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CAM / Judge Business School ... Possible Meeting in New York

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Dear Marwa Hammam

I graduated back in 1961 after studying engineering (Mechanical Sciences) and economics. After a short period working for a large heavy engineering company, I articulated with Cooper Brothers in London and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1965. Subsequently I became an economic migrant to the USA and had a fast track corporate career becoming a very young CFO.

Later, as an independent consultant I did a lot of work internationally for the World Bank, the UN and others ... not becoming very popular because I knew something about management and accountability, two skills not very much in evidence in this arena. Some of my work helped to make a difference for the better. Some did not. I got to work in over 50 countries around the world, learned a lot, and am both optimistic and pessimistic about the future.

I met with Professor Alan Jagolinzer when he was in New York a couple of weeks back talking about the MAcc program, and would very much like to listen in on the upcoming conversation about the MFin program. Obviously, my time at Cambridge predates the creation of the Judge Business School, and I have aged out of being a candidate for the programs ... but I am an advocate for good things at Cambridge, while at the same time equally interested in calling out things that I don't like.

I did not expect to like the MAcc program ... but listening in on Professor Jagolinzer proved very worthwhile. I would very much like the opportunity to do the same with the MFin discussion. In the 50+ years since I graduated there have been massive changes in the structure of the global socio-enviro-economic system. Over this time I have been both impressed and concerned about the creativity of the finance sector in building financial wealth, but also concerned that this has come at a very high cost to society writ large and the degradation of the environment. I am very interested in where finance is going to be ... and getting financial education right may be the most important thing that happens on this planet!

I would love to meet when you are in New York. Possibly, may I come to the CAM offices on the 27th? What time makes sense?

Respectfully

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