

Consultancy, Asia: Cognizant's New CEO Takes the Reins

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"It is an honor and a privilege to join Cognizant, which has been at the forefront of the digital revolution – driving innovative and transformational change for many of the largest enterprises in the world," said **Brian Humphries**. "I look forward to building on the great work and collaboration Cognizant has with clients, the development of innovative solutions and its operational execution and strength. The opportunity to lead Cognizant is an exciting one."

Excerpts from Consultancy Asia's article:

"Ex-Vodafone Business CEO Brian Humphries has this week taken the reins at IT services and tech consultancy Cognizant, with long-term CEO and co-founder Francisco D'Souza transitioning to the interim role of executive vice chairman. D'Souza has held the top job since 2007 – for close to half of Cognizant's existence, with the firm celebrating its 25th anniversary earlier this year.

During his time as CEO, D'Souza has overseen a rapid growth in revenue at the professional services giant, Cognizant last year breaking the \$16 billion revenue barrier from a base of at \$2.8 billion in 2008 and consequently crashing into the Fortune 200. The firm has also made upwards of 40 acquisitions under D'Souza's watch – right up until this month, with the purchase of Dublin-based fintech firm Meritsoft.

Humphries brings a wealth of executive tech experience to the role, having together with Vodafone served at Compaq, Hewlett-Packard and Dell over the past two decades. Most recently acting as the CEO of Vodafone Business – which accounts for nearly a third of the telco giant's revenue.

With Humphries now on board, D'Souza will carry out the executive vice chairman role during the transition period to the end of June, after which he will serve the board as a vice chairman."

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