

Professional Profile for Simon Samaan



Qualifications:

- *Bachelor of Commerce* – Sydney – Australia 1993
- *ACPA* – Australian society of Certified Practicing Accountants – Australia 1994
- *CELTA* – Cambridge certificate in English language teaching to Adults - Spain 1998
- *Registered Migration Agent* – Australia 2006
- *Skål Phuket* committee member 2009 - 2011 www.skalphuket.org

Professional Background & Experience:

Management Accounting roles in Australia and London for blue chip companies including Deloitte Touché, Shell Oil and Philips (1993 -1998 and 2000)

English teaching roles in Australia, Spain and Czech republic (1998 -2001)

Founded and Managed 'ISPC' – International Student Placement Centre' – Sydney, Australia 2002 -2007:
The company was started with no capital outlay. It was solely owned & managed by Simon from its inception until its sale to Australia's biggest university - 'Monash university' in early 2007. The company had 25 full time staff and \$2 Million (AUD) + revenue at the time of its sale.

The company's operations included facilitating internship opportunities for international students in Australia, recruitment services, tour services (the company was an accredited tour operator by the Australian Government) and English classes to international students.

GM of NewspaperDirect Phuket Thailand – 2008 -2009

Founder and owner of Class Act Media Co., Ltd. – Phuket – Thailand – 2009 - present:
The company is currently Phuket's leading Media company and publishes Phuket's #1 English weekly newspaper 'The Phuket News' and broadcasts Live 89.5 Radio – a 24/7 English language radio station in Phuket. Class Act Media currently employs 50+ Full time staff

Founder and Co-owner of Events Thailand, Phuket – 2009
The company is an event management company and provides Hospitality management consulting & marketing services to businesses in Phuket and Thailand.