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🌐 Detailed Career History: <https://www.mkkdion.com/it>

My career has developed into two avenues.

For 20+ years I worked solely on IT Project Management for large companies but since 2022, I have diversified into building and operating online shops, employing the skills and experience I gained over 20 years.

This CV is split into two sections; **IT Project Management** and **Online Retail**.

IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Summary

I am a delivery-driven IT Project Manager with over 20 years of experience delivering complex cloud, application, and infrastructure projects for financial services, insurance, and government sectors. Proven success managing cross-functional teams (onshore/offshore), multimillion-pound budgets, PMO governance and executive stakeholder engagement. Happy to work inside / outside IR35 and short-term contracts.

Core Competencies

Cloud migrations (Azure, AWS), datacentre consolidation & decommissioning, Agile, Scrum, Waterfall & Hybrid delivery, budget management & cost optimization, RAID, PMO governance & SteerCo reporting, application upgrades & rollouts, service transition & support handover, stakeholder management & communication, team leadership and mentoring, vendor & partner management.

IT Project Management Work History

IT Project Manager – The Access Group

Feb 2025 – April 2026 | Contract

- Part of a team to move applications for 100 Government and Health Trust customers, from legacy datacentres to a new on-premise location.
- Planning and deployment of Cortex anti-virus and Kesaya VSA patching tools to 2,500 Linux servers.
- Upgrading and replacing ageing out of support infrastructure.
- Planning the decommission of two datacentres, when everything had been migrated out.

IT Project Manager – Lloyd's of London

Jul 2024 – Dec 2024 | Contract

- Delivered improvements to submission services used by Managing Agents and Syndicates.
- Managed Agile delivery with Scrum Master, deployment runbooks and ensured service transition readiness.

Founder & CEO, MKK Lion

Jul 2023 – Jul 2024 | Self-Employment

- In 2023, I was unemployed from IT project management for a year, so I spent the time building my website businesses. See the "Online Retail" section below.

IT Project Manager – London Stock Exchange Group

Jul 2020 – Jul 2023 | Contract

- I saved £3M in cloud costs through CloudHealth optimisation.
- Deployed Snowflake on AWS, replacing Oracle workloads.
- In 2020, I project managed the build, deployment and testing of Google Anthos containerisation in under 6 months — first of its kind for finance in the UK.

IT Project Manager – TP ICAP

Jan 2020 – Jun 2020 | Contract

- I managed the migration of 20 applications and 80+ databases and closed three data centres within 6 months.
- Upgraded Oracle to 19c, delivered full decommissioning and transition.

IT Project Manager – Lloyd's of London

Feb 2019 – Dec 2019 | Contract

- I managed the migration of 180 applications and 1,200+ servers/databases to Azure.
- Led £3.1M programme using Azure DevOps and Agile, giving the client 100% on-time & on-budget delivery.

IT Project Manager – MS Amlin Insurance

Jun 2015 – Dec 2018 | Contract

- Delivered £3M/yr savings by consolidating IT services across partners.
- Migrated 100+ servers to Azure; deployed DR solutions for 25 mission-critical apps.
- Upgraded Microsoft Dynamics for 400+ users across 9 countries.

Earlier roles

(1993–2015)

- IT PM roles at CMC Markets, Ladbrokes, Merrill Lynch HSBC, Merchants Group, and Webbs Country Foods.

ONLINE RETAIL

Summary

In 2023, I was unemployed for a year, so I developed my own online shops selling products, as a long-term plan to create multiple sources of future income. I now have five websites selling over 7,500 products online. The end-to-end process from the customer purchasing a product, payment card processing, order fulfilment and finally despatch, are completely automated.

www.mkklionclothing.com

www.mkkliontshirts.com

www.mkklionhats.com

www.mkklionflipflops.com

www.tjitacosmetics.com

I also created a horse racing model using AI to generate daily selections to place lay bets on. This model consistently makes a 10-20% return each month and gave me an income whilst I was off for the year. I still run it today and now sell the tips to subscribers. Again, automation means running this service takes just 15 minutes a day.

Core Competencies

Creating and operating online businesses, has given me the opportunity to incorporate skills and experience from IT project management and learn new skills too; business planning, product research and design, profit and cost analysis, website design and integration with 3rd party service providers utilising drop-shipping, automation and AI tools. I am also learning sales, marketing and social media skills.

Work History

2026

- With my daughter, we launched our own cosmetics brand, Tjita Cosmetics, selling over 300 products.
- I made a small site selling MKK Lion branded flip flops for the summer.
- With my business partner, we are building a resource supply business, to supply personnel with legal contract skills to clients on a day rate (www.mkklioncontracts.com)

2025

- I built and launched MKK Lion T-Shirts and MKK Lion Hats, selling nearly 4,000 products.

Jul 2023 – Jul 2024

- I created the original website, my own clothing brand called MKK Lion, offering nearly 3,000 products; tops, bottoms, jackets, footwear, hats and accessories, competing against the likes of Superdry, Gap and Hoodrich.

Education & Certifications

- PRINCE2 (Foundation & Practitioner) – Learning Tree, UK – 2007
- MSc, Information Technology – Warwick University – 1993
- BSc, Accounting & Computing (2:1 with Distinction) – De Montfort University – 1992

Interests

I love spending time on my online businesses; building, improving, growing and promoting them. When building the site is done, effort must be put into promoting the business and products; sales, marketing and social media. These are new skills I am learning and have the help of people with real world digital marketing expertise.

I used to love walking my dog in the park when she was alive. The peace and quiet with no phones and email.

I enjoy running my Horse Racing model, picking horses to lay bet every day and counting the profits. It is roughly 99% accurate at picking horses that lose (I want it to pick losers) so I can emulate a bookmaker. The entire activity takes just 15 minutes every morning. This is something I will do until the gambling account grows to a significant amount due to compounding the daily wins.

I have written 20+ books, available on Amazon, two of them relating to IT project management, “How to Manage a Project (2023)” and “IT Planning for Large Sporting Events (2015)”. Writing it something I would like to return to in the future when I have more time.

References

Available upon request

- Nicole Harvey, Transformation Director, The Access Group
- Dean Peacock, Portfolio Manager, Lloyd's of London
- Garrie Masson, Transformation Director, Lloyd's of London