



## FD Profile

# Mark Raven

### Interim experience:

8 years – worked with > 25 clients including:

Financial Services

Large Food Retail

Care Homes

Manufacturing

### Full time career:

Arthur Andersen Leeds, qualified FCA

Spring Ram PLC – £200m manufacturing/distribution

Full Circle PLC – £10m manufacturing/retail

MD of £5m furniture manufacturer

### Biography

Mark has operated at Board level in both a full time and interim capacity for over twenty years. During that time he has gained substantial experience of corporate finance and turnaround situations. In recent years this has meant working with clients who typically have had issues with their lenders and where a hands on commercial approach has been required, often in a distressed environment.

His recent interim assignments have included FD roles for a £9m care home group, a £6m technology business and a commercial project for a £15m textile business. In 2006 Mark was CFO at Kwik Save, a £250m food retailer and successfully negotiated the sale of that business in early 2007.

Prior to his interim career Mark had MD and FD roles in businesses in the furniture and home improvement sectors, during which time he experienced both high growth and distressed situations as well as extensive involvement in acquisitions and disposals.

### Client Reference

“Mark was involved in my business over a period of nearly twelve months and made a huge positive difference. Because of his skills we were able to negotiate successful trade sales at good prices and repay the majority of our bank borrowings. He is extremely commercial and was able to gain the confidence of the bank and their advisers during an extremely difficult period.”