

DR. THOMAS BRETTAR

Interim Manager & Enterpriser Advisor



BRIEF PROFILE

60 years old – married, two children – english fluent – Master’s in Business Administration (Diplom-Kaufmann) and Doctorate at Saarland University – Career start in the Controlling department of Metallgesellschaft AG, then Delton AG (Holding of Stefan Quandt) and participation in a Management Buy-Out with a Private Equity Investor

Managing Director / Senior Manager / CFO and Interim Manager with strong implementation skills and international experience, **Project Manager** and **Business Coach**

Industry expertise: Automotive supplier industry and machinery construction business, consumer industry (fashion/textiles, food, cosmetics), service and retail business, pipeline-bound energy transport, medical technology

Proven success: Value-based management, business process optimisation, restructuring, cost reduction and increased efficiency programme, implementation of syndicated loans, improvement of purchasing performance, managing of M&A processes including post-merger integration, Human Resources Management and (On-the-Job-) Coaching

Enterprise experience: Family-owned companies and Private Equity investments

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Well-chosen projects and jobs

since 01/2009 **Freelance Interim Manager and Enterpriser Advisor as owner of OPTILANE – DR. BRETTAR GMBH (www.optilane.com)**

ongoing **Enterpriser Advisor:** Longterm support of the owner in the development of a succession plan – service company in the food industry

- 2,5 years **Project Manager:** Optimisation order handling and offering as well as pricing process – Sales and Service Company (revenues EUR 75 million; employees 120) of an international group for medical technology
- 9 months **Interim Managing Director / CFO:** International automotive supplier (revenues EUR 95 million; employees 1,550) with 8 subsidiaries in 7 countries - restructuring
- 12 months **Project Manager:** Redesign technical controlling process – Investment of a Private Equity Company: Pipeline-bound energy transport and transmission system operator (TSO) in a regulated market (revenues EUR 230 million; employees 290)
- 3.5 years **Programme-Manager:** Implementation of defined efficiency increase projects / **M&A-Transaction-Manager:** Pre-check, evaluation and due diligence of several targets (closing of two investments and one divestiture project) – family-owned group: international automotive supplier and machinery construction and tooling company (revenues EUR 620 million; employees 5,200) with 21 sites in 8 countries
- 2.25 years **Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO):** Investment of a Private Equity Company: Development, sale and distribution of branded goods in the cosmetics industry (revenues EUR 30 million; employees 30)
- 5 years Honorary judge at Local Labour Court, Düsseldorf
- 08/2007 – 01/2009** **Managing Director / CFO / CRO**
Family-owned group of companies: development, production and sale of products for the food industry – branded goods and private label products (revenues EUR 100 million; employees 550) – restructuring
- 11/2000 – 07/2007** **Managing Director / CFO Carcoustics International GmbH / illbruck Automotive International GmbH, Leverkusen**
International automotive supplier – development, production and sale of products for total car acoustics and heat management (revenues EUR 304 million; employees 2,200) with 18 subsidiaries in 13 countries – **Management Buy Out (MBO)** with the Private Equity Investor Alpnvest (www.carcoustics.com)
- 10/1998 – 10/2000** **Managing Director van Laack GmbH (Delton-Group; Shareholder: Stefan Quandt), Mönchengladbach**
Fashion industry: development, production, sale and retail (revenues EUR 60 million; employees 1,100) with 12 subsidiaries in 11 countries (www.vanlaack.de)