**Mareena Barria**

**Project Manager**

UK / US Citizen - Plans Enterprise Projects, Including People, Processes and Technology to Drive Resiliency, Security

and Transformation in UK, APAC, Americas and MENA Regions

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# Profile / Summary­

An internationally experienced **Project Manager**, with a proven track record of leading cross functional teams, delivering process optimization and business transformation for Fortune 500 companies in Finance, Technology and Utilities sectors with focus on aligning business goals with SMART solutions to drive revenue. Key strengths include: engaging with C-Suite to understand and transform company needs into robust and scalable solutions, enabling business change; modelling as-is and to-be processes, implementing target operating models (TOMs) and overseeing operational / business audits to establish risk, security and productivity; and creating knowledge base repositories, including policies and procedures to ensure business transformation programmes align with corporate vision.

Key Skills / Competencies

* Project Management
* Enterprise IT Solutions
* Change Management
* Risk Management / RAID
* Stakeholder Management
* Strategic Planning
* Implementation
* Relationship Management
* Forecasting
* Continual Process Improvement
* Disruptive Technologies
* Information Technology
* Software Development Lifecycle
* SMART Innovations & Technology
* Agile & Waterfall Methodologies
* Six Sigma Black Belt
* Corporate Synergy
* Project Management Office (PMO)
* Operational Audits
* Resiliency and Vulnerability
* Migration / On-boarding
* Target Operating Model (TOM)
* Requirements / Analysis
* KPIs

****Education / Qualifications****

* 1985 to 1988: University of Mumbai: Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and Computer Science

# ****Career Highlights****

* CLS Group had to securely migrate banks onto the new £70 million STAR FX platform. Engaged as Migration Project Manager to manage teams in NY / London and lead delivery of member gateway migration of 22 member banks onto new platform within 13 months, **enabling multi-currency trades & meeting systemic security parameters.**
* Sempra Energy planned to implement new $1 billion SMARTMeter project across America. As Senior Business Systems Advisor, managed teams to replace, redesign and implement 4K data collection units and 6M meters, **resulting in energy conservation of 1% and set standardisation for companywide resiliency and security.**
* IBM was tasked to evaluate NYC’s Government infrastructure and security readiness of a Financial Management System (FMS). Engaged as Project Liaison to measure NYCs capacity to handle FMS software across all 5 boroughs / 300 locations and **successfully trained 30 NYC staff on how to run reports for security and integrity of shared data.**

****Career History / Work Experience****

Mar 2017 to Present: Saemien International, London & Dubai: Project Manager (Consultant)

Saemien International is a boutique consulting firm, delivering project management services for corporations and SMEs.

Engaged in multiple parallel time-sensitive projects to support a variety of clients, specialising in enterprise-wide project management coupled with strategic planning, operational redesign with in-depth understanding of business process improvement, implementation and integration. *Key projects include:*

* **Al Dahra (Global Agribusiness, Dubai):** Worked onsite to re-engineer a SDLC for their existing sales, sourcing and logistics processes into a central platform to achieve efficient, accurate and visible data for C-suite to make better informed decisions to improve global profitability, leading to 5% company growth over 6 months.
* **JCA PR (Brand Strategy Firm, London):** Worked remotely to develop social media brand presence strategies, including partnerships with leading influencers increasing clientele presence 12% and produced client contingency business plans as part of disaster crisis management, helping 45% of travel clientele avert crisis.

Mar 2015 to Dec 2016: CLS Group, New York & London: Migration & Onboarding Consultant

CLS is a specialist US financial institution that provides settlement services to its members in the foreign exchange market.

Reported to Executive VP, overseeing a cross functional team of 25 personnel, including Enterprise Architects, BAs, Operations and Technology, delivering the member gateway migration of 70 member banks onto a £70M FX settlement platform, enabling large multi-currency trades / settlements with sustainable security measures in place.

* Successfully on-boarded and migrated 22 member banks to new platform within established timeline with nearly zero impact on day- to-day operations and systemic security while managing teams in both New York and London.
* Reduced members electronic order penalties by €3M via timely and secure deliverance of data to vendor (SWIFT).
* Implementation of project led to member-side cost savings of ~£20million per year.

Jan 2014 to Dec 2014: DRolls Associates, New York: Strategy Consultant / Business Advisor

DRolls Associates helps companies maximize their growth by filling up their pipeline with qualified sales meetings.

Reported to Partner / General Manager and worked autonomously, designing and implementing an automated ROI reporting system in Salesforce using secure, reliable and encrypted data to track profitability of 50 accounts and 10 staff across multiple years & lifecycle, recommending offshoring of support staff to reduce human resource costs by 17% pa.

* Researched and populated multi-layered lead generation database on salesforce based on client qualifications and target markets, resulting in 10,000 qualified leads and delivered 47% increase in meetings for clients.

Jul 2010 to Sep 2013: Sempra Energy, Los Angeles: Sr. Business Systems Advisor / Analyst

Sempra Energy is North America’s premier energy infrastructure company, delivering energy to 35 million consumers.

Hired as Project Liaison and transitioned to Sr. Business Advisor, reporting to the Director and overseeing a team of 30, for a $1B project, securing and maintaining interfaces that handled over 20k transactions a day for 6M wireless gas meters spread across 350 cities in S. California, realising yield operating / environmental benefits of >$3B for consumers.

* Improved protection of data integrity as well as security of data and ease of accessible data being in one central repository instead of multiple databases.
* Reduced billing costs by $237M and cut cost of reporting 25% by creating automated standardised dashboard.

Jan 2009 to Dec 2009 (Technology): IsecLabs, New York: Senior Strategic Consultant

IsecLabs was a boutique consultancy offering business process, technology and system integration for FinTech and SAP sectors.

Reported to the Director and served as advisor to financial services clients with focus on complex systems integrations and IT security, including project planning and execution, business process re-engineering (BPR) and solution development for complex business requirements across the USA, ensuring smooth transition of legacy systems.

* Cut vendor expense by ~30% across portfolio of clients by performing gap analysis and improving processes.

Jul 2007 to Sep 2008 (Hedge Fund): Gravitas Technology Services, New York: Ops Analyst

Gravitas is a leading technology services platform addressing the asset management and hedge fund sectors.

Reported to Senior Management and the CEO, overseeing business continuity, fund accounting, and investor relations teams for hedge fund clients with $690B in AUM for technology consulting firm with 275+ employees.

* Achieved 99% accuracy for reconciliation of $10B Asia Funds by mapping all data to ensure trades loaded correctly.
* Reduced system crashes 20% by identifying that 80% of data being updated in real time was not crucial to day-to-day activities and could be reconciled automatically after hours.
* Implemented IT business continuity roadmap for hedge fund clients with up to $2B in AUM.

Oct 2006 to Apr 2007 (FinTech): Credit Suisse, London: Lead Business Analyst

Credit Suisse Group AG is a global wealth manager, investment bank and financial services firm founded and based in Switzerland.

Reported to the Director and played key role in Basel II Regulatory Transformation Project, leading BASEL II data quality, reconciliation and regulatory reporting initiative, distributing findings company-wide and to Basel Committee to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements for OTC products.

* Automated audits and reconciliations, slashing trading defects and operational risks 86%.
* Seamlessly transitioned work streams to lower cost countries, cutting employee costs 25%.

Jan 2006 to Mar 2006 (FinTech): State Street, London: Process Consultant

State Street provides investment management, administration, research, trading and financial data analytics for investors.

Reported to the Sr. Data Manager and led data validation and requirements definition for 30+ processes during onboarding of new client (ABN AMRO), outsourcing back-office operations to State Street, collaborating with ABN AMRO’s development and investment operations teams to develop automated cross-reference reconciliation macro.

* Performed data migration from legacy systems to new central repository which acted as the backbone for ABN Amro’s crucial enterprise module.
* Increased data accuracy to 99%, reduced migration time 15%, and averted $800K in financial penalties which would have been resulted from business delays caused by manual migration of portfolios.
* Developed automated cross-reference reconciliation macro across numerous manual processes across 40 portfolios.

# ****Relevant Earlier Career****

* FinTech: ABN AMRO, Amsterdam: Project Liaison
* Law Firm: Proskauer Rose, New York: Lead Process Analyst (Business Process)
* Beverages: Diageo, Stamford, CT, US: Project Manager (B2C Website)
* FinTech: Lehman Brothers, New York: Project Manager (Equities & Equity Research Re-location)
* FinTech: Alliance Bernstein, New York: Project Liaison – Part of PMO (Y2K Project)
* Technology: IBM City of New York: Project Liaison (Financial Management System)
* FinTech: American Express, New York: Analyst (Competitive Analysis)
* Telecommunications: Northern Telecom, New York: Pricing Analyst (Competitive Analysis)
* Technology: IBM Asia Pacific, Hong Kong: Pricing Analyst (Competitive Analysis)

# ****Training / Certification****

* Six Sigma Green / Black Belt
* Agile Scrum Master
* ITIL Certified
* PMI PMP Course (5th Edition)
* GDPR / CDPO
* ISO 27001

# ****Memberships & Affiliations****

* Alumni Member of AIESEC (Association Internationale des Étudiants en Sciences Économiques et Commerciale)

# ****IT Skills & Technology****

* Acrobat | Bloomberg | Business Objects | Clarity | Cognos | Enterprise Architect | HP Quality Centre | Hyperion | IBM Rational ClearCase | Lotus Notes | Mercury Quality Center | MS Office | Project | Visio | OLAP | PeopleSoft Financials Reuters | SalesForce | SAP | SDLC | SharePoint | SMART Meter Applications | SPARX | SQL | SupportWorks |SWIFT Browse GUI| SWIFT Market Infrastructure Channel | VPM | Wilshire