

PROFILE

Irene Öhler

Irene Öhler, the director and founder of **iglobal coaching ltd**, brings 19 years of experience in people development and lots of enthusiasm to her client work.

Irene founded iglobal in 2007, while living in Brazil.

iglobal's three principal services - Intercultural Consulting, Executive Coaching and Doing Business in China - are closely connected with Irene's personal and professional history.

Originally from Austria, Irene holds a Masters in Sinology from the University of Vienna. She studied in China and then worked in Shanghai for a number of years with multinational companies, like ANZ, BP – lubricants, Coca Cola, DuPont, Henkel, L'Oreal, Siemens, as change consultant, project manager, and executive coach.

Irene's fluency in Mandarin and exposure to China's development over the past 20+ years, both from within and outside the country make her a natural bridge builder between China and other cultures.

Life has taken Irene from China to Brazil and more recently to New Zealand.

While living in Brazil, Irene's fascination increased about how culture – not just Chinese culture - impacts management behaviour and business in general. Irene certified as a cross-cultural consultant, graduated from the Advantara Global Executive Coach programme, and connected with a global network of like minded professionals.

Executive coaching has been Irene's preferred leadership development tool since she discovered it in 2002, and got certified as Corporate Coach by CoachUniversity. Since then she has coached over 90 individual executives and their teams on 4 continents, in English, German, Mandarin, and Portuguese.

In New Zealand since 2008, Irene has worked with a wide range of clients, including iconic NZ companies such as Fisher & Paykel Appliances, to the public sector such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Asia:NZ Foundation, Victoria University, and multinationals, like OMV NZ Ltd.

"It is a pleasure to work with her, a challenge, and my work and personal life are greatly enhanced through our work."

Kerry Marshall, Government Affairs Manager, Air New Zealand