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Strategic Sourcing | Technology Procurement | Vendor Ecosystems | Transformation

Commercially driven leader with 10+ years of experience in procurement, commercial strategy, and technology transformation across Media, Utilities, Defence, and FMCG. Skilled in building and executing category strategies, leading multi-million vendor negotiations, and embedding governance frameworks in complex, regulated environments.

Proven ability to align procurement with business strategy, optimise vendor ecosystems, and deliver sustainable efficiencies. Recognised as a trusted advisor to C-level executives, shaping technology sourcing, frameworks, and insights that enable digital transformation and long-term value creation.

Key Competences

- Category Strategy & Leadership Technology estate strategies, global sourcing, multi-million contract optimisation.
- Executive Vendor Partnerships Managing Tier 1 supplier ecosystems, driving performance, innovation, and ESG outcomes.
- Digital Procurement & S2P Expertise in Coupa, SAP Ariba, SAP S/4HANA, Achilles; embedding compliance and process optimisation.
- Change & Transformation Agile procurement frameworks, process redesign, and cross-functional leadership.

Key Achievements

- Delivered £8M+ in savings and added value through category strategies, supplier consolidation, and strategic vendor negotiations.
- Defined and embedded the Commercial Insights Framework at Informa, guiding enterprise-wide sourcing decisions across Technology and Marketing.
- Created and implemented an **Agile Procurement Framework** for Boeing Defence, enabling compliant yet accelerated sourcing within regulated Defence programmes.
- Negotiated and governed global IT contracts across 150+ countries, including Cybersecurity, Hosting, and IAM services.
- Acted as go-to expert for procurement systems (Coupa, SAP Ariba, SAP S/4HANA, Achilles), embedding best practices and contract lifecycle governance.

Academic Qualifications

International M&A Expert (IM&A). IMAA. 2025 MCIPS. 2020

The PowerMBA. 2024 Scrum Master. TKA. 2021

Al & Innovation. Founderz & Microsoft. 2024 Prince 2 Agile Practitioner. AXELOS 2020

Black Belt Six Sigma. 2023 ITIL Foundation. AXELOS. 2020

Financial Analysis. Insead. 2023 BA in Business Administration & Law. Spain

CCMP. 2022 Fluent in Spanish, Italian and English

Professional Experience

Lloyds Banking Group

July 2025 - Present

Senior Strategy Lead – Al-Native Procurement Orchestration

- Defining the orchestration strategy and roadmap for the end-to-end procurement lifecycle, leveraging AI and digital solutions to optimise processes, governance, and value delivery while aligning with business objectives and transformation goals.
- Benchmarked market solutions for orchestration and AI, identifying capabilities and risks.
- Defined requirements and use cases for AI in procurement, in collaboration with stakeholders across Procurement, Technology, and Business units.

Informa PLC, London, UK

Senior Commercial Insights Manager

Jan 2023 - July 2025 Dec 2024 - July 2025

- Delivered actionable insights across Technology and Marketing, establishing data-driven frameworks and applying vendor analysis, benchmarking, and value modelling to unlock multi-million efficiencies.
- Embedded the Commercial Insights Framework, enabling objective, data-led decision-making across global portfolios.
- Launched the Partners & Market Intelligence model, producing vendor risk profiles, benchmarking, and opportunity scans.
- Co-created the Strategic Insights function, delivering quantifiable opportunities to guide enterprise-wide procurement and commercial strategy.
- Recognised as a trusted advisor to senior leadership, influencing technology and commercial roadmaps.

Technology Commercial Manager

Dec 2023 - Nov 2024

- Managed critical vendor relationships in event technology and digital platforms, leading global RFPs and renewals.
- Redesigned commercial models and payment structures, aligning contracts with business value delivery and securing multi-million savings.
- Simplified and translated complex global contracts into multi-regional frameworks, enabling cost recharge clarity and operational alignment.
- Delivered critical global contracts while minimising P&L impact and supporting strategic objectives.

Transformation Procurement Manager

Jan 2023 - Dec 2024

- Introduced category governance frameworks, bringing visibility and control to technology transformation spend.
- Negotiated and renewed 140+ vendor contracts, achieving efficiencies through vendor rationalisation and consolidation.
- Established new governance processes (renewals, due diligence, categorisation) to strengthen control and reduce risk.
- Positioned as a trusted commercial advisor, aligning sourcing strategies with divisional priorities.

Boeing Defence UK, Bristol, UK

Apr 2022 – Jan 2023

Digital Transformation Procurement Lead

- Designed an Agile Procurement process, improving procurement cycle times and supplier engagement, enhancing the adaptability of procurement activities.
- Collaborated cross-functionally with technology teams, driving procurement initiatives that supported long-term digital transformation goals.

Mondelez International, Bournville, UK

Oct 2021 – April 2022

Global IT Sourcing Manager

- Managed the global BT hardware & peripherals framework across 150+ countries with Asset Management, ensuring consistency and value delivery.
- Drafted and negotiated Statements of Work in Cybersecurity, IAM, Hosting, and Assets, securing improved terms and alignment with business objectives.
- Played a pivotal role in managing the commercial relationships with key IT vendors, achieving contract terms that optimized both cost and risk.

National Grid PLC, Warwick, UK

Nov 2017 - Oct 2021

— IT Specialist - Global Procurement

Apr 2019 - Oct 2021

- Delivered major IT sourcing projects including the Contract Management Tool, Mobiles Network Strategy, and SCADA procurement, achieving multi-million efficiencies.
- Managed the ADAM framework, overseeing call-offs and ensuring governance and value delivery.
- Reduced sourcing cycle times by 33% for niche technology tenders by redesigning frameworks for agility and accessibility.
- Acted as the go-to expert for procurement systems (Coupa, SAP Ariba, SAP S/4HANA, Achilles), embedding governance and contract lifecycle best practices.