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Atte Miettinen, a Dubai-based mountaineer, is a step closer to completing the Seven Summits.

He hopes to join an exclusive group of mountaineers who have conquered all Seven Summits, the highest mountains on each of the seven continents, and to be the first person from his native Finland to do so.

Atte, an alumnus of the Dubai stream of the Executive MBA, reached the summit of Aconcagua, the highest mountain in South America, following a three week expedition in Argentina. The successful expedition to Aconcagua represents the fifth of the Seven Summits for Atte, with expeditions planned to the remaining two mountains, the world's highest mountain Mount Everest in Nepal and Denali in USA, over the next six months.

To maximise his speed and flexibility on the mountain and to navigate the often tricky weather systems, Atte was climbing with only a guide to accompany him.

Atte commented: "At almost 7000m, the altitude on Aconcagua represents the most significant challenge to climbers – in addition to the weather. On the summit, there's just 41% of the oxygen compared to sea-level, so to get the same amount of oxygen as in the UAE, one has to take 2.5 breaths, which makes all physical activity that more difficult.

"The high altitude of Aconcagua was great preparation for Mount Everest, where I'll be heading in March. It highlighted the challenges of operating in a low-oxygen environment and therefore gives me an opportunity to refine my training for the last few months before taking on the world's highest mountain."

For more information about the project, follow Atte on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/AtteMiettinen>, Facebook at Atte Miettinen – Seven Summits or visit his blog on www.sevensummits.ae.

Visit Portal news for more updates on Atte's challenge over the coming weeks.

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