



A life in Europe,
Robots
and a Plane Crash

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A 29-year career in Europe

- Backpacking after the “Wall” came down ('91)
- Oxford, UK ('91)
- Lausanne, Switzerland – MBA at IMD ('92)
- London – Bain consulting ('93-95)
- Stuttgart, Germany – HP ('95-98)
- Grenoble, France – HP ('98-03)
- Paris – HP ('03-10)
- Paris – Softbank Robotics ('12-20)

Things to Consider for a Career in Europe

- A permanent move or just temporary ?
- Strategy to make the “jump” ?
- European factors
 - once you're in, you're in
 - less downside risk, but also less upside
 - healthcare coverage
- Tax and retirement implications
- Retirement in Europe

Introducing Whiz

The autonomous
vacuum sweeper cobot



Whiz

SoftBank
Robotics

Understanding SoftBank



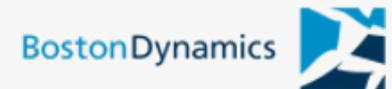
Founded in
1981 by
Masayoshi
Son

Successful
investments
fuel new
ones

Focus:
Artificial
Intelligence,
Internet
of Things
and
Robotics

A company that
contributes to people's
happiness and joy
and to the future of the world

arm



Uber

SoftBank Robotics' heritage as the world's largest robot solution company

Security/
Dangerous sites

BostonDynamics



Communication

pepper NAO



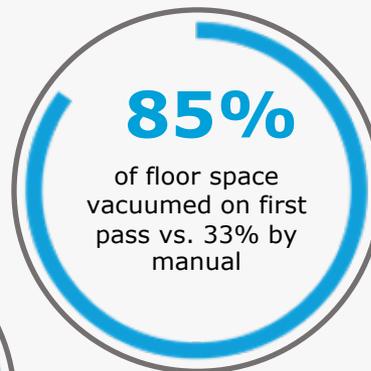
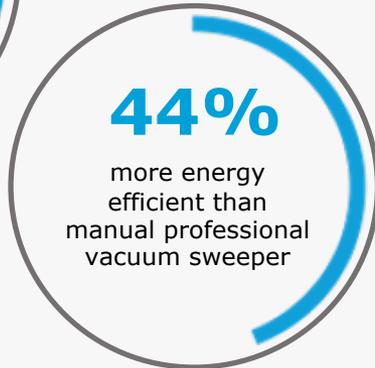
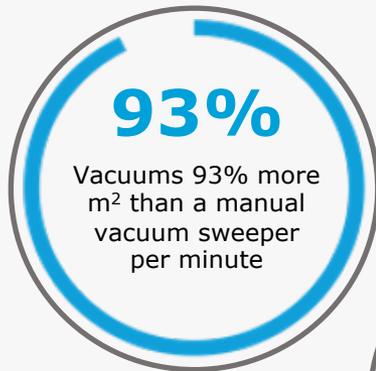
Cleaning

Whiz



Pepper and Spot in a Japan baseball game

Demonstrated performance at several Integrated Facility Service companies



“Since deploying the Whiz, we have had zero complaints about the cleanliness of the floor from the tenants [IBM]” [Wework]

“Very impressed by the software and functionality of Whiz - there is no comparable product on the market” [Amazon]

“The cleaning result is excellent. We can now offer an improved & holistic cleaning service which is very important for our end customers” [Global IFS company]



**Hilton
Garden
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My Miracle on the Hudson



Who was the right person for this crisis ?

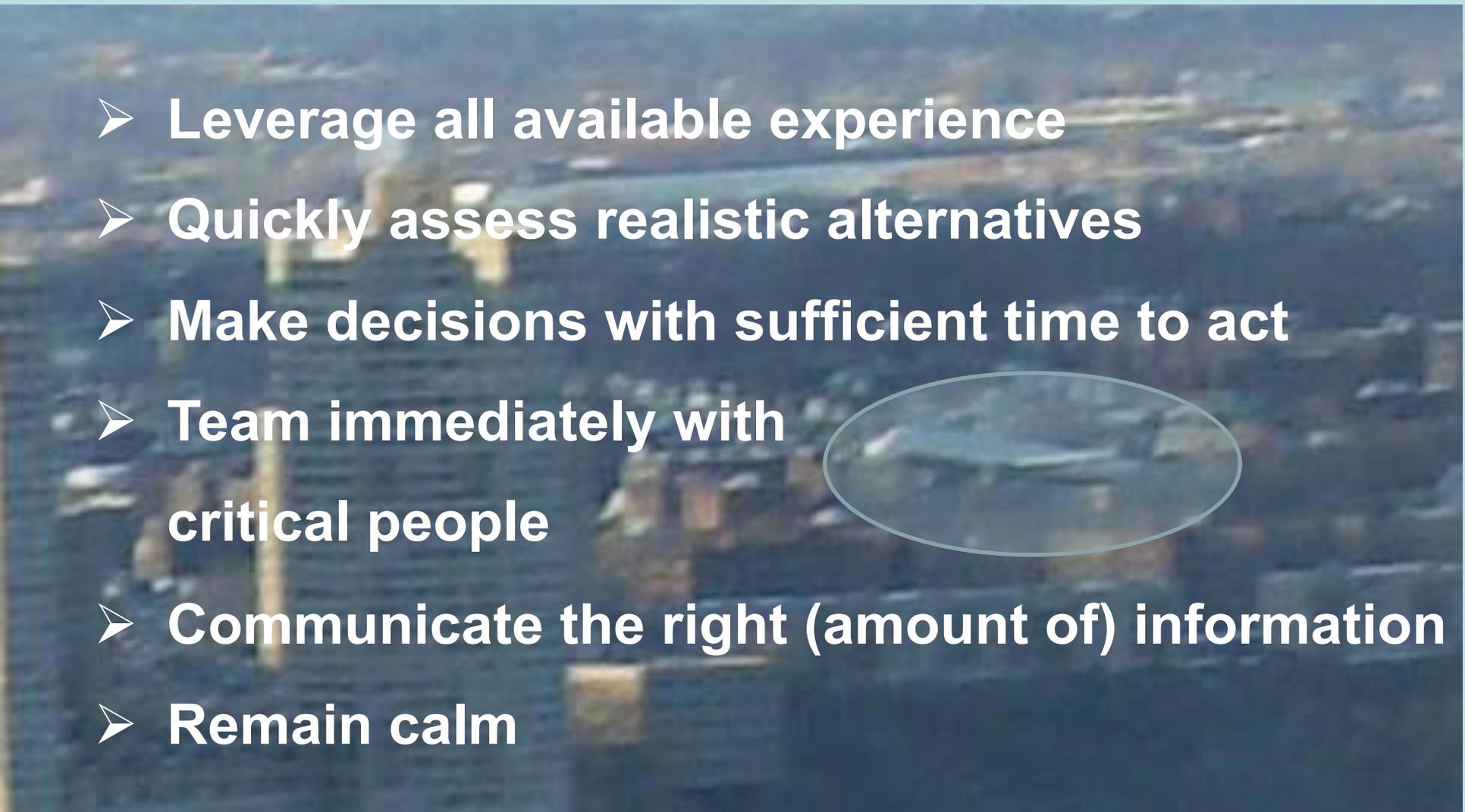
Captain Chesley “Sully”

Sullenberger

- 40+ years flying experience
- Air Line Pilots Assoc. safety chairman
- Outstanding Cadet in Airmanship, US Air Force Academy



Lessons from Sully for someone who can influence the outcome of a crisis

- **Leverage all available experience**
 - **Quickly assess realistic alternatives**
 - **Make decisions with sufficient time to act**
 - **Team immediately with critical people**
 - **Communicate the right (amount of) information**
 - **Remain calm**
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- An aerial photograph of a city, likely New York City, showing a dense urban landscape with buildings and streets. A large airplane is visible on the ground, circled in red. The image is slightly blurred, suggesting a high-altitude or fast-moving perspective.





The last three on the wing
(and likely on the plane)





AIRWAYS

Rescued



The emergency centres





The plane's final trip



After the crisis
... healing and
understanding



The post-crisis spotlight



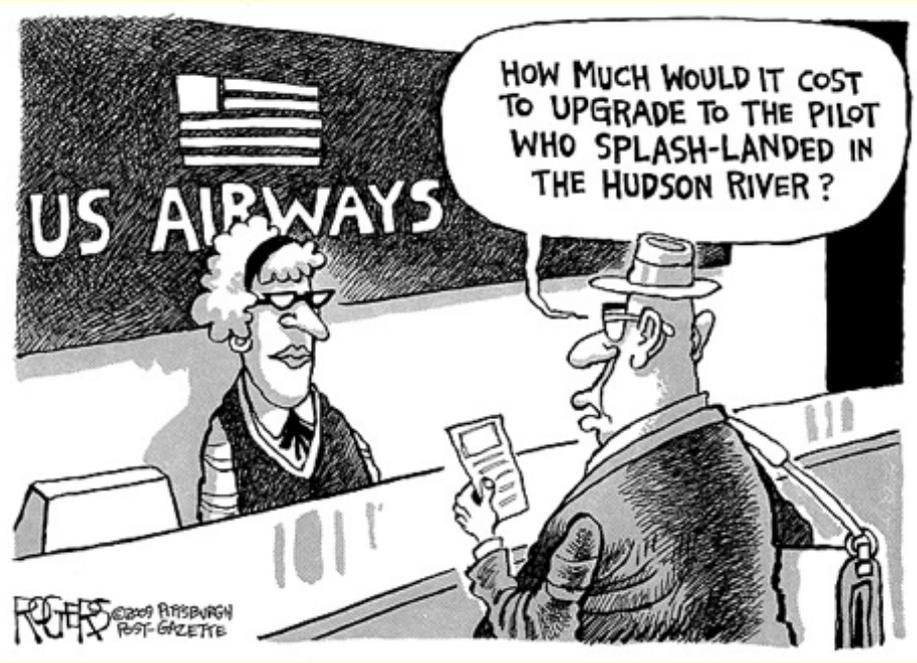
An icon for the year

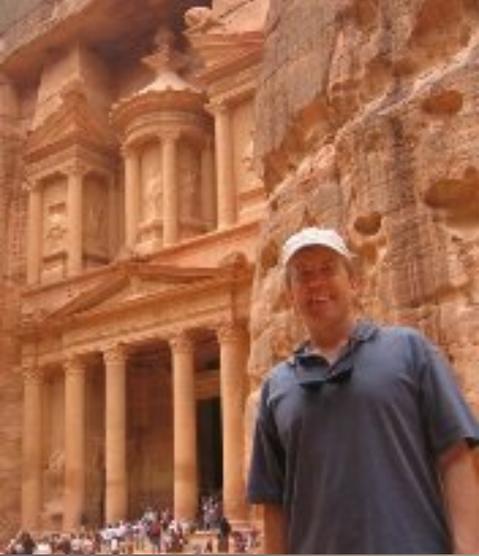


(the only time I'll probably ever be on the cover of *Time*, and with Michael Jackson, too !!)



And the world also laughed





This crisis changed my life



Was it a “Miracle” ?

Superior pilot who happened to be scheduled on this flight

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He executed all the right decisions with precision and in split-second timing

+

A place to land existed within glide range

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Clear skies and daylight

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Relatively calm water and no ice (yet)

+

No boats in the impact zone, but still close enough for immediate response

