



About Joe

Joe Edwards, MBA is a *Practitioner Consultant* for **The Blake Leath Group** (“TBLG”) — a dynamic research, curriculum development and intellectual property *greenhouse* that grows leaders and shapes cultures.

Joe’s consulting focus is international business and the additional complexities and opportunities it creates for corporations. His experiences leading and driving culture transformations in organizations as diverse as a consumer group with 10,000 sales people, a niche offshore financial services business, a Central American banking center, a U.S. retail marketplace and an Internet Technology firm help him connect with TBLG’s varied client base. Over the years, Joe has fed his hunger for international business with management postings doing business across twelve countries, three industries, three languages and multiple business models.

Growing up in Brazil made the international world second nature to Joe and since earning his MBA in *International Business* from Thunderbird, he has worked across the U.S. and Latin America building and leading teams within both matrix and direct P&L management positions. After thirteen years of Sales, Strategic Planning, Consulting and General Management work, he realized his favorite business challenges were culture change and performance management. In 2008 Joe left the multinational corporate world to do just that. He became a partner at W3, a Buenos Aires based international digital agency and opened its U.S. office. He is

enjoying the entrepreneurial challenge of building out a new market for his company while once again working to change internal culture and install a disciplined performance management system in an international setting. Joe also enjoys working in the fast-paced world of internet, social and mobile communications.

On the personal side, Joe is grateful to his wife for accompanying him to house number nine within sixteen years of marriage. Currently, they reside in the Dallas area. As a couple, they are passionate about parenting their four children, serving in their church and classical education.

