

Martin Stevens In Profile

A senior IT and Business Professional with a proven track record of success within B2B, B2C, FMCG, corporate & commercial market sectors, on both a domestic & international basis. Extensive experience in the development and implementation of IT strategy coupled with business transformation, change management, troubleshooting, acquisition integration, IT management, programme and project management and service delivery skills.

CAREER HISTORY:

2010: CONSULTANT for Red Vista Ltd. Part of The Mavin Group.

2006 to 2009: HEAD OF IT: Peverel Group

The Peverel Group is a leading provider of property-related services throughout the UK with over 4000 employees and an annual turnover of £70 million.

- Successfully integrated major acquisition comprising 6 companies and multiple applications, 8 months ahead of schedule and on budget (£4.2 million). Doubled size of existing property management business and consolidated all applications into existing Peverel application suite.
- Achieved improved business efficiency and cost reduction through the implementation of document management and workflow technologies
- Achieved improved business efficiency and cost reduction through the deployment of mobile and remote access solutions
- Established comprehensive Business Continuity Plan & disaster recovery planning process
- Built and managed a customer focused, multi-site, multi-functional, shared service IT team
- Implemented upgrades to WAN, LAN, SAN, server architecture (virtualisation) & Telephony(VOIP)
- Promoted importance of collaboration, communication and a customer service culture
- Ensured successful project delivery through the introduction of a project management methodology
- Created IT strategy, 3 year roadmap and appropriate budgets

2005 to 2006: IT INTERIM MANAGEMENT

Various interim assignments including IT project recovery.

2004 to 2005: HEAD OF IT: Willmott Dixon Ltd

Willmott Dixon Ltd is a group of construction companies with a turnover of £350m

Appointed to re-organise the IT function & systems.

- Conducted assessment of IT capabilities, creating an IT roadmap for development
- Reorganised IT function, systems, applications and infrastructure to enable company de-merger
- Promoted efficient use of business intelligence through knowledge management tools
- Introduced process mapping, document management, workflow & portal technologies
- Dramatically improved failing relationships between Willmott Dixon & strategic IT partners
- Led implementation of programmes to improve all-round skill set of IT teams & users
- Developed proposals to upgrade WAN architecture & implement centralised storage
- Established comprehensive Business Continuity Plan & disaster recovery plans

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1993 to 2004: Cadbury Schweppes Plc.

Cadbury Schweppes is a major global company, which manufactured, marketed and distributed branded beverages and confectionery products around the world, employed 55,000 people in over 200 countries and had a turnover of £5.3 billion.

2000 to 2004: DIRECTOR, E-BUSINESS SOLUTIONS: Cadbury Schweppes Plc

Appointed to explore e-business & e-marketing opportunities and develop global IT strategies to improve competitive advantage through the use of e-business & knowledge management solutions.

- Conducted review of opportunities for e-business, working with vendors & suppliers
- Improved corporate understanding of the potential benefits from e-business through delivering an e-business & knowledge management roadshow, presented to 500+ executives across 7 regions.
- Created an e-business team of 12+ staff with £4.6m+ budget p.a. promoting the global transfer of knowledge through IT & e-business tools.
- Delivered e-procurement cost-savings of \$850k+ in FY 2001 through piloting the use of B2B e-procurement techniques, including e-sourcing tools, marketplaces and exchanges as business tools. Use of auctions and e-sourcing significantly reduced time to acquire supplies and raw materials and standardised product specification
- Managed roll-out of a corporate portal to improve information sharing & communications
- Delivered cost reduction through the implementation of a global website strategy. Pilot rollout across multiple business units in one country demonstrated savings of £4.4 million
- Delivered the concept of regional knowledge hubs (CRM). Pilot completed in American Beverages region demonstrated a 3x-increased speed in information access achieved (approximate productivity improvement of \$3.5M - \$4.0M). New learning increased 300% versus control group.

1996 to 1999: IT DIRECTOR, GLOBAL BEVERAGES: Cadbury Schweppes Plc

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Responsible for strategic IT management within the European and then Global Beverages business divisions. Appointed to spearhead introduction of innovative new solutions, technologies & tools.

- Resolved major stock outage and forecast issues through significant organisational and process change coupled with application integration.
- Oversaw numerous acquisition and de-merger projects. Activities included due diligence and business integration/separation programme delivery
- Drove adoption and implementation of an ERP strategy based on SAP R3 across European and then Global Beverages delivering improved information flow and management information
- Transitioned independent IT departments into a virtual team to support growth and deliver improved support and cost reductions
- Successfully addressed under-performing IT functions in the UK, France, Germany, Australia, Mexico and the US.
- Improved business process efficiency through the introduction of innovative solutions such as work group computing and PC based email

EARLY CAREER INCLUDES:

IT Manager - Becton-Dickinson France S.A., Grenoble

MIS Manager – Becton-Dickinson Canada Inc., Toronto

European Project Leader – Becton-Dickinson UK Ltd, Oxford

Senior Programmer – Alcan Aluminium (UK) Ltd, Banbury

Programmer – R&H Wale (Export) Ltd, Bedfordshire

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