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PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT | DIGITAL INVESTMENT PLATFORMS | TRADING | RISK

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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Financial-markets entrepreneur and investment-technology leader with experience spanning portfolio decision-making, trading systems, investor relationships, digital workflows, risk controls and business leadership. Trading since 2008 and, through LEFTURN, raised and managed just over $4 million in AUM from international investors whose assets remained with regulated MT4/MT5 brokers while proprietary strategies were implemented through copy-trading infrastructure. Built proprietary trading platforms, CRM/database systems, automated workflows, algorithms and client-facing processes that connect investment decisions, technology, operations and risk.

SINCE 2008	$4M+	500+	20+ YEARS
Markets & portfolio decisions	International AUM	Algos / EAs / system versions	Business leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEFTURN | Founder, Investment Manager & Financial Technology Lead 2008 - Present

- Raised and managed just over $4 million in AUM from international investors, maintaining long-term relationships and communicating investment strategy, portfolio risk and market developments across multiple jurisdictions.
- Structured managed-account participation so clients retained assets with their own regulated MT4/MT5 brokers while proprietary strategies were delivered through copy-trading infrastructure, creating a scalable digital investment workflow.
- Made portfolio and trading decisions involving directional views, position sizing, exposure, drawdown limits, strategy selection and adjustments as volatility, liquidity and market conditions changed.
- Built proprietary trading platforms, dashboards, CRM systems, databases and automated workflows using PHP, MySQL, JavaScript, MQL4/MQL5 and real-time market-data APIs.
- Developed 500+ algorithms, Expert Advisors, indicators and system versions, embedding exposure rules, drawdown controls, monitoring, exception handling and execution logic into investment workflows.
- Designed operating processes across client onboarding, account connectivity, strategy deployment, performance monitoring, issue escalation, client communication and ongoing service.
- Led employees, contractors, technology partners, affiliates and business relationships while balancing client outcomes, operational efficiency, commercial objectives and risk.

ACADEMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS | Founder & Financial Markets Educator

- Twelve years translating market analysis, portfolio risk, trading process and investment decision-making into structured education and one-on-one mentorship.
- Created financial-market education reaching 5,000+ enrollments; personally mentored 50+ traders one-on-one and taught 100+ people in person.
- Built client and student journeys, scheduling, communications and digital learning workflows focused on clarity, consistency and practical decision support.

iQALGOS | Algorithmic Trading & Investment Technology

- Designed automated strategies, execution logic, risk controls and monitoring tools in MQL4/MQL5.
- Applied backtesting, optimization, market-regime analysis and post-trade review to strengthen governance around strategy behaviour and exceptions.

PORTFOLIO, DIGITAL & LEADERSHIP CAPABILITIES

Portfolio Management	Portfolio construction concepts | risk alignment | exposure | drawdown | concentration awareness | monitoring | review
Digital Platforms	Trading platforms | dashboards | CRM | databases | APIs | workflow automation | client-facing journeys | system integration
Trading Systems	MT4/MT5 | copy trading | MQL4/MQL5 | execution logic | monitoring | exception handling | post-trade review
Risk & Controls	Exposure limits | drawdown controls | audit-minded workflows | issue escalation | exception review | business continuity
Data & Technology	MySQL | PHP | JavaScript | MQL4/MQL5 | market-data APIs | automation | AI-assisted research/workflows
Leadership	Cross-functional decision-making | employees/partners | investor relationships | client experience | partnerships | growth initiatives

SELECTED RESULTS & LEADERSHIP

- Raised and managed just over $4 million in international AUM through a broker-held, technology-enabled investment model.
- Built and led multiple financial-market, education, technology and service companies, managing strategy, operations, technology, client service, employees and partners.
- Developed 500+ proprietary algorithms, Expert Advisors, indicators and system versions with embedded risk controls and monitoring logic.
- Built a proprietary online trading platform using PHP, MySQL, JavaScript and real-time market-data APIs; reached 300+ registered users.
- Built CRM systems, databases and automated workflows to improve recordkeeping, follow-up, process consistency and operational control.
- Generated $200,000+ in revenue through a trading-related service venture and expanded reach through affiliates, partnerships and direct client acquisition.
- Created financial-market education reaching 5,000+ enrollments and maintained long-term investor, client and student relationships.

ALIGNMENT TO RICHARDSON WEALTH - VP PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT, INVESTING & OVERSIGHT

- Digital portfolio experience: direct experience connecting portfolio decisions, trading systems, client workflows, dashboards, databases and automated processes into end-to-end operating journeys.
- Platform integration: built and operated workflows linking client accounts, broker platforms, strategy engines, market data, CRM/database systems, monitoring and service processes.
- Portfolio oversight: practical experience with exposure, drawdown, strategy selection, portfolio monitoring, client communication and exception handling.
- Cross-functional leadership: founded and managed businesses spanning investments, technology, operations, client service, marketing and external partnerships, requiring decisions across competing priorities.
- Governance mindset: built controls, monitoring and structured workflows around financially consequential systems and processes, with emphasis on auditability, consistency and issue resolution.
- Canadian dealer development area: experience is entrepreneurial and international rather than inside a Canadian investment dealer; prepared to rapidly deepen Richardson Wealth-specific KYC, IPS, suitability, dealer-operations and regulatory workflows.