Abderahman Belgat

Founder and President B.C.Consulting, Tunisia

Abderahman Belgat was born in 1948 in Skikda in Algeria; he went into tourism in 1970 at the good old school of Club Med reps, before joining the legendary Parisian Palace in 1972: the PLAZA ATHENA, nominated "the world's best hotel" by the specialist press, bankers and business people three years running in 1977, 1978 and 1979.

In the decade 1972/1981, he was its General Manager as well as other properties in the Trust House Forte Group, which also owned Hotel GEORGES V in Paris.

In 1978 and 1979, while pursuing his career, he obtained a post-grad Diploma then a Masters successively, before preparing a PhD in Management and Organisation Sciences at the University of Paris Dauphine.

He's co-author of 2 case studies on his experience at the Plaza Athena, which were lectured on and taught in many universities and used by French Chambers of Commerce and Industry and abroad.

From 1982 to 1996. He was an investor, promoter and developer in the tourism and family hotel sector. In 1985, he was elected 'French Tourism's Man of the Year' by the Argentine press. The same year, he received the 'Keys to the City of Miami Beach' and the 'Governor of Florida's Medal of Honour' from Dade County, with the great success of Aeromexico's inaugural Mexico City- Miami-Paris flight.

Acknowledged by his peers as a multicultural person, he was head-hunted to join the very closed circle of Tourism