# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

# CHRISTIAN TESTORF

Christian Testorf has spent over 30 years leading diverse European businesses at operational and boardroom level. For some years Christian has been investing in start-ups and actively supports the European Search Fund Association; he has facilitated MBOs, takeovers, acquisitions and business consolidations.

Christian has been a tutor at The Leadership Trust since 1992. This involvement with the Trust, and his extensive, international business experiences have enabled him to become a business advisor, coach, consultant and investor to small and medium size companies.

#### **MAIN STRENGTHS**

- Excellent leadership skills with the ability to create a vision and communicate it
- Experienced business person; many senior contacts
- Empowers others; good listener, enjoys working with people
- Speaks fluent German, intermediate Italian and Spanish

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

2009 to	NiQ Health LLC, Delaware, USA; London, UK and Perth, AUS	

(Manufacturers of IP based Call Management Solutions - Healthcare)

Director, Co-Founder, Investor

www.niq-health.com

2004 to 2009 Various consulting positions and investments

2002 to 2004 **Biddles Ltd** 

(UK's most established Book Manufacturer)

**Managing Director** 

Responsible for moving from long print runs to digital, on-demand printing: relocating firm from multiple sites to one site in Norfolk.

1998 to 2002 DocuMedia Ltd

(Logistics / Publishing / E-Marketing Services / Print)

**Managing Director** 

Transforming this firm from public into a private, VC owned, Company. Focus was on cultural and operational changes as well as diversification (Sale of company after 9/11 due to large exposure to the aviation sector)

1997 to 1998 Various consulting positions

1994 to 1997 FERGUSON INTERNATIONAL PLC

(Print / Packaging and Industrial Conglomerate, £200m + T/O)

Managing Director, Ferguson Textile Division

Responsible for 4 companies (Atlas House, Berisfords Labels, Blue Ribbon Label Company and Krisson Printing), T/O: £45m, Employees

880, Profit: £4.4

1987 - 1994 **ELSWICK PLC**  (Print / Packaging and Industrial Conglomerate, £40m T/O)

## Managing Director, Blue Ribbon Label Co. LTD

(Manufacturers of fabric and paper based labels/tags, packaging for the Textile Industry, £12m T/O, 220 employees)

Having joined as Sales and Marketing Manager, I was appointed General Manager in 1989 and Managing Director in 1992.

- Increased turnover 4-fold, profit 6-fold to over £1.5m.
- Adapted organisation to handle1000 + jobs a day, 48h turnaround, building a strong customer and creating a service orientated culture.
- Purchased Litho-press (Press alone £1.2m)
- Introduced 360-degree appraisals, continuous improvement system, BS5750
- Made various Acquisitions

1986 - 1987 **TAN-IMPEX** (Hungary, Budapest)

(Hungarian state-owned trading house) **Trading and Marketing Consultant** 

1984 - 1986 **HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY** (London)

(International Traders & Auctioneers, £120m T/O, 180 employees)

### **Marketing Manager Europe**

- Formulation and implementation of European marketing plan
- Dealing with manufacturers and wholesalers in Europe, America, Asia
- Organising and leading seminars for suppliers and clients

# 1977 - 1984 McMILLAN & MOORE LTD (London)

(Traders, Brokers and Merchants of raw skins and hides £15m T/O, 18 employees)

## **Trader and Deputy to Chairman**

- Development of German and Italian markets
- · Buying and selling of skins Internationally
- Negotiation with government trade departments in Canada, China and Brussels

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

1986	Marketing Course, Urwick Management Centre
1991	Leadership Development Course at the Leadership Trust
1993 - 1995	Diploma in Company Direction, Institute of Directors
1995	Strategic Marketing Course (Mark-Strat)
1992 to	Facilitator at Leadership Trust
2008 to	Trustee of Charity

## **EDUCATION**

Realschule, Elmshorn (10 'O' Level equivalent)
Wirtschaftsgymnasium, Hamburg (Diploma in Commercial Studies and 4 A Levels)

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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