

# THE TEAM



**Edwin Rice** is the CEO of GemVault and has a tenured experience in both finance and Blockchain technology. He has previously managed and operated Vision Capital Group, a hedge fund dealing primarily with American and European equities, treasuries, and commodities. His specialties include research and client guidance on market matters. His Blockchain experience extends back to 2013 when he discovered bitcoin and Blockchain while doing research for the fund in reference to the bank bail-ins in Cyprus. He has worked on and developed many projects in the space on behalf of clients from Taiwan, Singapore, Shanghai, the Phillipines, Hong Kong, Thailand and Malaysia.

His experience and knowledge brings a strength and security to GemVault that leaves the company poised to be successful far into the future.



**Professor Don Lakshman Jayamaha Jr.** is the co-founder and CFO at GemVault. He is also the founder of Serendib - Treasures of Royalty. He studied colored stones at GIA and is a Consulting Director at Vision Capital Group. He began in the blockchain industry 4 years ago when he realized the blockchain could be utilized with gemstones to create a standardized colored stones market and price discovery mechanism for consumers. Since learning about blockchain and its' applications, he has consulted for several companies to bring to market their own blockchain projects. Honorary Professor of Shanghai University MBA Center.



**Mr. Vladimir Kovalevskiy** is the CTO at GemVault. Vladimir is a talented developer with many years of experience not only with programming but also with running and managing teams and companies. He was previously at the e-wallet solution company for the financial industry, Onlinepay.com, until the project was sold. He started the company from scratch along with partners from a Europe-based acquirer. He was responsible for product development, team building, financial operations, risk and regulatory relations, merchant on-boarding, head hunting and recruitment. He was involved in every part of online payment business: from acquiring PCI DSS Level 1 to building the risk

management framework for an acquirer to pass the Visa/MasterCard audit. The company had 2 offices; one in Singapore and one in Shanghai.

For quite a while, he has been very into computers and software development, and was keen to acquire any book about algorithms. For that reason he studied physics at his hometown state university and graduated with a master's degree in the physics of semi-conductors.

For nearly 10 years he was doing coding, developing high-load projects, transaction systems, and search engines. During that period he developed his leadership skills and became the CTO of a local media web project with nearly 10 million monthly visitors. The team of 7 members worked hard and developed a whole new architecture their own ORM level up to template engine for rendering HTML. He was in charge of the entire project from UI/UX prototyping to backend API architecture.

To strengthen his knowledge of algorithms, he joined a large publishing house in Moscow as the CTO, and at that time he was urged to develop search services (across accounting regulations, legal framework, HR governmental policies and more) for their customers. The team used Solar database as a core for the search engine wrapped with in-house developed lingo modules.

He has been experimenting with private blockchains and has built internal currency prototypes for e-wallet solutions based on PoS algorithms. Other private projects for Vladimir include adaptive landing page generation based on Google trends (NodeJS, Angular 2.0) and automatic lead generation based on website parsing (Python).



**Shais M. Sheikh**, Senior Marketing Officer, has 6 years of international experience in the minerals & metal mining sector in South America and West Africa, and 3 years experience in the oil and gas industry. Sheikh has traveled to multiple continents for the purpose of gaining hands-on experience of how real world economics and business structures operate uniquely from country to country. After acquiring a wealth of marketing and business acumen from interning with Aleem Sheikh (Former Vice President of strategic partnerships of British Petroleum) Sheikh has been able to execute multiple business deals utilising his unique approach. Attaining a Management degree from University of Washington, Sheikh has previously been involved in planning a state level economic development project with the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

By having close ties with a Chinese State-Owned Enterprise, Sheikh has governmental relationships and understands the Chinese way of doing business.