MARIA MARTINEZ
Director of Accounting and FP&A
Avanath Capital Management

Martinez is the director of accounting and FP&A at Avanath Capital Management, a real estate investment firm that specializes in niche strategies for institutional investors. She oversees all aspects of accounting and FP&A. Prior to Avanath, she was with CIM, where she was responsible for the accounting and finance of $28 billion in opportunistic real estate. She has also managed the finance and accounting for a diverse field of domestic and international alternative investment products at large public companies.

JIM MILLER
Manager, International Finance
The Walt Disney Company

Miller is a seasoned entertainment executive with a range of experience in finance, operations, and sales. In his current role at Walt Disney, Miller oversees the financial planning and strategy for the international cable business. Previously, he worked at Sony Pictures Entertainment, where he was instrumental in facilitating operations to drive revenue during the notable cyber-attack in November 2014. Before moving into the entertainment industry, he oversaw logistics for the U.S.’s largest exporting company of recovered materials, as well as conducted business-to-business software sales. Miller received his bachelor’s degree in business from the University of Oregon.

AMY NOVAK
Data Center Facilities Manager
Cyxtera Technologies

Novak is currently a data center facilities manager for Cyxtera Technologies. She oversees a team responsible for ensuring environmental conditions and power are maintained to critical customer environments. Her role includes preventative maintenance planning and execution, budget development, and various tasks associated with operational life cycles for HVAC and electrical distribution infrastructure. Novak earned a bachelor’s degree from Excelsior College; in addition, she also served in the US Navy for 20 years. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, especially when it involves playing almost any kind of game.

BRIAN WONG
Senior Division Sales Manager
Johnson and Johnson (JNJ) Medical Devices.

In his current role at JNJ, Wong oversees a $27 million product portfolio and a medical device sales team responsible for accelerating sales across nine distinct device categories. Prior to joining JNJ, Wong served as a naval officer, leading a team of 23 as a mission commander before accepting a nomination to instruct at Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center as a weapons and tactics instructor. Wong holds a bachelor’s degree in finance from Oregon State University and a master’s degree in management/risk management from Florida State University.
ARJUN (AARON) PATEL  
Marketing Campaign Manager  
Platfora

Patel is a data-driven marketer who specializes in creating digital and offline experiences that are fun, rewarding, create loyalty, and show results. Currently, he runs the digital marketing team at Platfora, a Big Data Discovery startup that is transforming the way businesses drive insight and analysis from raw data. Previously, Patel was a product manager at RSA, the security division of EMC, where he arrived via the Silver Tail Systems acquisition. At Silver Tail, Patel found his passion for influencing buyer behavior at different stages of the sales cycle. Patel holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

LINDA MOORE  
Sales Manager  
Haralambos Beverage Company

Moore represents the fourth generation at Haralambos Beverage Company (HBC). Throughout her career with HBC, Moore has held various positions within the human resources and accounting departments of the company. With more than eight years of professional experience in the beverage distribution industry, she is currently focusing her attention to the sales side of the business. Her goal is to learn all facets within the company, and in doing so become qualified to take over and manage the daily operations of the business. Moore holds a bachelor’s degree in communication from the University of Arizona.

ZEYNEP KAYA  
Project Management Professional  
Independent Consultant

Kaya has more than 18 years of business experience working in diverse industry sectors where she has led 1000+ people and overseen multi-million dollar projects both internationally and domestically. Most recently, she worked in accounting and finance at a billion dollar intermediate oil and gas company, Birchcliff Energy. She has also served in Darfur, Sudan, as a capital logistician for Doctors without Borders. Her expertise and core competencies include team building, general management, operational streamlining, and staff development as well as a solid foundation in finance and accounting. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Illinois Rockford University.

MINH THANH NGUYEN  
Chief Financial Officer  
Allied Refrigerator Inc.

Thanh Nguyen is the CFO at Allied Refrigeration Inc., a wholesale refrigeration and air-conditioning distributor. She has been in her role since 2014. As a member of the executive management team, Thanh Nguyen is responsible for the company’s finances, accounting, corporate policies and relationships with lending institutions and external auditors. Prior to Allied, Thanh Nguyen held leadership roles in public accounting and private industry. Thanh Nguyen earned a bachelor’s degree in economics with an emphasis in accounting from the University of California, Davis. She is thrilled to be a part of this MBA program.
DERRICK JENSEN
Operations Program Manager
XY Planning Network

Jensen is currently the COO for XY Planning Network, a rapidly growing startup company that aims to ensure financial planning is available to Generation X and Generation Y. Jensen also has an extensive background in leadership and operations that he acquired while serving as a program manager for a Fortune 500 IT company. He is well versed in leading teams of varying shapes and sizes, and possesses a deep understanding of how to develop and implement processes to ensure strategic success. He earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from Lewis & Clark College.

HUA CHEN
Director of Human Resource Operations
Alta Hospitals System, LLC

As the director of human resource operations for Alta Hospitals System, LLC, Hua currently oversees the regional human resources operations for seven facilities for the Southern California area. She is a dynamic and seasoned, bilingual leader with experience in a variety of industries including healthcare, entertainment, mobile technology, consumer packaged goods, and brewing. Hua is a member of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the Society for Human Resources Management. She earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in human resources from California State University, Fullerton. She is an avid traveler and animal advocate.