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Steven Warrick has worked for Daimler Chrysler in Beijing and Reutlingen, Singapore and Stuttgart, Detroit, Auburn Hills, and Tübingen and is only 25! He is the fourth generation of his family to dedicate its professional life to Chrysler – his great-grandmother worked in the assembly line in the Forties, and Steven still meets people in Auburn Hills who remember his grandmother very well.

In 2005, Steven Warrick graduated from the ESB International Management Programme in Reutlingen. "The ESB Master Programme was perfect for me: practical, project-oriented and with a narrow time frame of only a year – very individual", says Steven, who declined an acceptance at the Swiss business school in St. Gallen in favour of the degree in Reutlingen. The atmosphere in Baden-Württemberg, the quality of life, and especially the excellent industrial environment made Baden-Württemberg the better place to start his career, he believes.

Steven wrote his master's thesis on "Chrysler Group's Competitive Positions in the Middle East", and with his work experience in China and Southeast Asia, he became a "low-cost sourcing expert". His tasks included determining the parts that can be purchased more effectively – and not just at a lower price – in China. In his current position, he is facilitating exports from local suppliers in India and is working on strategies for logistics, procurement and supply.

As a result, he is on the phone with Germany every day. Of course, his solid command of German – a language he started learning in high school – contributed to his success. In addition to a second language and exceptional professional skills, cultural adaptability and mobility are essential in the job market. "Our group in Reutlingen was professionally diverse and international, and we learned a lot – also from each other", he says.

Steven has to run for the train now. He wants to meet some friends in Reutlingen before he returns to Stuttgart-Vaihingen for his DC training class, the reason for his trip from Singapore to Baden-Württemberg. "A short trip home", as he puts it. "Arriving in the Reutlingen/Tübingen area feels like coming home. I still have my 'Stammtisch' and a lot of friends here."

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