



Getting to know... **Martijn Bekke**

What's your superpower?

I can fly....No sorry I don't believe in superpowers, but if I really have to name one for me, it would be having a good sense of humour. I think it's not only useful in personal life but could be also an advantage in business environments terms of putting certain things in perspective, if used appropriately.

What's your favourite thing about Rotterdam?

My favourite thing about Rotterdam is of course The Port of Rotterdam. Which was one of the reasons for coming to Rotterdam in the first place. Secondly, the architecture in the city centre and the skyline are magnificent to see and it gives a great international atmosphere to the city.

What's your favourite port and why?

As I am working for Sohar Port and Freezone at the moment, I definitely have to say the Port of Sohar. Sixteen years ago, the company was established and it's impressive to see what developments have been made and the transformations the port has undergone since then to come to the size and level of activity today.

Who is your role model, and why?

When I was young, I had several models in sports, specifically big stars in tennis and football. Currently I do not have any specific role model. I do not try to copy one specific person, as there are many people, who are inspiring to me. Instead, I do try to learn as much as possible from many different people whether they are famous or who I have met in daily life.

What is your philosophy towards your work?

Working together with your colleagues and helping each other where needed is very important. I think respective of your position in the company, the specific department you work in or your knowledge or education background collaboration is essential for a company's success. In addition, dedication to work while at the same time having fun are also important to me.

What are your core values and most significant beliefs?

From my answers to the previous questions, you could probably guess them... They are authenticity, loyalty, commitment and humour.

What are your long-term/short-term motivations in a company or a position?

Short-term: Seeing results of my actions and steps or decisions taken but also having the possibility to learn something new.

Long-term: Helping the company to grow to reach its ambitions.

As a Consultant in the Maritime & Logistics sector, what sorts of trends do you see?

Digitalization already made some significant changes in the industry, but it will continue to play a more important role in the (near) future. First, in terms of opportunity to collaborate between industry players. Secondly, in terms of transparency and availability of information and lastly in terms of way we design supply chains and in general business models.

Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

I hope that I will be playing an important role in the strategic decision making of preferably internationally operating companies in the maritime or logistics industry.