned pipelay vessel.

- Provided naval architecture and structural input for vessel conversion engineering and execution.
- Managed technical team overseeing shipyard activities, class requirements and project stakeholders to deliver project objectives.

Viking Systems, Houston, USA
Consultant

2005 - 2005

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

Assisted in establishing new Houston Office for projects in the oil & gas sector and managed structural engineering activities for FPSO and MOPU projects ensuring compliance with client and class requirements.



ABB Lummus Global B.V., The Hague, The Netherlands
Manager, Naval Architecture

2002 – 2005

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

Led Naval Architecture services for offshore floating production systems (FPSO and FLNG) managing activities of sub-contractors.

- Provided technical leadership and support on hull and marine systems as well as management of interfaces.
- Technical advisor on marine operations including transportation and installation.
- Developed and implemented project execution procedures aligned with company management system.
- Supported business development, proposals and client engagement for floating production projects.

Armstrong Technology Ltd, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK
Naval Architect (Contract)

2001 - 2002

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

- Developed accommodation layouts and main deck arrangements for FPSO tender proposals.
- Responsible for basic engineering of hull integration design for riser and mooring systems for Total Dalia FPSO, including structural design and installation methods.
- Contributed to Basis of Design, Shipyard Scope of Work, Hull and Accommodation Specifications, Interface Register and other ITT documentation.

Harland and Wolff SHI Ltd, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Naval Architect/Project Engineer

1998 - 1999

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

- Developed shipyard contract change management system for new-build drillship projects, C.R. Luigs and Jack Ryan.
- Managed engineering and construction teams including planning and execution of float-off and re-positioning activities for drillships.



Intec Engineering Inc., Houston, USA
Offshore Project Engineer

1997 – 1998

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

- Conducted due diligence and feasibility studies for offshore floating production developments in Brazil and West Africa.
- Provided technical and economic assessment to support investment decisions for FPSO deployment.

Harland and Wolff SHI Ltd, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Naval Architect

1995 - 1997

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

- Project Engineering Co-ordinator for Bideford Dolphin. Major conversion, upgrade and life extension of an Aker H-3 semi-submersible hull to a drilling unit managing activities of engineering and construction teams.
- Lead Project Engineering Mooring System for Bluewater Gas Dower. Led planning, engineering and installation of turret and mooring system for FPSO conversion managing activities of engineering and construction teams.
- Performed in conceptual/basic design, structural engineering, hydrodynamic analysis, stability calculations, model testing, construction, commissioning and delivery activities for new building and conversion projects including FPSO's, drilling units, tankers and bulk carrier.

EXPERT WITNESS

Miller Thompson LLP/BPC Cascade
September 2024 – February 2025

Expert Report in relation to "Shipping logistics and market implications of COVID-19 on pricing and shipping capacity and other factors that might have affected the shipping industry and market during the COVID era". *Appeared remotely by video link at the arbitration hearing on 7th February 2025 convened in Canada under the Alberta International Commercial Arbitration Act, RSA 2000, cI-5.*

Pinsent Mason LLP/EDF – Neart Na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited
August 2024

Expert Witness Report in relation to the dispute between DEME and NNG concerning the contract for a cable lay vessel. Comparison of Charter Rates for Cable Lay Vessels and Burial Vessels.



Bloomfield Law/Vigeo Shipping Limited
April 2023 – May 2024

Expert report on the general principles and industry practice related to the time charter of a vessel. *Appeared remotely by video link at the arbitration hearing on 15th May 2024 convened in Lagos, Nigeria under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act CAP.A18 under the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004.*

Wikborg Rein LLP/MacGregor AS
July 2022 – September 2022

Expert Report, Joint Statements and Supplementary Report in relation to the market for Jones Act Subsea Vessels with AHC Subsea Cranes.

Wikborg Rein LLP/MacGregor AS
April 2022 – June 2022

Expert Report, Joint Statements and Supplementary Reports in relation to the sale of two TTS 150T AHC Subsea Cranes. *Appeared in person at the Arbitration hearing under LMAA Terms (2021) at the International Dispute Resolution Council (IDRC), London to give expert evidence on 15th June 2022.*

Wikborg Rein LLP/Havila Chartering AS
December 2020 – January 2021

Expert report in relation to the Market for Construction Vessels in the North Sea region and prevailing market day rates.

Ince LLP/Mellitah Oil & Gas B.V.
September 2020 – November 2020

Expert report and other advisory support on the Worldwide Market for Floating Storage and Offloading Units (FSO's).

Yao Liang Law Offices/Quadrant Chambers/DSIC Limited
November 2019 – November 2020

Expert Report, Joint Statement and Supplementary Report and advisory support on the Worldwide Market for Drilling Tender Units and Valuation of the Atlantica Gamma.

Holman Fenwick Willan LLP/Logitel Offshore Pte Limited
June 2019 – May 2020

Expert Report and other advisory support in relation to the Offshore Accommodation Market and Valuation of a Floating Accommodation Unit.



Eversheds Harry Elias LLP/Smoothlink Worldwide Services Pte Limited
July 2019 – January 2020

Expert Report and other advisory support in relation to the contractual terms for the sale of two Jack-Up Drilling Rigs for Scrapping Purposes and the determination of the Light Displacement Tonnage of those Rigs. *Appeared in person at the State Courts of the Republic of Singapore to give expert evidence on 16th January 2020.*

Wikborg Rein LLP/Silverburn Shipping Limited
June 2019 – July 2019

Expert Report in relation to the Market for Anchor Handling Tugs in the Caspian Sea as well as advice on charter party clauses and grounds for “off hire” periods.

Herbert Smith Freehills LLP/Single Buoy Moorings Inc.

Work Scope 1 – YME Platform Topsides Repair – September 2017 – September 2018

Expert Report, Joint Expert Meetings, Drafting of Joint Memorandum and other advisory support in relation to Vessel Requirements, Availability and Day Rates for YME Platform Topsides Repair on the Norwegian Continental Shelf.

Work Scope 2 – YME Platform Substructure Repair – November 2017 – September 2018

Expert Report, Joint Expert Meetings, Drafting of Joint Memorandum and other advisory support in relation to Vessel Requirements, Availability and Day Rates for YME Platform Substructure Repair on the Norwegian Continental Shelf.