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Jesse Grissom · 3rd

President of Operations at Kao USA

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Kao Corporation USA



University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

About

Senior Business Professional with a rich diversity of experiences across 5 multi-national companies.

- Collaborative Cross Functional Business Partner across a variety of cultures throughout Europe, Australia and Asia.
- A Change Agent – strong capabilities in influencing change within the organization ... see more

Activity

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Sounds exciting! Congratulations to to Lisa and Darryl for creating the vision an...

Jesse commented



Congratulations. You continue to rise and amaze!

Jesse commented



Thank you Alan for your awesome partnership. We understand the...

Jesse commented



Congrats - that is quite an accomplishment!

Jesse commented

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Experience



President of Operations

Kao Corporation USA

Jan 2020 – Present · 8 mos

Cincinnati Area, KY



Kao USA Inc.

16 yrs

- **Regional Executive Officer, VP - Finance**
Feb 2012 – Jan 2020 · 8 yrs
Cincinnati, Ohio Area
- **VP Finance**
Dec 2006 – Dec 2012 · 6 yrs 1 mo
- **Corporate Controller**
Feb 2004 – Dec 2006 · 2 yrs 11 mos
Cincinnati Area

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Sara Lee Foodservice

5 yrs 1 mo

- **Sr. Director - Finance**
Nov 2001 – Feb 2004 · 2 yrs 4 mos
- **Sr. Director - Planning & Trade Marketing**
Apr 2000 – Nov 2001 · 1 yr 8 mos
Cincinnati Area

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PepsiCo
6 yrs 7 mos

- **Sr. Group Manager**
Mar 1998 – Feb 1999 · 1 yr
Plano, Texas
- **National Finance Manager**
May 1997 – Mar 1998 · 11 mos
Plano, Texas

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Kraft Foods Group
5 yrs 4 mos

- **Finance Manager**
Jun 1990 – Aug 1992 · 2 yrs 3 mos
Greater Philadelphia Area
- **Regional Accounting Manager**
Mar 1989 – Jun 1990 · 1 yr 4 mos
Charlotte, North Carolina Area

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Education



University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
BS, Finance
1974 – 1979
Activities and Societies: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity



University of Rochester
MBA, Finance
1982 – 1984

Skills & Endorsements

Cross-functional Team Leadership · 52



Endorsed by Nina Cornwell, who is highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 8 of Jesse's colleagues at Kao Corporation

Forecasting · 50



Endorsed by Derrick Cooper, who is highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 6 of Jesse's colleagues at Kao Corporation

Financial Analysis · 39



Endorsed by 5 of Jesse's colleagues at Kao Corporation

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Recommendations

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Kenny Robinson

Global Consumer Products executive who delivers growth and profits when others failed | Beauty products and skin care marketer | Innovation master | Status quo challenger | Builder of cohesive teams

July 13, 2020. Jesse was senior to Kenny but didn't manage directly

Kenny is a very skilled Marketer. His scope of experience has allowed him to be successful in launching and building brands. Kenny is very thoughtful and is masterful in asking those probing questions that drive others to better solutions. He is very strategic and has been intimately involved in evaluating acquisiti... [See more](#)



Prem Aghicha

Senior Project Manager at The Decor Corporation Pty Ltd

February 27, 2018. Jesse was senior to Prem but didn't manage directly

Prem has been a member of the Kao Australia team for nearly 10 years. He has been the consummate professional and a valuable resource for the Austrian business. Prem has a very calm demeanor and is always looking to contribute in any way possible. He has been able to leverage his vast experience in Finance to ... [See more](#)

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