



CURRICULUM VITAE

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SUMMARY

I have extensive experience in international business on different industrial segments such as energy, cleantech, pulp & paper and manufacturing. I have been lucky enough to act and gain experience in a whole variety of positions and companies from PLC's to start-ups.

EDUCATION

MBA, International Business, Mercer University, Atlanta GA, USA (AACSB)

B. Sc., Electrical Engineering, Pori Institute of Technology

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

International Business

Strategy, general management and people development

Marketing and sales management

Change management, company re-structuring and re-engineering

M & A activities including take over

International mega projects

General development and business processes

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

CEO – SoundFocus Oy, 2014 - Current

Management consulting - primarily for international business and turn around activities. Board Member, Saalasti Oy, Manner Oy.

CEO - Laitex Oy, 2012-2014

Manufacturer of mechanical conveyor equipment and systems. Mid size company with global customers and projects.

Complete re-engineering and restructuring of the company. Turned company from crisis to new record growth and profitability levels.

CEO – Biower Oy, 2008-2012

Clean-tech start-up company, which achieved break even profitability on the second fiscal year.

Vice President – Andritz Oy, (Pulp and Paper) 2001-2008

In charge of major mill wide project deliveries as well as the development aspects of pulp mill activities globally.

Project Manager – Andritz Inc. USA (KONEWOOD) 1995-2001

In charge of major woodyard EPC projects in North America.

Quality Manager – Pan Oston Canada & USA (Halton Company) 1992-1995

In charge of implementation of ISO 9001 in Canadian and USA plants.

Project Engineer – (Econo, UMA, Canada) 1991-1992

Automation project engineering projects with different companies and projects.

Personal

I am a car and boat enthusiast and also have a great interest in writing, recording, playing and producing music. Other hobbies include variety of sports such as running and skiing.

I am also an active board professional, mentor and member of Helsinki Board Partners ry.

References

Impressive references available upon request.

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