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Cathy is a successful entrepreneur with experience working with global corporate clients across a wide range of markets and industries. Her passion for building businesses has led her to the launch of Liderança Group, Assessment Leaders, Leadership Balance, Be Well Perform Well, and Business Builders. She is a dynamic speaker with an engaging personality who has a genuine passion for helping business leaders achieve their goals.

A Trusted Partner Cathy's style is results-oriented, and she tailors programs to meet each client's unique needs. Open, honest communications are at the heart of all of her client engagements. She uses a straightforward approach to help executives set realistic and achievable change management and growth initiatives, and she considers herself a true partner in each company's ultimate success.

Cathy also believes strongly in establishing relationships at all levels within an organization to truly get to core issues and holds a looking-glass up to a company's leadership. She helps implement visionary, long-lasting changes to create a healthier culture and improve an organization's overall performance. As a result, she has earned the respect of both clients and colleagues around the world who enthusiastically recommend her services.

Experience Matters Cathy's corporate career began at Apple Computer, where she directed internal communication and public relations during the exciting time of the Macintosh factory launch. Reporting to two General Managers under Steve Jobs, she regularly attended senior-led staff meetings with and managed special tour assignments for the technology legend. She then transitioned to Fuji Optical Systems Ltd (a subsidiary of Fuji Film), where she worked for 10 years. As a Senior Sales and Marketing Executive, Light was instrumental in developing a new division for Fuji that revolutionized the dental industry for years to come. By utilizing Fuji's leading, high-resolution imaging technology, the first video dental camera shaped like a mouth mirror was developed, an innovation that became a \$500M market within five years.

Cathy Light later served as Vice President and General Manager of Sunrise Technologies, Inc., a publicly traded developer and manufacturer of lasers and related products for ophthalmic and dental applications. In 1995, Light was recruited to help the struggling dental division. Within two years, she achieved a 38% growth in sales, streamlined operations, established disciplined budget controls, and reorganized distribution channels. Light's leadership turned the division around, setting it on a course of profitability and increased shareholder value.

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Experience Continued

In 1998, Cathy Light decided it was time to build on the business expertise and experiences she had gained, and she founded her first management advisory company: Business Builders LLC. Established in 1998, Business Builders has provided management solutions to executives of early stage to Fortune 500 companies in a broad range of industries, helping to create effective strategies to position their businesses for future growth. Business Builders' wide range of services include web-based planning and performance systems, management 360 competency tools, executive coaching, human capital assessments, and an e-commerce training and development site.

Academics

- M.S. in Human Resources & Organizational Development, University of San Francisco
- B.S. in Business Administration, San Jose State University

Professional Certifications

- Certified Partner, The Five Behaviors of Cohesive Teams
- Checkpoint, Leadership 360™, Profiles International
- Certified Management Consultant (CMC), Institute of Management Consultants
- College of Business and Economics Executive Board, Boise State University

Active Affiliations

- Women's President Organization, Silicon Valley Chapter
- Vistage Resource Facilitator/Coach
- Member, Keiretsu Forum, Angel Investors Group

Awards

- 2012 Women of the Year by Idaho Business Review
- 2009 & 2010 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Nominated by Smart Business