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If one of your New Year's resolutions was to be more organised than maybe you need help from this week's Showcase company, [Errands Plus Limited](#). Started by **Oga St John** a year ago, it aims to help busy individuals reclaim their time.

Over to you Oga...

How did you get started in errand running and lifestyle management?

Running my own proper company was always a matter of when, not if. At 18, I started my first business and made a success of it, but took time off to obtain a BSc. and Masters Degree and to find my real passion. Things came together when I got a job as the Executive Assistant to the MD within an international bank. I was also responsible for PR and travel logistics for Board and Management staff. My strong organisational skills quickly became apparent, as did my talent for uncommon ideas and delivering effective business and lifestyle solutions.

Since then, in 2002, I started researching the concept of Lifestyle Management. I observed a wide gap in the London market for 'instant messengers' – errand professionals to call upon whenever time is short, and developed the Errands Plus model to bridge the gap. We are about running everyday errands in an intelligent, yet friendly way, thus saving time and money for busy individuals and organisations.

Describe your proudest business achievement and your most challenging time?

It definitely felt like all the hard work was beginning to pay off, the first time we were contacted by a close family member to a well known President. We have had repeat-business from them since.

The most challenging time was the launch of the company. All I had was my big dream and the passion to bring it to life. Support was scarce, and when you found it, it was not necessarily suited for the errands business. I am currently developing a resource centre that will make the path smoother for aspiring errand managers.

What is the best piece of business advice you've ever received?

Challenges are really opportunities in disguise! If more people adjusted their mindset about challenges and setbacks, perhaps more businesses would be thriving today. What works for me is identifying the learning point in any setback, and moving on quickly from there.

What two business people (past or present) inspire you and why?

I admire Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple and Fortune Magazine's most powerful businessman in 2007, for his resilience and business acumen. I am inspired also by my Dad, a successful Gynaecologist running his own private practice for over 30 years now. He taught me to give the best possible service, and then some.

What are your three favourite blogs or websites besides HSBC Women In Business?

[Google](#) has a special relevance to our work for research, mapping and locating our clients easily. I really like [www.startupdonut.co.uk](#) as a resource base for running my business. Their content is fresh and the site is user friendly. Of course my favourite site of all is [www.errandsplus.co.uk](#) because I work with (and on) it every day, ensuring that content and use work well to meet clients' preferences while showcasing our business to the world.

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