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### **Financial forensics– A green hat approach, delivering value from integrated forensic psychology support**

Traditionally forensic finance practices require rigorous investigation of financial records in order to substantiate expert reports and testimony. Recent developments point to an increased demand for specialized ancillary and integrated services, utilizing a lateral approach in delivering quantitative and qualitative solutions. This early coordination between forensic experts allows for broad insight between forensic accountants, clinical, behavioural and industrial psychologists and related medical practitioners. This coordinated approach is providing meaningful context for quantitative discovery, allowing for more focused financial analysis and hence more objective conclusions. The resultant formulation of joint strategy delivers a platform for mediation options and settlements avoiding lengthy, costly disputes & litigation. Accordingly this new green hat approach provides a broad set of benefits to experts and the sector in delivering a sound basis for investigation, negotiation and possible settlements.

### **Biography**

Jean-Marie Van Der Elst is currently enrolled for a DBA degree at FIT, Melbourne, FL. He holds a Master's Degree in Economics & Finance from University of Port Elizabeth, South Africa where he was a Lecturer in the Faculty of Economic Sciences before completing the SEP program at Columbia, NY. He has been a Treasurer at GMSA, Finance Director at Tetra Pak UK, Switzerland & Russia, CFO at RJR Russia and GM of Coca-Cola Tanzania. He founded TAS Forensics, developing a niche market for International financial forensic services and opened TAS Forensics LLC, Florida providing expert forensic services to corporations such as BRG. He is a Director at BRG and a member of ACFEI and ACFE. He facilitates settlements applying his unique blend of international academic, corporate and entrepreneurial skills & experience.

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