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INTRODUCTION

Experienced senior generalist leader of technology-centric growth businesses available for fractional and interim CEO or COO assignments. My 25 year career includes experience as a founder, MD, COO and non-exec board member of scale-up companies, including two successful exits. I have significant leadership experience of organic and acquisition-based growth in privately held and UK-listed companies up to £83m revenue and 700 employees.

CURRENTLY

Interim CEO / COO, consultancy and advisory work - January 2023 onwards

- Interim leadership creating sustainable, resilient and high performing technology growth businesses. Working with founders, leaders and investors. Member of COO Roundtable network.
- Growth coach with <u>2Y3X®</u> acceleration programme.
- Consultant with Extra Brain Ltd specialising in growth, operations and leadership.
- APMG Accredited Change Management practitioner.
- Workboard OKR Coach certification (Outcome Mindset Method™)

PREVIOUS EXEC ROLES

Chief Operating Officer - TPXimpact plc (formerly The Panoply plc) - Sept 2020 to December 2022

- Senior leadership team member for UK listed technology services group.
- Scaled revenue from £31.5m in 2019/20 to £83m in 2022/23 and headcount from 361 to 700.
- Operational leadership for central shared services (people, operations and ESG teams).
- Extensive M&A including operational due diligence and integration.
- Leadership of cross-company projects and change initiatives, including organisational design, culture development, process improvement, commercial optimisation and leadership coaching.
- Facilitated successful leadership transition from founders to new incoming CEO and CFO.

Managing Director - Deeson Group Ltd - April 2014 to April 2020

- Led growth of 10 FTE digital transformation agency to 40FTE with bases in London & Kent.
- Full P&L responsibility delivering 95% revenue growth in four years delivering net profit consistently above 29%.
- Sold agency to AIM-listed The Panoply plc (now TPXimpact plc) in December 2018 and led the agency's integration within the group successfully achieving earnout targets ahead of plan.
- Successful new business track record with major new account wins over multiple years.
- Delivered complex digital transformation for clients including ITV, Barnardo's, Johnson & Johnson, National Crime Agency, Royal Collection Trust and Imperial War Museums.
- Implemented a new operating model with multi-disciplinary agile software delivery teams. Developed and operationalised new services including digital transformation consultancy.

 Responsibility for all agency operations, including new business, marketing, project delivery, recruitment client service, finance and operations.

Chief Growth Officer (secondment) – GreenShoot Labs Ltd (now OpenDialog.ai) – April 2020 to Sept 2020

• Led growth and product development for leading global conversational AI consultancy, selling into consumer brands, regulated industries, government, universities and media.

Co-founder and COO - GreenShoot Labs Ltd (now OpenDialog.ai) - October 2017 to February 2019

• Co-founded and launched conversational AI business, alongside my main role as MD at Deeson. Exited to AIM-listed The Panoply plc in Feb 2019.

CURRENT NON-EXEC ROLES

Vice-chair, Business School Board - Canterbury Christ Church University - June 2015 onwards

• Vice-chair of non-executive advisory board providing strategic guidance, scrutiny and private sector insight to university business school senior leadership team.

Trustee, The Caldecott Foundation - September 2018 onwards

• Board trustee at charity providing specialist residential care, foster families, education and therapy to vulnerable and disadvantaged young people in the UK. Vice-chair of finance and audit/risk committees.

Non-executive Director, National Support Network CIC - April 2022 onwards

• Launch board director for a certified Social Enterprise and not-for-profit Community Interest Company monetising access to the UK's largest directory of external support services.

PREVIOUS NON-EXEC ROLES

Non-executive Director - Deeson Group Ltd - April 2016 to March 2022 Non-executive Director - Deeson Publishing Ltd - July 2018 to September 2020 Non-executive Director - Castle Street Holdings Ltd - July 2018 to August 2021

EARLY CAREER

February 2004 to April 2014

Communications, marketing, digital and change roles - UK public sector Launched and ran small web agency using freelance network as a side project for six years.

September 1998 to August 2004

Marketing, customer experience and digital roles - Boots, Open Interactive, Egg & Enterprise IG