

Excelsior

Professional Search

Specialists in Executive Search & Recruitment
for financial technology solution providers

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ABOUT US


Established in 1999, Excelsior Professional Search is a leading Executive Search company specialising in recruitment for technology companies, consultancies, information vendors and service providers for the financial services sector.

With a very clear market focus and deep sector expertise, Excelsior offers a search capability the more generalist recruitment companies cannot provide. Our Consultants are recognised as knowledge workers and this specialist ability gives us the competitive edge to find and secure the finest industry talent for our clients.

“Without a doubt Excelsior has given us a service head and shoulders above any other search company. They have certainly shown a detailed understanding of our market sector, as well as our recruitment needs on a Global scale”

CEO,
Risk Management Software Vendor





“I have experienced first hand a level of integrity, professionalism and attention to detail that is second to none”

Managing Director UK & Ireland,
Investment Systems Vendor

OUR SPECIALITY

The companies that benefit from using our services are solution providers to Investment Banks, Retail Banks, Private Banks, Asset Managers, Hedge Funds, Brokerages, Exchanges, and corporate finance departments. These companies typically fall into one of four main groups:

Software Companies

Financial software solutions and technology services.

Financial Information Providers

Real time news, data, financial analysis and research for the financial markets.

Management Consultancies

Business or technology led consultancies.

Financial Institutions and Exchanges

Includes trade execution, trade processing, clearing, payments, fund administration and outsourcing solutions.

The competitive nature of the financial services sector means that demand exceeds supply across most company functions and at all levels for the highest performing individuals. Therefore Excelsior offers a ‘total solution’, using search to pro-actively seek out the best talent across all functional areas, levels of employee and geographies.

Profiles include Chairman, CEO, COO, Managing Director, General Manager, Sales, Marketing, Business Development, Client Relationship Management, Software Development, Finance, Product Management, Professional Services and Consultancy.

INTERNATIONAL REACH

Given the global nature of the finance industry, we have a proven international search capability to meet the local needs of our clients servicing the main financial centres across Europe, North America, Middle East, Africa, Asia and Australasia.

SEARCH PROCESS

Excelsior is known for being process orientated, exacting a thorough discipline and exercising complete due diligence. Working as a trusted advisor in collaboration with our clients through a well defined 6 stage search process ensures we secure the best industry talent.



Specialising in one industry sector means our Search Consultants are powerfully effective in their ability to target, connect and develop credible relationships with the most appropriate industry professionals.

Each client is allocated a dedicated consultant experienced in their area of business to execute search assignments from beginning to end; from initial definition meetings, to conducting research, head hunting calls, candidate qualification and management of the interview and offering stages.

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WHY EXCELSIOR

We pride ourselves on a combination of rigorous search and selection processes with a high level of customer service, but the differentiating power of our search ability is underlined by a sector focus on solution providers for the financial services sector.

Unique sector understanding

We know the strategic, financial, cultural and operational challenges faced by companies in our market area, and how they impact on the precise skill set and experience required.

Track record & results orientated

We have proven our value as a trusted search partner that delivers on its promises to many market leading companies.

Access to the right talent

Our extensive and carefully nurtured global network provides an unparalleled “hidden pool of talent” to tap into. We have the credibility and ability to identify and approach the most appropriate industry professionals.

Ambassadors for our clients

Our industry reputation, sector knowledge and professional style ensures we present our clients opportunity with credibility, generate interest and create the right conditions to close the best candidate.

Time to complete

Our pro-active nature and market expertise means we’re able to conduct assignments in a very time effective manner, and meet the most demanding timescales.

Total solution partnership

We save our Clients valuable management time using a trusted search partner that really understands their business needs, and delivers results across their organisation.

Emotional commitment

Each of our team takes great pride in the quality of their work and contribution to the successful completion of assignments. We are proud of the strong brand and niche industry reputation we have built.

CASE STUDIES

North American organisation setting up a European operation & subsequent global growth

An assignment brief was taken from The Global Head of Sales for a US owned provider of equity research information and analytics, looking to set up a European operation. A search was successfully undertaken to find their first senior sales professional in London, who assessed and further developed their proposition for the European market and led their revenue growth with Investment Banking clients.

In the 6 years that have followed this initial success, Excelsior and the client have enjoyed a mutually beneficial business partnership, and further international key hires include:

- European Buy Side Sales Director (London)
- Head of Account Management (London)
- Consultants and Sales Executives (London and Paris)
- Sales Specialist (Hong Kong)
- Sales Manager (Chicago)

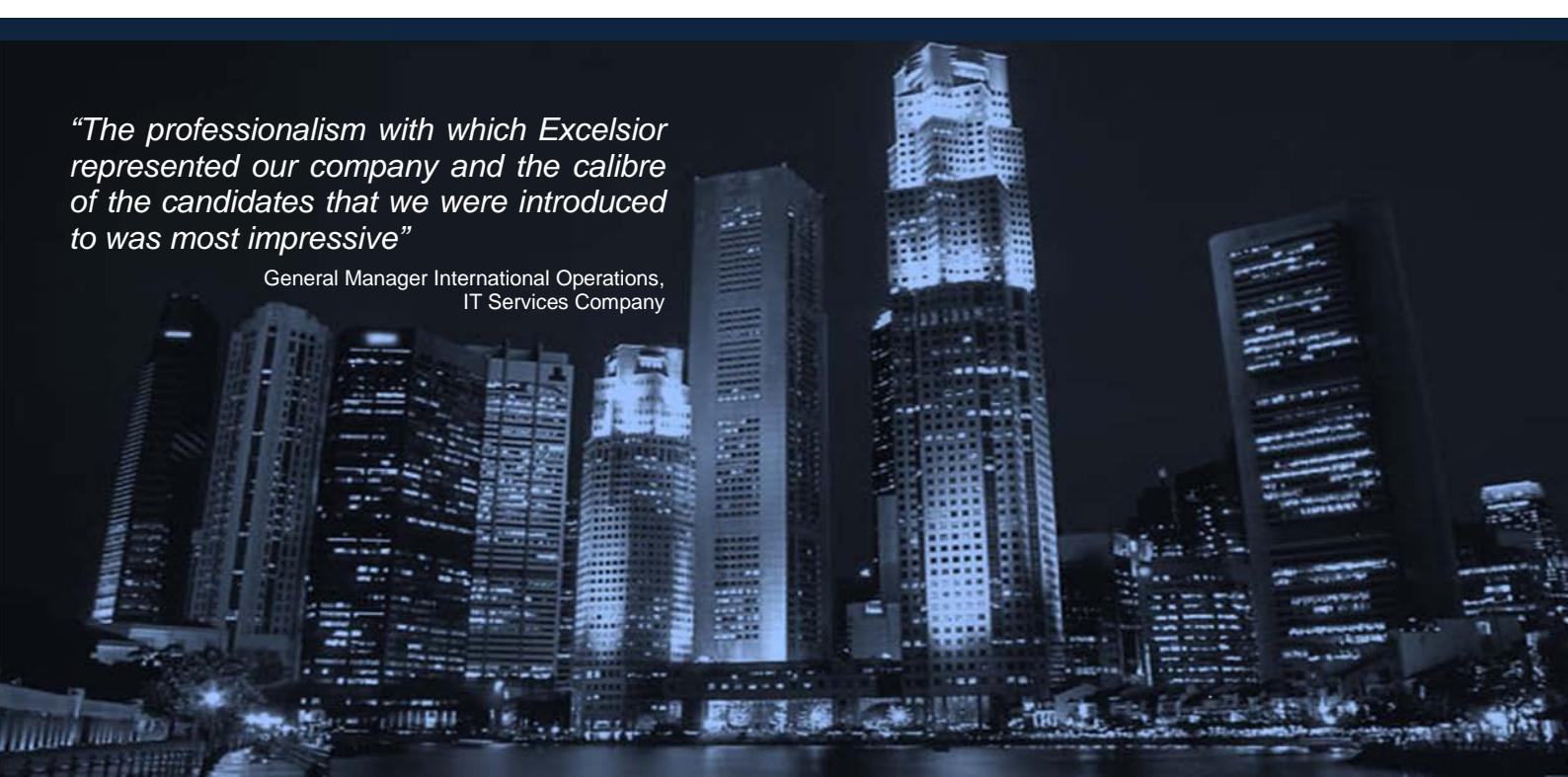
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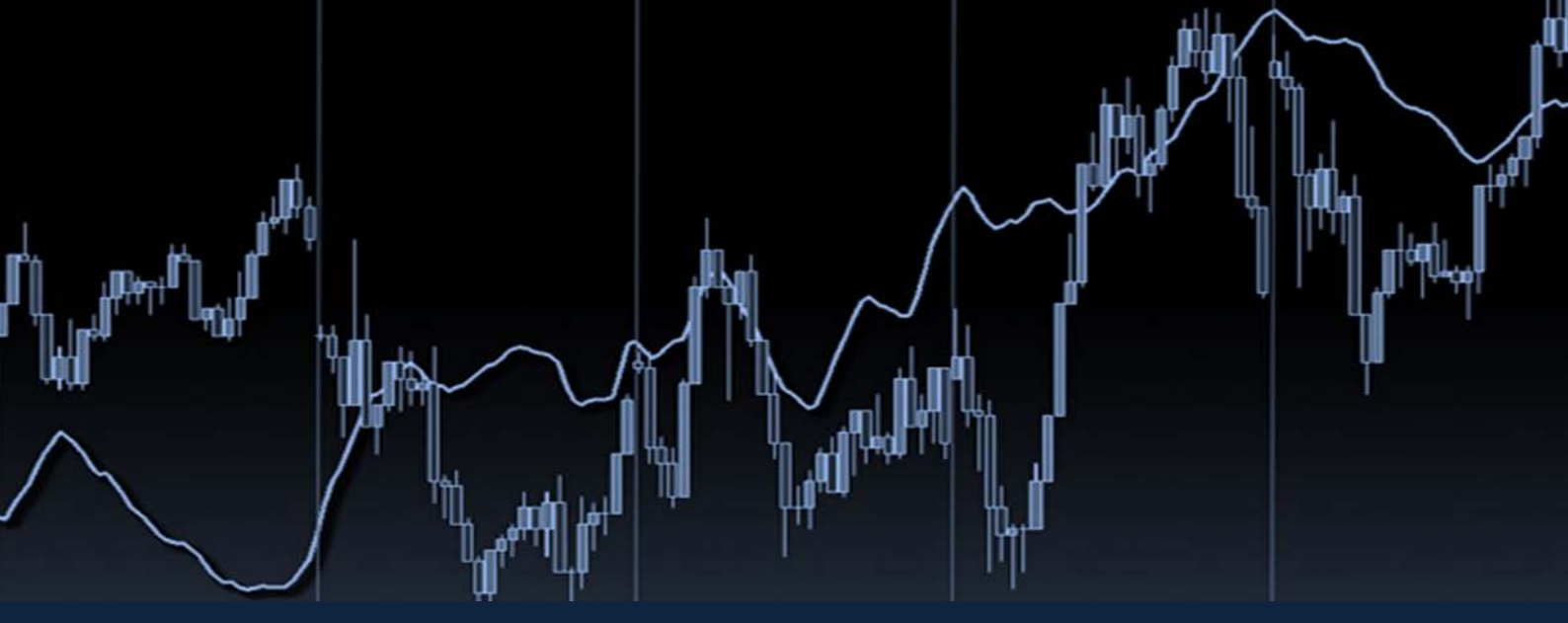
A well established and respected global investment software and consulting company with a specialist risk management division have been a client of Excelsior for over 5 years. They retained our services to source a new Managing Director to provide executive leadership for Europe. Utilising rigorous Executive Search processes, Excelsior confidentially scoped the marketplace using its deep sector knowledge and contacts across the industry. Key individuals were identified, approached, appraised and a high quality short list presented to the client, from which they appointed a high calibre executive to lead and grow their European operation.

The results of other searches prior to and since the placement of the Managing Director, include Risk Management Consultants, Client Relationship Managers, Business Analysts and a Sales Manager in California.

“The professionalism with which Excelsior represented our company and the calibre of the candidates that we were introduced to was most impressive”

General Manager International Operations,
IT Services Company





CASE STUDIES

High growth British start up

Having been placed by Excelsior previously in a Sales & Marketing Director role, the Chairman of this company recommended they engage the search services of Excelsior for the hire of key personnel to take their credit derivative software to market and grow the business. Working as their search partner, Excelsior helped the company grow from 12 to 45 staff, with the placement of a number of Senior Executives, Middle Managers and Specialist Consultants including:

- The company's first Sales Executive, and subsequent additions to this team
- Head of Software Development
- Global Head of Sales
- US Head of Sales & Operations based in New York to lead the company's expansion into North America
- Implementation and Pre Sales Consultants

VC backed expansion

Excelsior was approached by a global Private Equity and Venture Capital Investment Company as part of an exercise to select an Executive Search company to conduct a search assignment for one of their clients. Following a rigorous selection procedure whereby Excelsior's capabilities were assessed against some of the more generalist "blue chip" search firms, we were delighted to be appointed to conduct the search for a Global Head of Professional Services for this provider of software solutions to the investment fund industry.

Building upon the success of this initial executive appointment and the incumbents subsequent appointment to a Regional Managing Director position, Excelsior have conducted searches for a UK Business Development Manager, Benelux Product Manager, and Implementation Project Manager for Hong Kong. Having demonstrated the high quality and results of our search services, good foundations have been laid from which the client will continue to benefit from engaging our search services.

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