

Jonathan Robinson

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Personal Information

Nationality: British & South African

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Summary

An entrepreneur, senior manager and board director with substantial international experience within the Internet names and related sectors.

Professional experience

2009 - Present Various London, UK

Portfolio Activities - Consultant & Company Director

- Director, Afilius Ltd – Domain name registry operator
- Director, Nominet (UK) Ltd – .uk domain name registry operator
- Director, Ipracon Ltd. – Own consultancy business
- Director, IPRota Ltd. – IP Rights / domain name services business

2006 - 2009 Group NBT (prev. NetBenefit) plc London, UK

Chief Operating Officer

- Main board director of profitable, quoted company (*circa* £40m sales)
- Member of executive management team comprising 6 people
- Responsible for product strategy & development, fulfilment operations and acquired company integration
- Additional responsibilities; industry media relations, M&A

2002 - 2005 NetBenefit plc London

Business Development Director

- Main board director, member of executive management team
- Responsible for product, software development and technical operations
- Additional responsibilities; industry media relations, M&A strategy, prospecting and execution

1997 - 2001 NetBenefit UK Ltd / NetBenefit plc London, UK

Co-founder / CEO

- Appointed MD in May 1997 to manage and develop NetBenefit UK Ltd
- Set strategy as CEO, successfully listed NetBenefit plc on LSE in 1999
- Acquired French subsidiary (1999) and major UK competitor (Q1 2000)
- Full strategic review and implementation Q4 2000 to Q3 2001
- External CEO hired Q4 2001

1995 - 1996 Rolls Royce Technology Centre Cambridge, UK
Rolls-Royce Research Fellow

- Industry funded research centre attached to the University of Cambridge

1993 - 1994 Imperial College London, UK
Research Associate

- Commercially oriented research on steam turbine blade surfacing

**Additional
professional
activities**

2001 - Present Afilias Ltd Dublin, Ireland
Director

- Private, for-profit domain registry business (.info, .mobi, .pro)

Dec 2010 - Present ICANN GNSO California, USA
GNSO Councilor

- Registries stakeholder group representative to ICANN's GNSO Council

2003 – 2007, 2009 – 2011 Nominet UK Ltd Oxford, UK
Director

- Private, not-for-profit domain registry business, manager of .uk

1996 - 1997 NetBenefit UK Ltd London, UK
Director

- Founder shareholder and non-executive director

1998 -1999 Council of Registrars Geneva, Switzerland
Deputy Chairman

- CORE, a consortium formed to drive introduction of new gTLDs

Awards

3 successive Deloitte & Touche Fast 50 awards to NetBenefit plc
Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year semi-finalist 2000

Education

1988 – 1991 University of Cape Town Cape Town, RSA
PhD Materials Engineering

- Included research undertaken at University of California, Berkeley, USA

1987 - 1988 University of Cape Town Cape Town, RSA
MSc Applied Science

- 18 month programme completed. Degree registration upgraded to PhD

1984 - 1986 University of Cape Town Cape Town, RSA
BSc Physics

- 3 year degree with sub-majors in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics