



## José Ramón Covarrubias

# **Information Technology Director**

Systems Director • Digital Transformation • SAP S4 Hana • Infrastructure & Operations • IT Project Planning • Cybersecurity

## **Executive Summary**

As a seasoned IT executive with over 30 years of experience, I specialize in leading digital transformation initiatives and deploying advanced technology solutions to align with business goals. My career spans diverse industries, including manufacturing, food and beverage, consulting, and packaging, across five countries. A proven leader in managing multicultural teams, I have a consistent record of delivering impactful results, including multimillion-dollar savings, enhanced operational efficiency, and successful mergers and acquisitions. Fluent in English, I am open to IT Director opportunities in Monterrey, Guadalajara, Mexico City, North America, Europe, and the UAE.

## Skills

Effective Leadership | Project Management | Strategy Planning | Teamwork | Conflict Resolution | Effective Communication Innovation Management | Time Management | Emotional Intelligence | Problem Solving

## **Key Achievements**

- Implemented process automation (RPAs) in the billing, accounting, and treasury departments, cutting down manual labor
- Improved telecommunications infrastructure, cybersecurity plans, DRP, BCP and data protection.
- Delivered \$2.5M annual savings through innovative telecom solutions at Alimentos Sello Rojo.
- Championed SAP migrations across multiple organizations, enhancing operational efficiency.
- Migrations to SAP S4 HANA Cloud Service to incorporate advanced modules like DSD, IBP, MII, and Strategic Planning
- Successfully led IT strategies for mergers, including a \$870M acquisition.
- Developed IoT-based fleet management solutions, improving logistics and safety metrics.
- Established comprehensive BCP and cybersecurity frameworks for large-scale organizations

## **Professional Experience**

IT Director – Sr Advisor

#### Monterrey, N.L

- Delivered IT strategies and infrastructure plans for startups, including cybersecurity guidance.
- Implemented accountability and CRM systems, enhancing operational transparency and customer engagement.
- · Built disaster recovery plans and optimized local network infrastructure.

## IT Sr Manager MX - LATAM.

## Amcor, Guadalajara, JAL (The world's leading company in both flexible and rigid packaging solutions.)

Overseeing the delivery of all IT and SLA services for business units across Mexico and Latin America, I lead a dedicated team of 10 IT support specialists, application analysts, and project analysts. My role also involves negotiating with providers and consultancies to ensure optimal service delivery. I am accountable for the management and operation of our critical IT infrastructure and applications, including SAP, TRESS, and ORACLE.

#### Achievements:

- Led IT operations for a \$15B multinational packaging company, overseeing a team of 10 across LATAM.
- Reduced external support response times by 50% through SAP MII deployments at three facilities.
- Introduced SDWAN technology across 10 business units, saving 25% on telecom expenseses.

#### IT - SAP Sr Advisor

#### Agregaconsultores, Monterrey, N.L

Accountable for the deployment of SAP ECC 6.X for a client within the food and beverage sector, collaborating closely with client work teams and expert consultants. Serve as the primary point of contact for area directors, conducting regular meetings to assess progress, monitor developments, and review deliverables.

#### Achievements:

- Improved raw material and finished goods oversight by 60%, reducing delivery times by 20%.
- Deployed SAP ECC 6.x, optimizing finance and production processes, and implemented the PP module for enhanced plant controls.

#### January 2020 - May 2022

Sept 2024 - Present

June 2022 – July 2024

## IT Director

#### Alimentos Sello Rojo, Guadalajara, JAL

Committed to the enhancement, restructuring, and innovation of IT infrastructure, policies, and technology governance within the organization. Providing technological support that drives sales processes and market expansion. Successfully managing the IT budget, renewing 1,000 IT assets, developing and integrating IT-Business projects, and implementing a strategic plan designed to achieve savings and improve commercial operations through state-of-the-art technologies.

Achievements:

- Built the Digital Transformation plan for 2017-2020, execute and delivery the SAP S4 HANA migration
- Oversight a team of 24 IT specialists responsible for managing all corporate and local systems
- Implemented SAP ECC 6 with key modules such as FI, CO, MM, PP, SD, QM, and HR
- Migrated to SAP S4 HANA, integrating advanced modules such as SuccessFactors and Concur
- Delivered handheld and ERP solutions for over 90,000 customers, cutting settlement times from 5 hours to 30 minutes.
- Established a fuel management system for 2,000 transport units, initiating a pilot program utilizing IoT-enabled vests to relay critical data to the monitoring center, including consumption, stops, speeds, and driver status.
- Implemented a cybersecurity plan across 52 distribution centers, achieving annual savings of \$1M through system modernization.
- Annual savings of 2.5 million pesos through the deployment of innovative telephone and communication technologies.

## IT Regional Manager

#### Honeywell Automotive, SLP, SLP

As the head of the technology team, I am responsible for advancing process improvements and ensuring top-notch service quality in the operation and development of critical applications across 17 production plants. I manage the distribution of responsibilities among 12 IT engineers and spearhead the planning and execution of IT projects and interface upgrades.

#### Achievements:

- Migrated payroll systems to PeopleSoft and integrated 65 Kronos time clocks across 17 facilities.
- Sustained over 95% efficiency in remote support delivery, streamlining manufacturing operations.
- Spearheaded the development of interfaces to connect 65 Kronos time clocks with Peoplesoft, collaborating with a skilled team of developers based in India.

#### IT Director

#### Tequila Herradura / Brown Forman Group, Guadalajara, JAL

Responsible for crafting the strategy to modernize the IT infrastructure within the business, guiding a team of 12 experts. Made significant improvements in LAN/WAN network management and computer security, while ensuring effective coordination of telecommunications operations for 2,400 employees and managing leading technology providers like IBM, SAP, and Deloitte.

Achievements:

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- Spearheaded IT-SAP integration during a \$870M acquisition, saving \$400K annually through infrastructure enhancements.
- Developed a comprehensive zero-based budget to facilitate the execution of capital expenditures and operational expenses totaling \$4.5 million USD.
- Oversaw the creation and implementation of robust contingency and disaster recovery plans, ensuring business continuity and resilience.
- Established PMO practices for domestic and global projects, improving delivery efficiency
- Achieved annual savings of \$400,000 USD by effectively implementing new infrastructure.
- Established an IT governance program, revitalized a development and support team, and formed a business partnership with directors and managers

Mondi Packaging Group, Monterrey NL. (European packaging, cardboard and pulp group based in Austria)	2003 - 2005
PwC Consulting, Ciudad de México (one of the 6 largest companies in business and technology consulting)	1996 - 2002
DESIC, Ciudad de México (services and technology company belonging to the BANCOMER group)	1991 - 1995

## **Education & Certifications**

Master Network Computers, UNAM, México City 1996 Bachelor Computer Engineer, UNAM, México City 1989

1996 - SAP, Certification academy, Philadelphia USA	The Balanced Scorecard & Key Performance Indicators, MX - 2015
2000 - Finance for Executives Non-Financial, Mexico City	PM (Project Management), México, JAL-2016
2003 - The CIO Dashboard, IT Management, Monterrey, MX	Formación por competencias, Guadalajara, JAL-2017
2007 - IT Business Leadership Academy, San Francisco, CA	Planeación Estratégica, IPADE. Guadalajara, JAL-2017
2008 - Transformational Leadership, Miami, FL	Digital Transformation. UDEMY, Monterey N.L 2021
2010 - Six Sigma Green Belt, San Luis Potosí, SLP	Liderazgo para la Alta Dirección, TEC de Monterrey, N.L – 2021
2023 - Cybersecurity & Ethical Hacking, ONLINE Training	Cybersecurity Strategies for 2025. ONLINE Training - 2024

Spanish – Native English – Business Proficient

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#### January2014 – January 2020

#### February 2010 - November 2013

#### March 2005 - October 2009