

# Ricoh International & Ricoh Emerging Markets EMEA Transforming Culture, Leadership and Performance

This assignment was won and delivered by Graham Keen and GKPsy franchisee Henrik Hansen.

#### **Background**

- Original client was Ricoh International (RIBV)
  - o 130 people, €300m sales, 30+ languages
  - o CEO Henning Rudbech
- Subsequently expanded to Ricoh Emerging Markets Group EMEA (REMG)
  - Comprises 5 operating companies: RIBV, Ricoh Turkey, Ricoh Russia, Ricoh Middle East, and Ricoh South Africa
  - o 850 people, €1Bn sales
  - Henning Rudbech was promoted to CEO of REMG

## **Objectives**

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  - o Embed an enlightened positive inclusive leadership culture
  - o Upgrade supervisory & management skills to industry leading standards
  - o Release trapped personal potential
  - o Improve revenues & profits via resilient positivity and motivation
  - o Ensure sustained impact in all areas.

## **Solution**

The assignment started in 2012 with a pilot 2-day New Impetus programme at RIBV for Henning and his direct reports. As a result of its success we were asked in 2013 to write and deliver a full 11 day leadership development programme for 15 directors & senior managers comprising

- o 4-day New Impetus
- Influencing with Grace
- o Leadership 1 & 2
- o Interviewing and corrective feedback
- o Ongoing monthly 121 mentoring



## **Results**

- Results were so good the programme was repeated for new groups of executives in 2014, 2015, and 2016; mentoring for several years thereafter.
  - All directors, managers, talent group individuals and high potentials in RIBV & Ricoh
     Turkey have attended the full leadership programme
  - Many other REMG Op Co directors ditto
  - New Impetus has been run for the whole management of the largest distributor:
     Nashua in South Africa
  - Along the way every RIBV employee has attended at least a two-day New Impetus
     Overview programme
  - o Refresher and/or update programmes have been run every year for all participants
  - o At one point we were mentoring 64 executives on three continents
- Henrik Hansen has developed close trusted advisor relationships with Henning & his teams across EMEA, attending SMT board meetings and being involved in senior appointments.

## **Outcomes achieved**

- In a period where the industry has faced challenges RIBV has been a consistently high / top performer at revenue and profit level compared to other Ricoh companies, in no small part due to our involvement according to Henning
- The longevity of TPPC's partnership with RIBV/REMG speaks for itself unless we added substantial value through improved financial performance that wouldn't happen
- We have revitalised and sustained morale in a period of prolonged uncertainty and change as the group has gone through serial reorganisations, including materially impacting retention of senior staff
- Many senior people have delivered impressively in part under our guidance resulting in very substantial promotions.