jan leube

About

Executive Creative Director, Bilingual Copywriter, Composer. Living in Dubai. Born in Freiburg on September 30th 1970.

More than 500 awards.

German thoroughness meets English pragmatism.

Efficiency lover, not a mincer of words.

Passionate about creating impact with stories that influence human behavior on every channel.

Interested in people and their perspectives and supportive in helping them excel.

I believe that if you can walk in the shoes of your client you will be a better creative. Because only if creatives know how they want the audience to feel, think and act can they create stories that trigger those specific reactions. However, always differentiating: are the things the client wants really the things they need?

In the last 20 years I have worked in national and international creative agencies, both network and independent. For all kinds of brands and products.

Education

Freiburg Albert Ludwigs University | 1992 - 1997 M.A German: native, English: mother tongue, French: sufficient

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Experience

Executive Regional Creative Director, Publicis

Dubai, UAE | www.publicis.com | 2015-2018

Hungry for new adventures the invitation to head and rebuild Publicis creative department reached me at the right time. Happy to finally work in my mother tongue I packed my bags and flew to Dubai. Here my main task was to dial up the creative pedigree on accounts like Nido, Nescafé, Maggi, KitKat, Coffee Mate but also automotive giants like Jeep and Renault. Winning four Effies and one Lynx along the way.

CCO. Young&Rubicam

Frankfurt & Berlin, Germany | www.yr.com | 2010-2015 In the spring of 2010 I took on the challenge of reinvigorating Y&R Germany as CCO. I gave it all I got for 5 long years, relentlessly pursuing a turn around of this iconic brand. With offices in Frankfurt and Berlin I worked for Land Rover, Danone (Activia, Fruchtzwerge), Fromageries Bel (Kiri, Babybel, Leerdammer), Campbell's, and winning a number of Lions for Land Rover, LG and Babybel, Effies for "Deutschland Rundet Auf", creating the name, identity and digital crowdfunding platform for cross denominational place of worship "House of One" (www.house-of-one.org).

Managing Director, BBDO

Berlin, Germany | www.bbdo.de | 2008-2010 | went back to Berlin and immediately enjoyed working on the global account for the multi national financial service provider / insurer Allianz and German home saver LBS. But also Radio Berlin, Lotto Berlin, Tillman's Toasties, FIT AG.

Managing Director, Scholz&Friends

Zurich, Switzerland | www.s-f.com | 2005-2008 In the fall of 2005 I was asked by the CEO to open up Scholz&Friends in Switzerland which I did with my trusted suit Katrin Seegers. We soon moved from a staff of 3 to a 21 brains strong agency in Zurich. When I left in 2008 to join BBDO Berlin we were in the country's creative Top Ten and had won clients like Blick, Honda, Emmi, Swisshouse, UBS.

Creative Director, Scholz&Friends

Berlin, Germany | www.s-f.com | 2000-2005

I moved to the capital and joined the mothership's sexy daughter in Mitte. I was soon made CD, heading my own unit or "Family" as Scholz called it. I worked very successfully for numerous clients ranging from newspaper (FAZ), banks (Activest), automotive (Mercedes), created Germany's first low cost carrier (HLX.com), political initiatives (INSM) and winning a lot of creative acclaim (FAZ, Weru, Jobsintown, Berlitz).

Copywriter, Scholz&Friends

Hamburg, Germany | www.s-f.com | 1998-2000

I started working as a copywriter in the heart of Hamburg in the summer of 1998. My clients were the tobacco & coffee multinational Reemtsma, Europear and the financial service provider AWD. I soon found and teamed up with my AD Matthias Spätgens, winning the Cannes Young Lions award and subsequently being poached by Scholz&Friends in Berlin.

Journalist, "Das Wertpapier"

Düsseldorf, Germany | 1997-1998

I began my writing career in the newsroom of the fortnightly economic magazine "Das Wertpapier". I soon realized that Düsseldorf wasn't my cup of tea and writing articles about a company's stock market potential wasn't as exciting as getting people excited about its product.

Founder of Templestudio.de

Freiburg, Germany | www.templestudio.de | 1991-1997 | started out writing songs and producing music in my hometown of Freiburg. I left the set up after finishing university in 1997 with a masters degree in English, History of Art and German Literature.