

# Simon Aquino

ENGINEERING MANAGER · HEAD OF PLATFORM · CLOUD-NATIVE ARCHITECT (GCP/AWS/AZURE)

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## Hiring Management Team

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TARGET COMPANY NAME

ADDRESS LINE 1

CITY, COUNTRY

## Application for Engineering Manager / Principal Engineer

Dear Hiring Team,

## About Me

I am a hands-on Engineering Leader and Cloud-Native Architect with over 15 years of experience building scalable, high-performance systems for global enterprises like J.P. Morgan Chase, Barclays, Deloitte, Ebay, and Microsoft. My career has been defined by a dual focus: technical excellence in distributed systems (Kubernetes, AWS/GCP, Go) and organizational leadership that scales engineering units from seed teams to 50+ engineers. I am a "builder-leader" who thrives at the intersection of complex architectural challenges and high-growth team dynamics.

## Why You?

I am drawn to organisations that view platform engineering not just as infrastructure, but as a strategic multiplier for product velocity. Your commitment to innovation and solving hard technical problems aligns perfectly with my own philosophy. I am particularly excited by the opportunity to apply my experience in designing "Golden Path" platforms and event-driven architectures to help your teams move faster, safely. Whether it is modernising legacy estates or building greenfield AI-ready infrastructure, I want to be part of a culture that obsessively focuses on Developer Experience (DevEx) and operational excellence.

## Why Me?

Throughout my career, I have consistently bridged the gap between business strategy and technical execution. At JPMC, I scaled a Cloud Enablement unit from 3 to 50+ engineers, architecting a firm-wide GCP foundation. At Barclays, I acted as the Technical Authority for a payments incubator, modernising critical rails on AWS. I bring deep expertise in Cloud-Native ecosystems (Kubernetes, Terraform, Crossplane) and a proven track record of embedding security and compliance (NIST, ISO) without sacrificing speed. I don't just manage teams; I code alongside them, fostering a culture of ownership, curiosity, and high trust. I am ready to bring this blend of strategic vision and hands-on capability to drive your engineering goals forward.

Sincerely,

**Simon Aquino**

Attached: Curriculum Vitae