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Established

2001

Responsible person for the network



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Name of senior consultants

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Total number of consultants

Number of associate management consultants (at least one entire assignment together)

3

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Specialisations (FEACO classification/ main fields of activity) Scenario Development

Strategy Development & Implementation

Leadership Development

Senior Management Team Development

Change Processes

Post-Merger and Acquisition Processes

Communication & Marketing

Type of clients/branches (industry areas) *

Process Industry Energy / Utilities IT Services

Banking, Insurance and Finance

Offshore EPCIC

(Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Installation & Commissioning)

Shipping

Consumer Goods

Consulting products or service packages (self-developed)

Performance Improvement Process (PIP) Jumping the Curve (Change processes) Partnership & Alliances process

International practice (foreign countries where assignments were completed; in order of priority) Sweden Denmark Germany Switzerland Finland France Italy Brazil

Language ability in the firm

Norwegian Swedish English German French Hebrew

International certification

All our employees hold a number of different certifications and are Certified Management Consultants, Certified Coaches, and certified to use a number of different assessment and analysis tools both on individual, team and organisational level.

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Mission statement / consulting philosophy

We believe in the virtue of exposure and personal experience. We share a fate of having a balanced experience of line management as well as consultancy. We have been out there. Stood our ground. Taken the heat. And we have honed our skills through working closely with our clients as their trusted process facilitators, advisers, coaches and mentors.

We base our work on a number of different proven methodologies and approaches – in addition to our own performance principles. At the heart of our thinking lies the concept of appreciative inquiry. We believe in the powers of interpersonal communication and dialogue; how people talk has implications for who we become and what we can do as individuals. We also regard everything in a systemic perspective. Everything is systemic – everything interacts with (affects and is affected by) the things around it – systemic insights into complex situations and problems. We do not deal with the parts of a situation in isolation; we deal with them in concert – both the elements of a situation and how they interact with one another.

Credentials (short description of some typical assignments)

- Type of client / branch (industry area)
- Field of activity
- Assignment summary and results

SIEMENS FINANCIAL SERVICES

Nordic Management Team (NMT) development process, plus development process for next level managers. Duration 12 months. Assignment goals and outcome:

- 1. Bring the team together; Establish team purpose and understand the development phases of teams.
- 2. Identify and agree on a desired culture; how to act as a team and what behaviours we must be able to expect from each other.
- 3. Develop necessary leadership skills
- 4. Identify and develop increased mutual trust
- 5. To become a high performing team

LANDESHYPOTEK BANK

All-encompassing leadership development process, covering the senior management team, next level leaders & all employees. In total 185 people participating. Duration 2 years.

Assignment goals and outcome:

- 1. Become highly effective in terms of delivering results
- 2. Achieve alignment, consistency & predictability
- Understand individual working preferences, communication styles, cultural orientations
- 4. Build a supporting atmosphere of mutual respect and trust
- 5. Expand the mind for strategic and tactical leadership thinking

ALPIQ

(a leading European energy company) Scenario Development process & revised Mission and Vision. Duration 9 months

The major outcome of the process was:

- 1. Changed thinking
- 2. Informed narratives or stories about plausible futures
- 3. Improved decision making about the future
- 4. Enhanced human and organisational learning and imagination

Selection of important and well known clients (location)

Hydro Aluminium (Norway, Germany, Brazil, France) ABB (Switzerland, Brazil, Sweden, Germany) Gjensidige Bank (Norway) Tieto (Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark) Bilfinger (Norway) Sapa (Norway, Denmark, Sweden)

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Partners / senior Consultants (short profile)

HARALD KORN

Harald has developed his skills as a consultant since 1984. In recent years, he has also worked actively as an entrepreneur in the Norwegian boating industry through his ownership the Giramar group of companies. He is now fully engaged – again – as a consultant, focussing on some of the larger accounts in Oslo Consulting Group AS, where he also serves as chairman of the board.

Throughout his entire career, Harald has been actively involved in transformation processes with leading European multinationals. The projects include scenario development and strategic planning, global restructuring and implementation, as well as leadership development and coaching of senior management teams.

During the last 35 years, Harald has worked extensively with industries like Engineering, Shipping, Off-shore EPCIC, Aluminium, Energy, IT and Banking.

Harald is married, has three children, and lives in Asker, Norway.

MARI ELLESTAD

Mari has broad experience from developing leaders and management teams and has a special interest for the power of conversations in organisations, and how conversations are a premise for driving change, creating stability and delivering outstanding results through people. With this as a basis, she is helping leaders and management teams develop their ability to ask the right questions at the right time and find the balance between involvement and setting direction. Mari has been supporting leaders and management teams on all levels, in industries like Insurance, Banking & Finance, Engineering and Energy.

Before becoming a consultant, Mari spent several years as head of department in a technology driven company with responsibility for competence development and information flow. Her theoretical background lies in business development, change management and innovation, and she is certified Executive Coach by DNCF.

Mari joined Oslo Consulting Group early 2018 and holds the position of Managing Director and Senior Consultant.

Mari lives in Oslo, Norway, with her boyfriend and their son.

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