



A CIMBA Spotlight with Luca Favarin, MBA Part-time Class of 2015

Hi Luca! Please, tell us more about you and your professional experience.

I'm currently Offering Management Lead for Honeywell. In my position, I act as a GM of my offering, in alignment with the VPGM of the line of business. I was hired by Honeywell just a few months after my graduation at CIMBA, and during these years I've changed role 3 times, grown personally and professionally, had the opportunity to learn, travel, live in Czech Republic and in the UK and meet wonderful people from everywhere around the world.

How did you choose CIMBA?

I remember that night during the summer of 2013. I was talking with my lifetime friend, Giuseppe, at a local festival. He told me that he was going back to school. That school was CIMBA, and 2 weeks after that night, I found myself sitting in front of Dr. Al: I was so lucky to have an internationally recognized business school just 10 minutes from my home. So, I had no choice other than to apply for it!

Reminiscences of your experience in the CIMBA program. What was one of your favorite moments in the CIMBA Program? Favorite class? Difficult moment?

Managing the family, work during the week, and classes during the weekends was really challenging. But it was worth it, for what it gave me overall and for the many memorable moments. One of the most exciting parts of the program was the last month spent in Iowa. The teamwork was demanding but at the same time really fun. I will never forget all the fighting, laughing, hard work and adrenaline from the competition with the other teams!

What are some of the things that changed your way of thinking?

LIFE was an eye opener. My team was very diverse in terms of nationality and seniority. One of my key learning points that I can share (without spoiling the program) is that being a leader depends on you, your interpersonal skills, and it's something you can learn, regardless of your current title or background.

What was the impact of the program on your life and career?

CIMBA gave me the opportunity to meet every week, for two years, with professionals from different industries and from around the world – my professors and classmates. This weekly gathering gave me the opportunity to start seeing “what's out there”, and instilled in me the curiosity to look for more of it. That was definitely the trigger for my research for a job outside my home country.



What advice would you give current or prospective students?

Be engaged during your time at CIMBA and take advantage of every second to learn. Learn from the classes, even if you think you already know the subject, learn from professors, from your classmates, from other students, from guests. And what is more important, implement your learning into your job and into your life straight away.

Can you share a dream or future goal?

I love the diversity and even the challenges of working for a multinational corporation. But while I strive to grow into this environment, my long-term goal is to have my own business.