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joins Bankbrokers





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Associate Partner



*Christian Blount-Powell joins Bankbrokers UK as an Associate Partner. Welcome to the Bankbrokers family, Chris!*

### Biography

I have always been interested in business- especially international business and how it all works. I have grown up in a globalised world, and through advancement in technology I have seen a step up in how business is done- but this is only the beginning. I always enjoy conversations with my grandparents talking about just how different it was for them. Throughout my teenage years while at Oswestry School, I was able to explore my passion for business through school projects and, in my free time, take on different part-time roles and work experience before deciding on my A levels and eventually university degree.

I was lucky enough to be able to explore several disciplines before choosing my path through

work experience at Iceland Foods, Mason Owen and Hill Dickinson law firm in Liverpool. I then took on A levels in Business Studies, Economics and Geography.

My work experience gave me the opportunity to learn more about the world of business and how international trade worked, which was why I decided to study my undergraduate degree outside of the UK and base myself at the Rotterdam Business School in the Netherlands. At the time the UK was still in the EU, which meant I also benefited from the low tuition fees, my business brain thought it was the best thing for me to do.



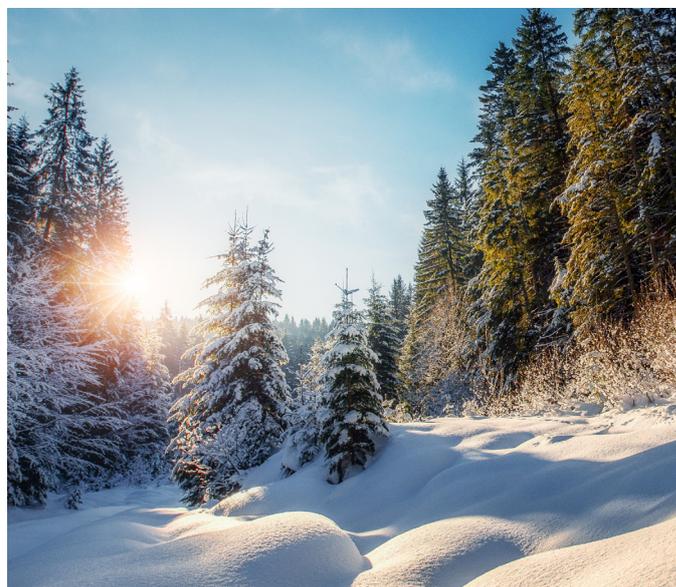
My bachelor's degree was in International Business and Management, and with it being international I had several opportunities to go abroad during my studies for projects- which is also where my passion for travelling came from. I spent nine months working in Barcelona for a Start-Up company in the tech industry, and throughout my programme worked with several businesses to apply our knowledge into ongoing problems for them. This practical approach to education suited me very well, and I enjoyed taking on several challenges in different fields of business. It's important I mention that during this time in Europe I wasn't just studying of course.

I thoroughly enjoyed the flexibility of being on mainland Europe and found myself travelling to several European countries during holiday periods, in particular Paris, France. One of my best mates' parents lived there, and with it only being €16 on the FlixBus it would have been rude not to go! One highlight moment for us was the Euro Final, when France was playing Portugal, and we were forced to paint French flags on our faces in the streets of Paris. Alas, they lost the match to Portugal so thankfully we could rub the paint off and go and celebrate with the Portuguese!



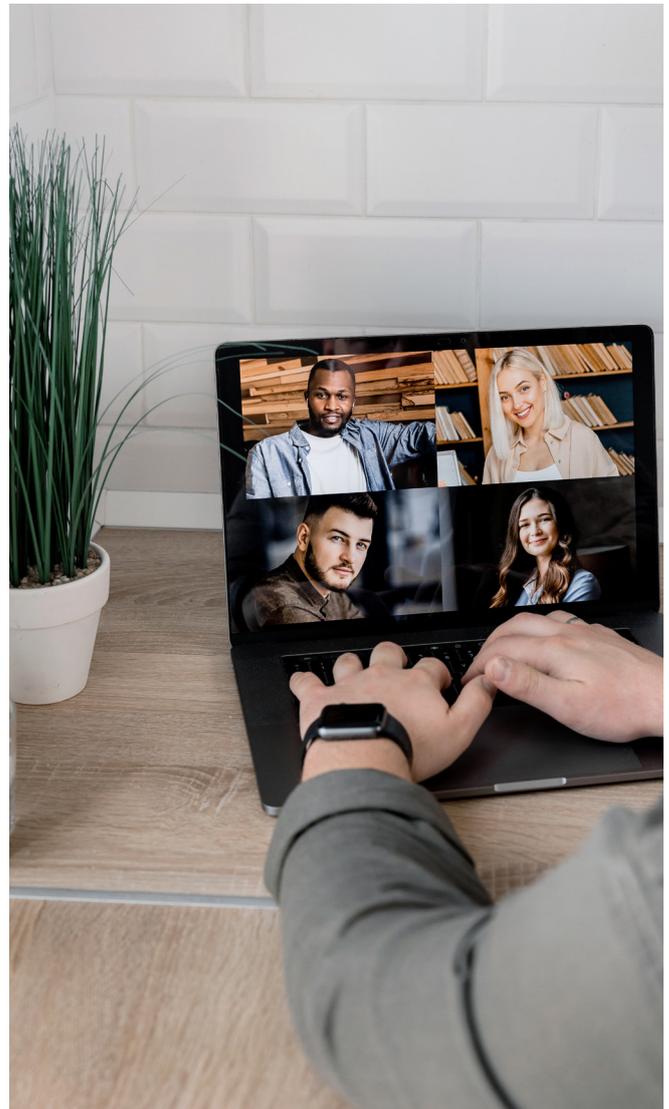
Towards the end of my university programme, I was offered a six-month exchange, something I would encourage every university student to do. I decided to go to Vancouver and live the Canadian lifestyle of too many nights of beer and poutine. It was an incredible experience, especially visiting an old university friend of mine in Calgary in the middle of winter. We decided it was a good idea to go out one night- it was -17°C, the coldest I have ever experienced. I don't know how us Brits can moan after experiencing that! On our return to the Airbnb, the second Uber behind us was the only one with the key to the house. But it got stuck in traffic, meaning my friends and I needed to huddle around like a waddle of penguins trying to find warmth. Nevertheless, I highly encourage

everyone to visit Canada, it truly is a remarkable and breath-taking place, and I can't wait to go back.



After completion of the programme, I decided to take up a role in the education industry as an International Marketing & Recruitment Officer, where I was fortunate enough to travel around the world building business relationships for my organisation as well as develop my own intercultural competencies.

During the pandemic, my role shifted to more online capabilities, and I further developed my skills on digital inbound marketing, developing a CRM system and providing data driven suggestions for the social media strategy with my team. Having said this, living in a foreign country and being stuck for a few years made me miss home and my family a lot, so I began to explore the possibility of moving back to the UK- I had started to miss Sunday roasts far too much. Combining this with the shock effects of Brexit, I thought best I take on a fresh new challenge back in England and was very glad the opportunity to join Bankbrokers came up. Aside from my career I also have several hobbies and passions.



## Hobbies

Growing up with two younger brothers and a dad who played county level football (he likes when I mention this), our household growing up was very competitive, especially when it came to sports, and through my schooling I was able to enjoy Football, Rugby, Cricket and several other sports. Even though I am now only 27 I feel my days of playing intense sports are over and I have found my passion in golf, a sport my late Grandfather encouraged my brothers and I to do whilst we were growing up.



I think playing golf is one of the hardest sports to grasp, but there is an element of tranquillity to it- until you shank it 200 feet right and into the bushes, then you want to call it a day and never go back. But I still find myself craving the golf course every couple of weeks, to release stress and be away from my phone for more than an hour. Alongside this, I have recently developed a keen passion for my fitness through the gym and classes offered such as body pump, finding myself at the gym usually 4 days a week.

I am also a keen Liverpool fan and have grown up watching them. Win or lose, it is always a topic my family and I can mull over. I have been to Anfield several times, and always jump at the chance to go again and see the reds in action.

Another keen hobby of mine and my family's is to travel, and we are cruising enthusiasts, it's rare when having a conversation with

one of us a cruise doesn't come up. We try to make sure we have a family cruise every year, usually during Christmas so we can explore a little more of the world together. With my brothers and I now in our twenties and finished Uni, it's a nice way for our parents to learn more about our careers and personal lives, and who can say no to the unlimited drinks packages offered on our preferred liner, Norwegian Cruise Line.

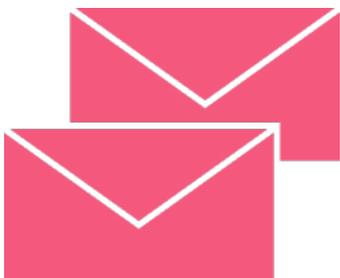
So far, I have visited over 20 countries and plan to continue exploring the world as much as possible! Please feel free to add me on LinkedIn and send me a message if you would like to learn more about Bankbrokers and how our services could help your business.



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