

Career Summary

Professor Leach's industry exposure ranges across Advertising, Aerospace, Artificial Intelligence, Aviation, Banking, Big Data, Blockchain, eCommerce, Education, Energy, Engineering, eSports, Fashion, Gaming, Hospitality, Human Resources, Insurance, Manufacturing, Media, Medical, Pharmaceuticals, Private Equity, Real Estate, Startup, Textiles, Travel and Venture Capital. He has worked with companies ranging from tiny, unnamed startups to trans-national brands such as IBM, Microsoft and Bayer. He has worked extensively with Governments, Schools, NPO and NGO as well as Tertiary Institutions of Education including Concordia University and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, where he designed the Innovation Policy for its School of Design. He has also worked directly with the Government of Hong Kong Science to design and deliver the Robotics Garage that is located at the Hong Kong Science & Technology Park and helped to advise its regional innovation policy as Hong Kong became more increasingly integrated into the economic sphere of South China.

A seasoned consultant with more than two decades of experience, Professor Leach has worked in Business Development, Finance, Marketing, M&A, Operations, Project Management, Research & Development and Sales. Deeply proficient at forming and leading international, distributed and multi-cultural teams, Professor Leach is an expert in terms of planning, designing and then deploying strategic initiatives that are intended to create or expand opportunities for new sectors, industries, products and services.

Professor Leach is an Expert Committee Member of the Asian Blockchain Society, a Specialist Subcommittee Member of the China Industry Blockchain Association and a Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Blockchain Association. Professor Leach's research interests are Transformation, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Blockchain. He writes about these topics extensively and frequently speaks about them at events held around the world.

Success Overview

Professor Leach holds a dual Undergraduate Degree in History & Computer Science (Concordia, 1995), a Diploma in Strategic Management from the Sauder School of Business (University of British Columbia, 2001), and an MBA from the Management School of the University of Liverpool (2017). He is a graduate of the Blockchain Strategy Certificate Programme from the Saïd Business School (Oxford University, 2019), and in 2022 was awarded an honorary Ph.D. (European Digital University) for his many contributions to Blockchain.

Professor Leach has authored 3 books, written thousands of pieces and holds dozens of certifications. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Gratia Christian College School of Business, a Visiting Professor at the Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation and a Visiting Lecturer at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University School of Design where he runs the Blockchain Applications Research Lab and teaches the Blockchain curriculum, which he authored and leads. He is also a Certified Blockchain Developer (IBM, 2018),

Professor Leach first became involved with Blockchain in 2016, when he was recruited to be the Business Strategy Lead for an ICO, which subsequently raised USD36M in one minute. He has since worked with dozens of Blockchain-oriented projects.