

PRIMO BONACINA

A long-standing protagonist in the IT/Digital world

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Founder & Managing Partner

PBS - Primo Bonacina Services

2014 – ongoing, Brescia (Italy)

PBS is «The Digital, Actionable, Measurable» consultancy firm

- Adding value to enterprises by providing hands-on, no-risk, flexible, affordable, measurable support to their company initiatives
- Wide range of consulting services: business development/sales, PR/marketing/digital, HR/recruiting/training, management/organization
- Focus on how (digital) practices help companies in maximizing business results

Co-Founder & Managing Director

RADIO IT

2019 – ongoing, Milano/Brescia (Italy)

RADIOIT is the only platform in Italy allowing companies to immediately build/manage/promote their own web podcast radio channels

- Co-founding the initiative, achieving immediate attention from the market
- Responsible for Sales, Operations, F&A, Media Relations, Social Media
- Hosting 2 podcast series on Management & Digital HR matters

BU Manager, B2B/Commercial & Display solutions, Italy & Israel

Acer

2012 - 2013, Milan

Acer is a worldwide IT vendor

- In charge of all B2B product lines (Notebooks, Desktops, Servers, Storage, Services) + Monitors & Projectors (B2B & B2C)
- Addressing the Enterprise, Commercial, SMB channels & end-user markets
- Leading a team of Vertical Account Managers, PMs & Technical Specialists

Sales & Marketing Director (Country Leader), Italy

Black Box Network Services

2012, Milan

Black Box was a global vendor of enterprise IT solutions, selling to end-users & value channels

- As the subsidiary was a loss-maker, I was called in to replace the former manager and to lead a business/organization turnaround

Consultancy assignments in the Digital/IT sector, Italy

2010 – 2011, Milan

- Sales & Marketing Director for DocuBox**, a system house launching innovative storage/business continuity/document management solutions
- Sales & Marketing Director for GCI (Gruppo Consulenza Innovazione)**, a system integrator focused on business intelligence, infrastructure & vertical solutions (enterprise software, business intelligence, professional services), addressing large enterprises
- Vodafone Business Unit Director for NetArtis**, providing connectivity solutions to SMBs

A FEW ACHIEVEMENTS

- As Founder & Managing Partner of PBS**
 - 2019 revenue (100% consultancy): €458k
 - 220 customers in 14 countries
 - Plenty of words of appreciations
 - Keynote speaker/chairman in 70+ conferences/training sessions (Innovation, Software-Defined IT, Digital Recruiting, Social Media, Digital Business, IOT ...)
 - Columnist for a number of publishing houses on innovation/management/sales/digital trends
 - Hosting 2 podcast series on Management & Digital HR matters
- As Business Unit Manager, B2B/Commercial & Display solutions, Italy & Israel of Acer**
 - Business Unit profitability: 2.9% Operating Income on €19M quarterly revenue (Q4CY13)
 - Market share growth across most segments (sources: Context, GFK, PMA)
 - Managed large tenders in the finance/public sectors (Banca Intesa, Lombardia Informatica, Consip)
 - Entered MediaWorld (MediaMarkt) with B2C monitor offering
 - Noticeable presence on the press & social media
- As Managing Director, Italy of Magirus (now part of Tech Data)**
 - Reshaped the subsidiary sales & marketing teams, revamped the company's commercial & communication strategies, set a plan to achieve profit
 - Broken all records (sales, profit, number of customers) w/ major market share increase: Sales in 2005 got to €57M (5x in 3 years)
 - Joined (2005) a strategic steering committee for Magirus International, to lead a new approach focused on Value-Added Distribution (storage, hi-end software, services)
 - Grew the professional services business (training, turn-key installations, consultancy) in Italy from zero to almost €1M/year;
 - Participated to the acquisition of Allasso (2006), a multinational cybersecurity & networking distributor (Juniper, Check Point/Nokia, Nortel, Websense, Ironport/Cisco); Named Managing Director of the combined entity (€74M revenue)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director of SMB & 2-tier channels, Italy

Microsoft

2009, Milan

In charge of sales & marketing to all distribution channels:

- ☐ The role was created when I joined and it was aimed at grouping in a single function several areas of responsibility:
 - Towards distribution & midmarket channels
 - For all mainstream software products
 - In any licensing form factor
 - Towards all end-user audiences
- ☐ Managing the majority of top resellers (700 out of the top 800)
- ☐ Responsible for Sales & Marketing to the SMB (5-250 PCs) sector

Managing Director (Amministratore Delegato), Italy/Greece/Malta/Cyprus

Magirus (now part of Tech Data Advanced Solutions)

2002 – 2009, Milan

Magirus was a pan-EMEA Value-Added Distributor of data center & enterprise solutions (servers, storage, software, security, networking, services)

- ☐ As the subsidiary was a loss-maker, I was called in to replace the two former co-MDs, to initiate a turnaround & to grow the subsidiary business

Managing Director Sales & Marketing, Italy

Tech Data

2000 – 2002, Milan

Tech Data is a top worldwide broadband IT distributor

- ☐ Leading a 130-person team in 10 business units (PC, Software, Networking, Components, Peripherals, Supplies ...), 3 focused sales teams (Enterprise, Midmarket, B2C/retail) and 2 global teams (Marketing, e-Business) for a business of €480M/year
- ☐ As the company was losing market share, I was called in to replace the former MD and to lead a turnaround

Director of Global Marketing & Sales Support, EMEA

Anixter

1997 – 2000, Milan/London

Anixter was the #1 worldwide Value-Added Distributor of connectivity & infrastructure solutions

- ☐ Leading a 25-person team (Milan, London) in charge of 6 business areas for \$500M+ yearly sales
- ☐ Responsible for Internet-based business tools for Latin America & Australia, leading the fitting of the European strategy over there
- ☐ Managing the business with their major networking vendor (Nortel, \$60M+ sales)
- ☐ Identifying new opportunities in the networking/telephony convergence
- ☐ Prior to the EMEA role: **Marketing, Business & Technology Director, Mediterranean Area, Switzerland, Middle East (1997-1998)**

Marketing Director, Southern Europe

3Com (now part of HPE)

1988 - 1997, Milan/Madrid/Paris

3Com was the 2nd-largest networking vendor

Prior to the Southern Europe role (1995-1997):

- ☐ **Marketing Director, Mediterranean Area (1992-1995)**
- ☐ **Iberia System Integrators Sales Director (1993-1994)**
- ☐ **Marketing Director Italy & Greece (1989-1992)**
- ☐ **Technical Director, Italy (1988-1989)**

Product Manager, Midrange Software, Italy

Olivetti

1984 - 1988, Milan

Olivetti was a top IT vendor

- ☐ Selecting products & commercial partners, coordinating the porting of applications
- ☐ Prior to that, **Sales Engineer, PC and midrange software (1984-87)** responsible for the evaluation of software solutions for the emerging Windows and UNIX platforms

LANGUAGES

Italian



Native

English



Proficient

French, Spanish



Fluent Reading/Listening,
Basic conversation

EDUCATION

Laurea in Scienze dell'Informazione

Università degli Studi di Milano

110 cum laude / 110

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- My family
- Experienced photographer (wildlife, street, events)
- Traveller
- Digital, Innovation, Marketing, Management trends