

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This is a feature where we ask clients of HH a range of obscure questions in order to get a better appreciation of their life and interests.

This edition features **Caroline Brunt** of **nGeneration Limited**.



Caroline Brunt of nGeneration

- 1. Where were you born?**
West Bromwich – proud to be a Black Country girl!
- 2. Can you summarise your business career in a few words.**
I was fortunate to work for corporate companies up to the time that I co-founded nGeneration in 2001. I progressively worked my way up through the ranks which enabled me to gain significant experience and understanding of the business world.
- 3. Where would you like to be in 5 years?**
Semi-retired and helping my son develop his business interests.
- 4. What do you enjoy most about being in business?**
The feeling of achievement when your business is successful.
- 5. What one piece of advice would you give to aspiring entrepreneurs?**
If you believe in yourself, work hard, never give up then anything is possible.
- 6. What is your most memorable event in your life?**
The birth of my Son Ryan.
- 7. Who has influenced you the most in your life whether business or not?**
My partner, Bernard and my parents.
- 8. What is your favourite book?**
The Undomestic Goddess by Sophie Kinsella.
- 9. What fictional character would you most like to be?**
Cruella De Vil (some might say that she is not a fictional character!)
- 10. If you were a superhero what would your superpower be?**
Mind reading.

- 11. If you could be an animal, what would it be and why?**
Leopard - I look good in leopard print and have some nice handbags that would complement the fabric!
- 12. If you could travel in time, where would you go first?**
Back to the 1940's....all that Hollywood glamour!
- 13. What is the highlight of your career to date?**
Establishing a business brand that is recognised and respected in the corporate hospitality industry.
- 14. What did you wish you knew this time last year?**
That I would be getting married this year!
- 15. What three words would you use to describe your business and why?**
Dynamic, reactive, passionate.
- 16. What is your biggest regret and why?**
Not getting married to my partner sooner.
- 17. What motivates you to work hard?**
Success is the only motivator for me.
- 18. Who was your biggest influence when pursuing your career?**
My partner Bernard Cronin.
- 19. If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?**
Not to be so self-critical.

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OPENING THE VALVES TO SUCCESS



Bryce Brooks of Hydravalve and Colin Rodrigues of Hawkins Hatton

Hydravalve, one of the Midlands largest stockholders of valves and fittings, established back in 1988 by its founding shareholder partner Andy Newham has combined forces with Flowtech Fluidpower plc (“FFP”) who are the UK’s premier source for fluid power products. FFP have over 30 years of continuous trading, employing over 250 people.

Hydravalve instructed Harvey Telford & Bates Accountants (“HTB”) to assist it in the sale of its business to FFP and we acted for Hydravalve.

FFP’s CFO Bryce Brooks said that “FFP has built its company name and reputation by exceeding its customers’ expectations in order to provide a wide range of competitively priced products coupled with high levels of service and technical advice. It was therefore a natural choice to purchase Hydravalve as its outlook on business mirrored ours.”

Andy Newham from Hydravalve said that “the merger with FFP was the next stage for a family

owned business to join forces with a much larger organisation with complementary resources in the UK marketplace”.

Brian Bates from HTB said that “with any deal there are so many complexities not least agreeing numbers, however with the pragmatic approach taken by all parties a prosperous conclusion was achieved.”

Colin Rodrigues our corporate partner said that “given that the parties had shook hands on what was a great deal for both of them our job was to ensure a successful completion of the transaction in the desired timescale and to avoid it becoming protracted.”

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10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



We were honoured to celebrate our 10th Anniversary with leading accountants, bankers and clients from across the country at a two day event at Weston Park

