Zehra Chopra

Courage, Change, Compassion

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PROFILE

Visionary Leader with 29 years of experience & performance, in Business Development, Corporate Sales, Account Management, Strategic Planning, Customer Experience, Management, Creative Branding, Innovation & Relationship Management.

SKILL HIGHLIGHTS

Passionate, Persuasive, Empowering, Communication, Leadership, Committed, Disciplined, Decision Making, Negotiating.

EXPOSURE

Canada: 15 years UAE: 2 years India: 13 years

IT Solutions/Document Management Retail & Innovation Advertising, Marketing, Branding Real Estate Hospitality & Public Relations

Real Estate Healthcare

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Konica Minolta Canada - IT Solutions & Services

Enterprise Sales Account Manager Ontario

Developed strategic plans for new business development

Managed existing clients and increased the current business by providing excellent customer experience

Partnered with clients to understand their business objectives, challenges and help achieve their goals

Performed discoveries at customer sites engaging staff to better understand and address existing processess

Worked on pilot projects with our solutions team to demonstrate solutions offerings

Presented scope of work to showcase new technology benefits comparing it to their current situation

Led RFP's and tenders right from planning to completion

Made presentations to customers with a strategic focus on the ROI

Negotiated contracts and closed deals with high profit margins

Built long term relationships with customers by problem solving methodology

Offered value added solutions with a sustainable platform and long term savings.

Achievements

Top performer, exceeded sales targets and managed accounts with exceptional customer experience

Speedex International : Second largest Retailer of UAE

CEO / Director Operations UAE

Aug 2015 - Apr 2017

Jun 2017 - Oct 2019

Governance- Established corporate functions of Business Development, HR, Finance, Marketing and Retail.

Change Management- Revamped existing operations through a variety of change management initiatives

Innovation – Implemented changes in the retail stores with new ideas of merchandising & planning

Advertising & Branding - Created concepts and marketing campaigns for a new positioning in the market

Expansion Projects- Worked on expansion of retail outlets in the country and successfully managed the project

Event Management - Participated in national exhibitions and managed the entire event from inception to implementation

Talent Sourcing & Training- Hired and trained managers in areas of retail, sales, customer service & operations

New Business Development- Extensively worked with the sales team and built strategic plans for achieving targets

Strategic Planning- Developed a plan for 2, 3 & 5 years with realistic approach and company vision

Operational Excellence- Created a mindset engaging employees to work with new principles of the company and create a sustainable platform streamlining current and new processes

Growth - Built trust relations with stakeholders and key partners for new ventures and future collaborations

PR- Elevated the company's presence by collaborating with media, national exhibitors & target audience

Achievements

Over achieved targets by working with a strong commitment, discipline and passion. In the first year repositioned the company to the next level with a solid foundation and no compromise on values. Increased revenue and enhanced customer experience by motivating and training employees, ensuring that everyone was valued, respected & rewarded.

Ricoh Canada Inc - Document Management

Business Development Manager SWO

Oct 2013 - July 2015

Managed the large accounts in South Western Ontario

Worked with C level executives of companies to understand their business objectives and current situation

Arranged appointments and executed the meetings with the solutions & senior management.

Hunted for new business and bagged new competitive clients

Made presentations with the team to new clients demonstrating our strengths and offerings

Performed quarterly reviews with existing clients scoping annual plans and next steps

Increase revenue with high profit margins by winning customer trust

Ensured customer issues were taken care with utmost satisfaction

Executed meetings with each department to streamline their workflow and increase productivity

Achievements

Increased revenue by 30% and added new customers on the portfolio.

Lexmark Canada Inc - Healthcare Solutions

Director Business Development

Dec 2011 - Oct 2013

Managed the large accounts in healthcare

Targeted new competitor accounts and arranged introductory meetings

Worked with industry experts and met the department heads

Performed comparative analysis of their current situation and future solutions

Engaged the staff to better understand the challenges and implications

Executed on site discoveries with the team to demo the workflow solutions

Earned their trust by proving the benefits and presenting realistic ROI's

Negotiated contracts and won business of new clients with teamwork

Achievements

Increased healthcare presence in the tough competitive market & won new RFP's.

Canon Canada Inc - Document Management

Major Account Manager

Jan 2009 – Nov 2011

Achievements

President Club Award

Ricoh Canada Inc - Document Management

Key Account Manager

Jan 2000 - Dec 2008

Achievements

President Club Award

INDIA Experience

June 1987 – Oct 2000

- TAJ Group of Hotels Assistant Director Sales 2 years
- Accor Group of Hotels SOFITEL Manager Corporate Sales 2 years
- Triton Advertising Agency Director Business Development 3 years
- SOI Archer Communications Director Client Servicing 3 years
- SESA Seat Yellow Pages Regional Sales Manager 2 years
- Nelsons High School Secondary Teacher 1 year

EDUCATION

Honors Bachelor of Science [Microbiology]

VOLUNTEER & Part time

Sienna Senior Living - Senior Care.