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Peter Allen is an executive coach and leadership development specialist with a broad background in business and academia.

A graduate of the Hudson Institute of Coaching, Peter is an ICF certified coach. His coaching clientele has focused primarily on senior leaders. Peter often works with clients on people management and organization development issues, helping leaders adjust to new roles and thrive in changing environments. He also works with clients who are changing roles and careers. His style is consultative, seeking to help leaders understand themselves, actualize and achieve their goals, and understand and overcome their internal and external obstacles, while also learning how to enhance their working and personal relationships in productive ways.

Peter has worked as a leader, advisor, and coach at numerous technology companies, including Booking Holdings and Forsta.com, a leading provider of market research and customer intelligence. He has served as chief people officer at the APL Group (private equity) and as head of learning and leadership development at Aegis Ventures, a health tech venture studio. Peter founded and led Google University, the first central learning and development function at Google, Inc. At Google, Peter and his team helped launch the mindfulness movement in the corporate world. He worked in talent management at Standard Chartered Bank, and created and led the People and Organization Development function at Agoda.com, the Asia-based subsidiary of the Booking Holdings Group, the world's leading online travel platform. He served as a consultant, knowledge manager, and learning specialist at McKinsey & Company, where he worked with the firm's Organization and Strategy practices. He has also worked in diversity and inclusion at the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore and at numerous academic institutions.

Peter's education includes an M.B. A. in strategic management and health care management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, an M.A. and Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Chicago, a Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies in French and Comparative Literature from the Université de Poitiers (France), and a B.A. in English and Classics from Haverford College. He has taught at numerous colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad, including Princeton University, Pomona College, Yale-National University of Singapore College, and Hult International business school. He has received many grants and fellowships and is the author of numerous articles and two books.

In his free time, Peter loves traveling, cooking, reading, writing, and exercise. Peter has lived, worked, and studied in the U.S., the U.K., France, Singapore, and Thailand, and currently resides in New York City with his husband, Jet.