



## **Cathy Light**

### **Special Advisor to the CEO and Principal Consultant**

Cathy Light 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.

Cathy's style is results-oriented, and tailors programs to meet each client's unique needs. Open, honest communications are at the heart of all her engagements. She uses a straightforward approach to help executives set realistic and achievable change management and growth initiatives. 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 graciously recommend her services.

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 a decade. 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. In less than two years, Cathy, and her team, she achieved a 38% growth in sales, streamlined operations, established disciplined budget controls, and reorganized global distribution channels. Light's leadership turned the division around, setting it on a course of profitability increasing shareholder value, to a liquidity event in less than three years. In 1998, Cathy Light decided it was time to build on the business expertise and experiences she had gained, and founded her first management advisory company: Business Builders, providing management solutions to executives of early stage to Fortune 500 companies in a broad range of industries, creating effective strategies to position their businesses for growth. The company's wide range of services includes web-based planning and performance systems, management 360 competency tools, executive coaching, human capital assessments, and an e-commerce training and development site.