

Martin Harris

Senior IT Project Manager | Cloud, Infrastructure & Application Delivery Expert

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Professional Summary

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. **Available immediately.**

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.

Professional Experience

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 the 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 – MKK Lion Ltd

Jul 2023 – Present | Self-Employment

- In 2023, I took a year out to build and launch my own online businesses, creating my own clothing and cosmetics brands. I have five websites now in operation.
- 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.
- The online businesses use as much automation and 3rd party services as possible, to enable me to fulfil IT Project Management contracts as well.
- The aim is to have more than one source of income.

IT Project Manager – London Stock Exchange Group

Jul 2020 – Jul 2023 | Contract

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

IT Project Manager – TP ICAP

Jan 2020 – Jun 2020 | Contract

- Migrated 20 applications, 80+ databases; 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

- Migrated 180 applications and 1,200+ servers/databases to Azure.
- Led £3.1M programme using Azure DevOps and Agile for a 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.

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 like building my MKK Lion brand, creating online shops utilising automation and 3rd parties for order fulfilment, payments and delivery; www.mkklionclothing.com (clothing brand), www.mkkliionshirts.com (t-shirts and tops), www.mkklionhats.com (baseball caps and hats), www.tjitacosmetics.com (make-up and accessories), www.patreon.com/mkkracing (horse racing tips).

I have written two books relating to IT project management, available on Amazon, “How to Manage a Project (2023)” and “IT Planning for Large Sporting Events (2015)”

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