



**YOUR FULL NAME:**

John Patton

**YOUR JOB TITLE:**

Managing Director/Partner, Head of EMEA

**YOUR COMPANY:**

Argentem Creek Partners

**YOUR BRIEF BIOGRAPHY (250-300 words):**

As Managing Partner responsible for Argentem Creek Partners' London presence, I lead our investments across EMEA emerging markets with a particular focus on Ukraine. With over 30 years of experience in special situations, my career has been dedicated to turning complexity into opportunity, helping companies navigate uncertainty, unlock capital, and build sustainable value.

Originally from Boston and based in London since 1997, I have built and led teams at some of the world's leading financial institutions, such as Credit Suisse, Merrill Lynch, and Deutsche Bank, before joining Black River Asset Management. I was one of the founding team at Argentem Creek Partners when we spun out of Black River in 2016. Over three decades, I've worked alongside entrepreneurs, investors, and policymakers to support economic resilience, including in Ukraine and the wider region.

Beyond my professional role, I serve as a director of the **Eneida Foundation**, a charitable organisation supporting Ukrainians affected by war with a focus on education, mental health, and children. This experience continues to remind me that leadership is not just about capital, but about **community** and **commitment**.

If elected, I would bring the same principles that have guided my career: transparency, integrity, and partnership, in order to strengthen our collective impact.

## ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

**Why do you think membership in the American Chamber of Commerce is important for businesses operating in Ukraine?**

AmCham has been a tireless supporter of Argentem Creek over the years, so I know that it is a voice for businesses, and I intend to encourage other investors, whether existing or new, to join AmCham and invest in Ukraine. I believe that AmCham is an amazing resource and platform and key for the reconstruction phase of Ukraine because it facilitates the interface between business and government so effectively.

**What motivates you to be the Chamber Board Member?**

I very much believe that business and investment have a strong role in supporting Ukraine. Having experienced first hand the power of the AmCham, Andy Hunder and his team's effectiveness in supporting business, it is a natural next step to also offer my expertise, enthusiasm, and support. Being a board member is a small but important step in this regard, and I hope that if my candidacy is successful, I can add my own capabilities to the AmCham team and also extend AmCham's reach further in the investment community.

**Why do you feel you are qualified to serve on the Chamber Board? What skills would you bring to the Board?**

I have 30 years of experience in finance, working in Ukraine for close to 20 of those years. This experience gives me first hand knowledge and experience of the local market and specific experience of the rule of law, the court systems, the community of partners that surrounds companies and many companies themselves.

In light of this experience and Argentem's track record in the country, I am able to be an active, experienced, and clear-eyed advocate for Ukraine and its investment environment.

**How have you been active in the Chamber over the course of the last two years?**

We have been a sponsor of several events in the past year. We have also sought advice from Andy and the team on a number of occasions

**What activity or Committee would you participate in and be responsible for?**

If elected, I will propose the establishment of a Finance and Investment Committee that will bring together leading representatives from the financial, business, and political communities to attract investment to Ukraine. The committee will have three main tasks: 1) To stimulate new investment flows by attracting international investors to reliable Ukrainian projects; 2) To support the government's privatisation and reform agenda by offering constructive ideas and international experience to attract stable capital; 3) To support efforts to strengthen the rule of law and the investment climate by working with other committees of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine to promote reforms that foster fairness and predictability. This initiative reflects my belief that long-term recovery and growth depend on responsible, transparent investment and that by aligning capital, policy, and goals, we can help Ukraine become a leading destination for regional and global investors.

**Are you a member of the Board of Directors of similar associations?**

I am not a member of any other similar association boards.