

AQUA CONNECT 2023



LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT

FRIDAY, SEPT 8TH AND SATURDAY, SEPT 9TH 2023

Welcome

Dear Aquapreneur,

Are you ready for the extraordinary times ahead? We have not experienced global disruptions of the severity we are witnessing today.

Some banks have closed. Some industries have shut down. Hyper inflation is looming and the beginning of new economies are already being felt.

Like the image of the tourists standing on the beach as the 2004 Asian tsunami rolled in, many of us are either too shocked or mesmerized to move. For too many, it's too difficult to perceive the enormous size of the wave or the speed it is travelling at, and by the time they take action it will be too late.



That's why the time for action is now. While we're still on the beach and we can see the approaching challenges; having lived through the crashes and collapses of the last fifty years. Winter is coming. Not!......It's already here. There are tried and tested strategies to weather the downturn and surf the coming wave.

Join us in this historic moment where what we do in the coming weeks will determine not just the coming months, but the coming decade. Every crisis is either an excuse for mediocrity or an opportunity for excellence. This is our time to embrace Sustainable Business 5.0: Leadership, Partnership, and Stewardship.

Lourdes Gant

Lourdes Gant Director and Co-Owner Manatee Holdings Ltd.

About Lourdes Gant

Lourdes Gant's humble beginnings started in the Philippines. She was born from a poverty stricken family where her mother is book smart and her father was street smart. The only way out was to study hard, work hard to get a "golden ticket" out of a third world country and live a better quality of life in the land of "milk and honey." Education was the bridge that got her there. Graduating cum laude from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines with a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy and a Masters in Business Administration from the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, she immigrated to Canada in May, 2004. 4 years later, she joined the aquaculture industry "by marriage."

After the pandemic, she launched The Business of Aquaculture podcast in May 2021. As a producer, two years later it's now considered to be in the Top 60 Sustainable Business podcast.

Her mission in connection with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals #1 of No Poverty is very important that she found to merge this with Manatee's mission for #14 Life below water and #17 Partnership for the Goals. Together with #4 for quality education, collaboration and stewardship is the vision for this digital decade to help small to medium businesses in the Blue Ocean Revolution scale up and turn around a Hunter Gatherer aquaculture industry to Society 5.0 the Creator Economy.

Your Event Speakers



OREN KLAFF Managing Director Intersection Capital Oren Klaff is the Managing Director of Intersection Capital. Renowned globally as a leading authority in sales strategies, capital raising, and negotiation tactics, Oren Klaff's expertise is unparalleled. He is the author of the best selling books "Pitch Anything" and "Flip the Script", which are required reading in Silicon Valley. Oren's insights have ignited transformative shifts in business approaches.



CLAIRE PRIBULA

Managing Director The Yield Asia Pacific



TONY CHEN CEO & Co-Founder ManolinAqua Claire Pribula is the Managing Director of The Yield Asia Pacific. She is an expert on Venture Capital, Agribusiness, Agtech, Entrepreneurship, Sales, Partner Management and a Strategic Business Development professional. She is recognized as a pioneer and agtech change agent, skilled in identifying early stage impactful innovation, assisting founders to advance commercialization, while attracting venture capital as they move towards profitability.

Tony Chen is the CEO and co-founder of ManolinAqua, a pioneering software and data analytics company that has redefined fish health prediction. Manolin, under Tony's guidance, has emerged as an industryleading aquaculture prediction company, driving innovation that transforms the way we approach health analytics for aquaculture.

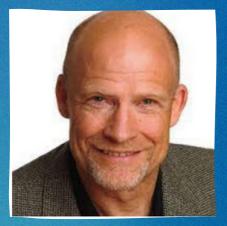
Your Event Speakers



As the founder and Lead Researcher of Spheric Research, Matt stands as a beacon in the realm of data-driven insights. Spheric Research is a distinguished company that has pioneered pivotal studies on alternative proteins and seafood. With over 400 clients spanning major corporations, government agencies, and NGOs across Asia, Europe, and Latin America, Matt's reach extends far and wide.

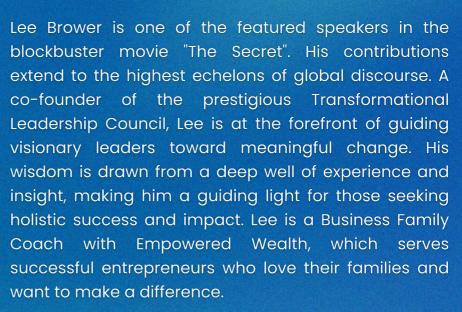
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Founder & Lead Researcher Spheric Research



LEE BROWER

Co Founder Transformational Leadership Council





PHILIPPE DELESPESSE

Founder & CEO Intelligencia Creativa & Binnakle Serious Games Philippe Delespesse is the visionary founder and CEO of Inteligencia Creativa/Binnakle Innovative Games. With more than 19 years of experience, Philippe is a true luminary in fostering creative thinking and innovation within organizations. His contributions encompass a fusion of practical innovation within prominent companies and his impactful role as a consultant and coach, helping businesses ignite and systematize their creative potential. He is also the President of the Creativity and Innovation Committee of the Marketing Club, and a Professor of Innovation and Creativity at LaSalle's International MBA.

Your Event Speakers



MIGUEL KNUDSEN Deal Flow Manager Aqua-Spark Miguel was born and raised in Cali, Colombia. He holds a Masters in Aquaculture and Marine Resource Management from Wageningen University. Prior to Joining Aqua-Spark, Miguel has worked as an Analyst at Andino Capital and as a management trainee at Hendrix Genetics. Miguel is passionate about entrepreneurship and business. Besides this, he loves to scuba dive and he enjoys salsa dancing.



Dolian Barkallah is the CEO and Founder of Aquaverse, a groundbreaking company that has earned the distinguished title of 2022's world's most innovative company, bestowed by UNESCO and Netexplo. His brainchild, the sea sponge farms, serves as a testament to his commitment to both ecological restoration and technological advancement.

DOLIAN BARKALLAH CEO & Founder Aquaverse

EVENT SCHEDULE | DAY 1 & 2

Lourdes Gant and the Event Speakers will share with you the latest tools and strategies to grow your business in a series of interactive and action-packed sessions, with opportunity to connect with participants and share opportunities.

Top 10 trends

Learn the top 10 trends that will impact your business the most in 2023, and how to profit from them. From blue ocean revolution and seasteading, to new economies and artificial intelligence – discover the biggest waves and how to surf them.

Generate Innovative Solutions

Find new paths to explore new challenges and reformulate those challenges. Experiment to validate: prototypes, Reiterate/Agile Management.

Hybrid Work

Learn how the smartest aquapreneurs are designing businesses that allow them to do hybrid work, with the right systems, partnerships and teams to grow a global business, and giving you more time to have a quality of life.

Investment Growth

Hear what experts are looking for to get venture capital and why investing in aquaculture is sustainable. Plan for your impact investment strategy.

Your Community path

Learn how to align your business with like-minded ocean revolutionaries. Discover your purpose in connection with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, using the tools that over a million entrepreneurs around the world are using to follow their mission & stay in their flow.



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