

John Tunison



John recently led the sale, as CFO, of his current PE-Backed company, Verdant Specialty Solutions, to a large International Strategic Buyer, Samyang Holdings, and is working on integration and post-close activities while considering his options. The sale came sooner than expected, after only 7 months, and only about 1 year after leading the successful sale of his former PE-Backed company, Trussway Manufacturing, to a large strategic buyer, Builders FirstSource, in September 2022.

John graduated from the US Naval Academy and served as a Nuclear Submarine Officer and Program Director for ten years. He earned an MBA in Finance from the University of Rhode Island before leaving the Navy.

After military service, John joined Royal Dutch Shell as a Finance Business Analyst at the Motiva Port Arthur Refinery. He served in several additional roles at Shell, including Business Analysis Manager, Management Consultant, Project Leader and Finance Manager in

Refineries, Corporate HQ and Lubricants.

He has since worked in multiple companies where he was Finance Director, Finance VP or CFO, including Univar, Ascend Performance Materials, Eureka Resources, Kaseware, Velocys plc and Trussway Manufacturing – spanning the oil & gas, chemicals, environmental, technology, biofuels and building materials industries – and VC- / PE- backed and public ownership structures. He owned a consulting firm where he provided various finance consulting services to clients ranging from software to technology to oil & gas.

In addition to primarily finance leadership roles, John has led procurement, pricing, IT, HR, inside sales, customer service and administration functional teams.

He speaks German and Spanish, has lived and worked in 3 countries and a dozen US states, is originally from Olympia, WA, and lives in Houston, TX with his wife and three daughters.

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