

## Brian Blanchard

### Abridged CV

After leaving school at 16 with just 2 'O'levels to my name, I joined Ferguson Foster Builders Merchant as a Junior Sales Desk Clerk.

Having planned to take up a technical apprenticeship, I surprised myself that I had a 14-year career with the business, progressing to the role of Lightside Manager, North East, with responsibility for 27 branches within my region.

I joined Hunter Plastics as Northern Divisional Sales Manager in 1989, progressed through a variety of roles until being appointed as Managing Director of the business in 2002, a position I held until early 2010.

In 2010 I became a Director of Aliaxis UK (parent company of Hunter Plastics), with commercial responsibility for four of the UK brands, including Hunter Plastics, Marley Plumbing & Drainage, Multikwik and Alutec.

I retired in October 2013.

My passions, apart from my family, are golf (13 handicap), horse racing and Sunderland Football Club - although mentioning Sunderland and football in the same sentence is a contradiction in terms.

I have two children, my daughter Kate and son Callum, who I love dearly.

My consort is Luisa, the most charming lady I know (she was stood over me when I wrote this).