



Engaging hearts  
and minds



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**Management with a heart**  
**The transition from operations to HR**



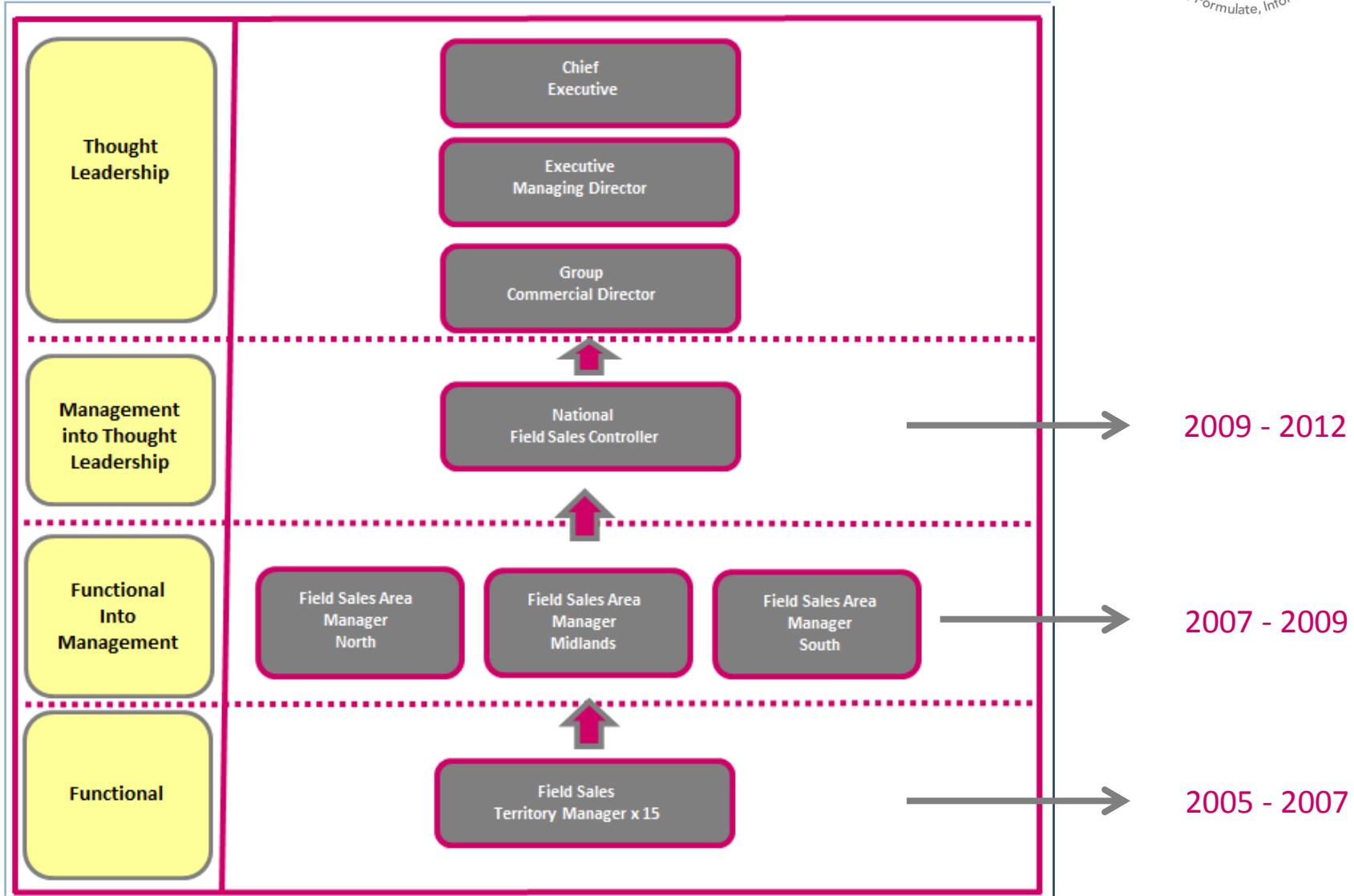
## A bit of context and background.....



- £1.4 Billion Turnover
- 4000 Employees
- Operating out of corporate head office in Esher and 10 manufacturing sites across the UK
- Focus on generation of added value dairy products for UK consumers
- 1 in 3 UK Households has a Dairy Crest brand / product in their fridge



# My Operational Roles in a commercial environment .....





# What does Field Sales Involve?

**TESCO**

**Sainsbury's**

**M MORRISONS**

**ASDA** SAVING YOU MONEY EVERY DAY



## Availability

Space,  
Merchandising,  
Retailer System Experts

## Visibility

Space, Position,  
Sampling,  
Activation of Promotions  
NPD, Trade Marketing

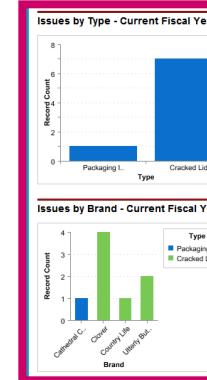


## Display

Additional Displays,,  
Dual Sitings,  
Sandwich Fixtures

## Supply

Identification of issues  
Resolution of Store  
issues



# How has my background impacted my management style ?

## Previous Line Managers Approaches

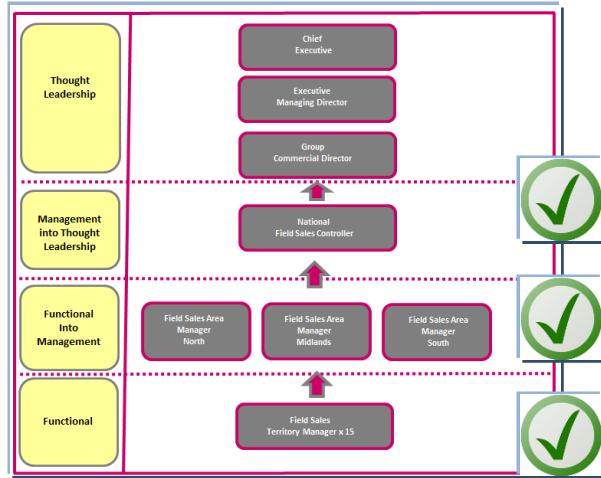


Resulting in.....





# What have I learnt in order to be a successful manager?



Put Yourself in  
Their Shoes





# How has my management style impacted the team?



Employee Survey 2010

1295 - Field Sales Team

Engagement Summary

|  | Percent Favourable | Percent Neutral | Percent Unfavourable | Average Score | Percent Favourable | Previous Survey % Favourable | Most Engaged Teams/Depots | External Top 25% Norm |
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## Employee Engagement

1015 - Dairy Crest UK



3.44

54%

58%

73%

67%

1292 - Foods Support Functions



3.86

71%

70%

73%

67%

1293 - Foods Commercial



4.12

82%

74%

73%

67%

1295 - Field Sales Team



4.50

90%

81%

73%

67%



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Employee Survey 2012

1300 - Field Sales Team

Engagement Summary

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|                                |                       |                    |                         |                  |                       |                                    |                                     |         |
| <b>Employee Engagement</b>     |                       |                    |                         |                  |                       |                                    |                                     |         |
| 1041 - Dairy Crest UK          | 19                    | 38                 | 25                      | 3.49             | 56%                   | 54%                                | 77%                                 | 62%     |
| 1297 - Foods Support Functions | 26                    | 46                 | 19                      | 3.86             | 72%                   | 71%                                | 77%                                 | 62%     |
| 1298 - Foods Commercial        | 35                    | 47                 | 12                      | 4.09             | 82%                   | 82%                                | 77%                                 | 62%     |
| 1300 - Field Sales Team        | 46                    | 46                 | 6                       | 4.34             | 91%                   | 90%                                | 77%                                 | 62%     |



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**Upgrade your career to first class**

**TERRITORY MANAGERS**  
Southern - various locations (Ref: 1099) • West Midlands/M5 Corridor (Ref: 1102)

Looking to fast-track your career? Dairy Crest is the UK's leading chilled dairy foods company. Our £1 billion portfolio includes the nation's favourite cheese brand, Cathedral City, worth £22m and among the Top 20 UK brands, and the UK's largest range of soft cheeses. We are also one of the most successful through significant investment in product innovation, in high-profile national marketing, in people.

Your predecessors have been promoted to Territorial Account Managers in the last 18 months. With excellent training and support, you will join a dynamic, professional and highly motivated team. You will be responsible for developing opportunities for our Foods business - across top grocery multiple retailers to build relationships and ensure the successful implementation of trading agreements with a key focus on product distribution, display and growing promotional spend.

A graduate, you are looking for your first step into a career within FMCG. You're certainly motivated and ambitious, with strong commercial instincts and interpersonal skills. You're also flexible and eager to learn more. Dairy Crest offers a competitive salary and benefits package, plus the opportunity to progress. Since five territories may become available, we are also interested in hearing from talented people nationwide.

If you have what it takes to join our team please apply quoting the relevant reference number and forward your completed CV to: HR Admin, Smith & Careys Recruitment, 100 Newgate Street, London EC1R 0NN or email: [recruitment@smithcarey.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@smithcarey.co.uk). Tel: 01837 825333. Closing date for application is 22 October 2010.

Smith & Careys' appointment will be made on behalf of our client partner - Dairy Crest.

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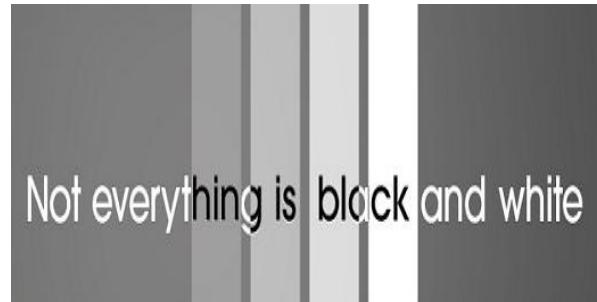
## My Transition from Commercial into HR ?



- Passion for the people agenda and motivation from seeing how good management can reap benefits made me think about a career in HR
- 2012 saw me transition from the world of commercial to join HR
- Successful application to become a HR Business Partner supporting Sales, Marketing, NPD, Innovation and Subsidiary businesses.
- Responsible for 1 PLC Board Member, 3 Managing Directors and 19 Business Unit Directors
- Part of Demand Board which governs the strategy and direction of the foods business
- Completed my Postgraduate diploma in HRM part time whilst performing HRBP role



# What skills have helped me in my HRBP role ?





# How has my operational background enabled me to succeed and influence in HR?



The collage includes:

- A central graphic titled "Demand Career Portal" showing various career paths and competencies.
- A "müller" news article about the acquisition of Dairy Crest.
- A "DAIRY CREST" commercial sales dashboard.
- A "MH Focus" UK & Ireland Group page.
- An organizational chart for Innovation and R&D.
- A footer note about the acquisition being subject to competition authority approval.

Müller UK & Ireland Group confirms today (6<sup>th</sup> November, 2014) that it has agreed to acquire the dairy operations of Dairy Crest Group plc.

The acquisition, which is subject to approval by the relevant competition authorities and the shareholders of Dairy



# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

Happy to field any Questions