Alessandro Piana Bianco

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As an accomplished *Design Strategist* and *Product Director*, I excel at leading both transformative programs and the rapid development of innovative products and services, marked by a profound ability to merge data-driven insights with a human-centered design philosophy. With over twenty years of dedication, my career has been characterized by delivering strategic, user-centric solutions that have significantly impacted global organizations across diverse sectors, particularly within the EU and MENA regions.

My proficiency extends beyond *Experience Design* into the sophisticated realm of *Product Strategy* and development. Here, I have adeptly guided products from their initial conception to achieve remarkable market success, demonstrating a seamless blend of strategic foresight and hands-on product management. This duality of expertise ensures the creation of digital products and services that not only resonate deeply with users but also achieve critical business goals.

My international experience is further enriched by my fluency in *English*, *French*, *Spanish*, and *Italian*, enabling effective cross-cultural communication and collaboration. This multicultural and multilingual capacity has been pivotal in leading diverse teams and projects across geographical boundaries, cementing my status as a visionary leader in the digital product and design domain.

Domains

Product Direction

10+ years

As a Product Director, my expertise encompasses leading cross-industry product design and development initiatives, with a significant focus on crafting bespoke solutions that address complex market challenges.

Cross-Industry Leadership: Spearheaded product design and development across sectors. Specialized in bespoke solutions for complex market challenges.

Travel & Leisure in MENA & EU: Defined and guided product strategies, launching digital services that enhanced customer experience and operational efficiency.

Smart Cities Initiatives: Led the design and implementation of integrated digital-physical systems, elevating urban living and governance standards.

Media & Entertainment Projects: Utilized emerging technologies and storytelling to transform user engagement and content delivery.

Digital ID, Booking & Ticketing Systems: Developed innovative solutions in digital identification, booking, and ticketing, streamlining processes and improving user access and security through biometrics and iintegratred fraud prevention solutions.

Strategic Design

10+ years

LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY®
Trained LSP Facilitator

In my role as a strategic design leader, i have consistently focused on leveraging data-driven insights to foster human-centric innovation across a spectrum of industries.

Data-Driven Innovation: Championed the use of data insights to drive human-centric innovation across industries.

Integrated Design Approach: Combined human-centered research, design critique, rapid prototyping, and iterative development with strategic tools like futures thinking and scenario planning.

Financial Services Expertise: Led the design of digital banking products for retail, corporate, and private clients, integrating advanced technologies and design principles to enhance the banking experience.

End-to-End Project Leadership: From conceptualization to execution, ensured digital solutions exceeded user expectations, met business goals, and complied with regulations, showcasing my ability to lead in the financial sector with innovative products improving user engagement, security, and functionality.

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Team Leadership

15+ years

Scrum Alliance® Certified Agile Leadership

Scrum Alliance® Certified Agile Product Owner In my leadership roles, I've excelled in guiding in-house and external teams, employing Agile methodologies and Design Sprints to emphasize rapid prototyping and iterative development for continuous improvement.

Agile & Design Sprint Mastery: Leveraged Agile methodologies and Design Sprints for rapid prototyping and iterative development, fostering continuous improvement.

Team Building & Management: Founded Fjord Italy studio in Milan and managed large design teams at Deloitte Digital, with oversight of over 30 designers.

Remote Team Leadership: At Globant, currently lead remotely distributed, multidisciplinary teams across various time zones, emphasizing clear communication and strategic alignment. Strategic Execution: Demonstrated proficiency in forming, leading, and propelling teams to achieve exceptional outcomes in complex environments, focusing on adaptability and collaboration.

Service & Experience Design

20+ years

With over twenty years in Service and Experience Design, I've mastered the organization of information across complex systems, enhancing content findability and accessibility through innovative taxonomy designs.

Two Decades of Mastery: Over 20 years of experience in Service and Experience Design, specializing in the organization of information across complex systems to improve content findability and accessibility.

Taxonomy & Recommendation Logic: nnovated taxonomy designs and developed recommendation logic for rich-media platforms, enhancing user experience.

UI and **UX** Design: Crafted intuitive UIs for seamless data integration and designed UX and interaction patterns for a wide range of digital platforms, including B2C, B2B, and B2B2C web services, company intranets, and exclusive platforms.

User-Centered Solutions: Consistently delivered engaging digital experiences by focusing on user-centric design principles across various platforms.

Positions

Below is an overview of key roles I have held in my career. For a comprehensive view of my professional history, please visit my LinkedIn profile: https://linkedin.com/in/apianabianco

Sep 2022 – present

Product & Strategic Design Director

 ${\sf Globant}$

Madrid, Spain / MENA

Feb 2017 - Sep 2022

Strategic & Experience Design Director Deloitte Digital

Milan, Italy

2014 - 2016

Service Design Director Fjord (Accenture)

Milan, Italy

2013

Mobile UX Product Owner

Mr Green Malta

2008 - 2010

Information Architect Teachers TV (Ten Alps)

London, UK

DESIGN AGENCIES & FREELANCE GIGS 2005 - 2008

Digital LeadDorna Sports
Barcelona, Spain

Agency Republic London, UK

AKQA London, UK Brand Union

Brand Union London, UK **Fjord** Madrid, Spain **Friday**

London, UK **Huge**London, UK

Radical London, UK Virgin Media London, UK

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Clients

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working both in-house and with agencies across various industries and markets. Presented below is a curated list of clients and agencies I have collaborated with.

TRAVEL	&
LEISURE	

Aplitour Italy Costa Crociere

Diriyah Gate Development

Authority KSA Explora Italy

Italy

Costa Crociere

Italy Miral UAE

MSC Cruises

Seven KSA

Italy

Silversea Monaco

TELCO

Telecom Italia

Italy

Virgin Fibra Italy

Vodafone Italia

Italy

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Dorna Sports
Spain
Liga Tech
Spain
Sky
Italy
Viaden
UK, Belarus
Virgin Media

UK

AUTOMOTIVE

Alfa Romeo

Italy, France, Germany,

Spain, UK
Ferrari
Italy
Jeep

Italy, France, Germany,

Spain, UK **Lamborghini**

Italy

Maserati

Italy

OCTO Telematics

Italy

Pirelli

Italy, Germany

CONSUMER GOODS & RETAIL

Atelier Eme Italy
Bata
Switzerland
Calzedonia
Italy
Danone
UK

UK
Eastpak
UK
Illy
Italy

Italy
Intimissimi
Italy
Nike
UK
Swatch
Switzerland
Tezenis

Italy **Tissot**Switzerland

FASHION & LUXURY GOODS

Bulgari Italy Cucinelli Italy

Dolce & Gabbana

Italy

Ferragamo Italy Poltrona Frau

Italy **Prada** Italy

Richemont Switzerland Zegna

GAMING

Italy

Mr Green Malta Sisal Italy

HEALTHCARE & PHARMACEUTICALS

Boehringer Ingelheim

Italy
Janssen
Italy
Kayanee
KSA
Menarini
Italy

Nobel Biocare Switzerland **Pfizer** Italy FINANCIAL SERVICES

Agos
Netherlands
Atradius
Netherlands
Bancomer
Mexico
BCC
Italy
Bapr
Italy

Bapr Italy BBVA Spain Cofidis Italy Eurobank Greece Fideuram Italy

Italy
Generali
Italy
ING
Poland

Intesa SanPaolo

Italy

Mediolanum Italy Sace Italy Sabadell Spain Santander

Spain
Unicredit
Italy, Poland

UTILITIES

Engie Italy RePower Italy Sorgenia Italy