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46 years old
married
3 children
Swiss



THE SHORT STROY

- I grew up in the canton of Bern, studied in Lausanne, got married in Neuchâtel, and now live in Murten with my wife and our three teenagers.
- I spent an exchange year in the USA, lived and traveled in Ghana for two months, studied in India for a year, and worked and traveled in Ecuador and south America for six months.
- Cultural exchanges have been the most formative experiences in shaping who I am today.

EDUCATION

EMBA from the University of Bern and MBA from the University of Rochester (USA)	2019–2020
Ph.D. in Science from EPFL at the Institute of Microtechnology in Neuchâtel	2007–2011
Master's degree in electrical engineering at EPFL in Lausanne	2001–2006
Exchange year at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), India	2003–2004
Bern-Kirchenfeld High School: Matura Type C	1996–2001
Exchange Year and High School Graduation in Garwin, Iowa, USA	1997–1998

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

2011–now

I have held several senior management positions at the energy utility company Groupe E in Fribourg, where I led teams of project managers working on photovoltaic installations, smart grid projects, and electricity grid tariffs. Currently, as head of Asset Management for the electrical grid, I lead a team of electrical engineers and data specialists responsible for planning the future of the grid and managing the associated investments.

EXTRAPROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

I spend most of my free time with my family. Sports are the second most important factor in maintaining a healthy work-life balance. I enjoy running, hiking, rock climbing, and skiing. I sing in a choir, am active in several associations and member of the General Council of the municipality of Murten.

MOTIVATION AFS BOARD

During my exchange year in the United States, as well as my time in Ghana, India, and Ecuador, I gained independence and developed a deep understanding of cultural differences and diverse worldviews—experiences that have profoundly shaped who I am today. From an early age, I have encouraged my children to pursue similar opportunities. My twins—a daughter and a son—are currently spending their exchange year in the United States with AFS and are having a great experience. At the same time, we are hosting a Japanese-American exchange student since August and a Brazilian exchange student since February. Through my perspective as a former exchange student, as a parent of participants, and as a host parent, I have developed a comprehensive understanding of what makes these experiences truly enriching and memorable. I would be honored to contribute to the AFS board and help ensure high-quality, impactful experiences for all participants and stakeholders.