

## SECRET OF SUCCESS 2018

### PANEL SPEAKERS

#### Gábor Kepecs

**Gábor Kepecs is not only one of the most highly regarded leaders in the Hungarian insurance sector, he also spent 10 years on the global Management Board of Aegon overseeing the insurance giant's expansion in Central and Eastern Europe.**



Gábor began his career with the Hungarian government before joining state-owned insurer Állami Biztosító. He was appointed CEO in 1990, two years before Állami Biztosító was acquired by Aegon, and he stayed on as Aegon Hungary's CEO till 2009. Then Gábor was appointed to Aegon's Management Board to lead the company's CEE business where he stayed till his retirement last year. Currently he is Chairman of the Supervisory Board in Aegon Hungary and Aegon Turkey and member of the Supervisory Board of Aegon Netherlands and Aegon Spain.

#### Ákos R. Wetters

**With Hungarian and Indonesian roots, born and raised in the Netherlands Ákos R. Wetters is a true cosmopolitan, coaching start-ups and students on innovation and entrepreneurship.**



In 2008 Ákos decided to pursue his dream of living the entrepreneurial lifestyle initiating several startups. Currently he is also active in passing on his knowledge and experience by advising startups and student teams on technology innovation and entrepreneurship at the Delft University of Technology, Eindhoven University of Technology and within the European Institute of Innovation and Technology. Previously, Ákos held managerial positions in operations and supply chain within large multi-nationals in different industries in South-East Asia and Europe for almost a decade.

### **Ádám Kondor**

**Ádám Kondor is a serial entrepreneur, successfully realizing business ideas that bring the best of Hungary and Holland together. He is one of the founders of Amaze Escape Events in NL and Lekker Stroopwafels in Hungary.**



Ádám moved to Holland and started working for Shell in 2011. Shortly after that he plunged into entrepreneurship with two Hungarian friends, first setting up Amaze and then Lekker. Both being family businesses, Amaze operates 5 escape rooms and organizes creative team building events in Dutch cities while Lekker offers the best Dutch delicacies in Hungary. Their hard work and persistence has led to success: Amaze has been growing fast year-on-year and Lekker is also set for a good start.

### **Ádám Maklári**

**Ádám Maklári is a world-class water polo player with over 20 years of experience in the premier league in Hungary (UTE, FTC), Italy (Rarinantes Salerno), Romania (Dinamo Bukarest), Malta (Otters, Ta'Xbiex) and Holland (AZC and De Zijl).**



Ádám started his professional polo career in 1996 and he also played in the Hungarian junior national team which was top three of European and World Championships in 1999-2001. Since 2013 he has been strengthening first-class Dutch clubs. His current team De Zijl has just finished 4th in the Dutch premier league and Ádám is in the top of the individual score list of the country. Next to his player career, he also coaches the junior team of his club.

### **György Szeles**

**György Szeles (Yuri) has built an outstanding water polo career over the past 20 years in top clubs of Hungary, Italy, France, Greece, Malta and Holland. Next to his sports success, he is also an entrepreneur with a business in design, quality swimwear.**



Yuri started water polo in 2000 and since then he has played in the premier league of several European countries. For several years he has also been participating in the summer competition of Malta. Last year Yuri returned to the Netherlands as a key player of GZC Donk. Building on his sports experience and with a view on 'life after water polo', Yuri has set up and is growing a business to design and produce top quality swimwear for professionals and amateurs ([www.selesdesign.com](http://www.selesdesign.com)).

### **Mónika Kalina**

**Mónika Kalina is a leadership trainer focusing on personal development. She has a strong conviction that "each of us in this world has the ability to lead and inspire".**



Having spent 14 years in the financial sector, Mónika made a bold career change and earned her second degree in psychosocial counseling and coaching. During her trainings and private sessions she helps professionals unveil and transform hidden behaviour and thought patterns so that they can experience more freedom and fulfillment in their daily lives. She guides them through their journey towards more conscious choices about who they can become.