

INVITATION

FORUM SUCCESSION.

The event format FORUM SUCCESSION is focused to connect owners and executives of family businesses, investors, representatives of single and multi-family offices, as well as prominent participants from business and politics. The purpose is to encourage exchange in a focused and exclusive setting and to discuss topics such as business succession, leadership, innovation, investment strategies in times of geopolitical disruption, and the economic and political outlook for Europe.

DATE: Thursday, 09.October.2025

VENUE: Level 22 (Airport Tower),
Vienna International Airport

REGISTRATION: Participation is limited, and invitations are non-transferable. We kindly ask you to confirm your attendance no later than September 30, 2025, by sending an email to aleksandar.gros@grimex.at

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PROGRAM

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02:30 PM | Registration

03:00 PM | Welcome Words

- Aleksandar & Daniel Gros, Managing Directors Grimex Consult
- Christoph Schmidt, Head of Business Development and Innovation at Vienna Airport, Managing Director of General Aviation & VIP Services and the Vienna Airport Conference & Innovation Center
- Thomas Haneder, Partner TPA Group
- Fritz Kaltenecker, CEO cafe+co International, Chairman SEEBDN
- Horst Mathä, Senior Vice President, Country Head Austria Lazard Asset Management (Deutschland) GmbH (Frankfurt)

03:20 PM | Fireside Chat

- Benjamin H. Dietrich, Director, Head of Global Fixed Income Lazard Asset Management
- Moderation: Nadja Bernhard, Journalist / Anchorwoman ORF

03:40 PM | Keynote Speech

- Walter Lutschinger, Manager and Co-Founder Desert Flower Foundation

03:45 PM | PANEL | Global Investment Strategies for European Family Offices in a disruptive global era

- Iris Burgstaller, Partner TPA Group
- Marshela Joti-Vlahovic, Head of Family Office IGMJ Fin AG
- Grigor Joti, Founder and Owner Investment Joti
- Ognjen Daskovic, Senior Manager Itochu Corporation, Board Member Japanese Business Alliance
- Moderation: Nadja Bernhard, Journalist / Anchorwoman ORF

04:30 PM | PANEL | Succession planning and strategic positioning for family businesses

- Harald Friedrich, Deputy CEO Liechtensteinische Landesbank Österreich AG (LLB Austria)
- Stephan Reif, CEO and Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board at TUPACK Verpackungen
- Niki Fellner, CEO Mediengruppe Österreich
- Johann Breiteneder, CEO Breiteneder Immobilien Parking AG
- David A. Pieper, CEO Skyland Family
- Moderation Nadja Bernhard, Journalist / Anchorwoman ORF

05:15 PM | Reception & Networking

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Aleksandar Gros

Managing Director Grimex Consult

Aleksandar Gros has a strong background in international business development, with a focus on facilitating cross-border investments and partnerships in the energy sector.



Daniel Gros

Managing Director Grimex Consult

Daniel Gros brings extensive experience in legal and strategic advisory services, specializing in market entry and investment strategies in Southeast Europe.



Christoph Schmidt

Head of Business Development and Innovation at Vienna Airport, Managing Director of General Aviation & VIP Services and the Vienna Airport Conference & Innovation Center

Christoph Schmidt is Head of Business Development and Innovation at Vienna Airport. He is also Managing Director of General Aviation & VIP Services and the Vienna Airport Conference & Innovation Center. He studied business administration and commercial law in Vienna, at the St. Gallen Business School in Switzerland, and at Harvard Business University in the USA. The Vienna Airport Conference & Innovation Center, located right next to the Vienna Airport tower, offers a comprehensive package for meetings, conferences, and events.

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Thomas Haneder

Partner TPA Group

For over 25 years, the TPA Group has been assisting companies with their projects in Central and South Eastern Europe. The complex EU regulations and different legal frameworks in individual countries can make it challenging for investors to keep track of everything, but the TPA experts know the markets and their particularities inside out.

Thomas Haneder is a tax advisor, partner and member of the CEE management team. As head of the SEE offices in Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia, he has played a key role in building and developing the Group in South Eastern Europe. With many years of experience in this region, Thomas Haneder advises companies entering these markets and is a specialist in international tax law, transfer pricing and the structuring of cross-border investments and transactions.



Fritz Kaltenegger

CEO cafe+co International, Chairman SEEBDN

His professional career began at the Austrian Biomass Association, followed by positions at Crop Hail Insurance and the Parliamentary Club of the Austrian People's Party, where he was responsible for agriculture, environment, and the "Temelin special committee." From 2003 to 2005, he served as Head of Cabinet to former Agriculture Minister Josef Pröll, and subsequently as Director of the Farmers' Association of the Austrian People's Party (2005–2008). Between 2008 and 2011, he held the position of Secretary General of the Austrian People's Party. In 2011, he joined the Agrana Group as Director of Business Development, a role he held until 2015. He then became Managing Director of the publishing company "Die Kalendermacher" and HAV Holding (2015–2017). Since 2017, he has been Managing Director of café+co International Holding GmbH.

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Horst Mathä

*Senior Vice President, Country Head Austria
Lazard Asset Management (Deutschland) GmbH (Frankfurt)*

Horst is responsible for developing the Austrian and Eastern Europe business in cooperation with the team in Germany. He is located in Vienna. Horst began working in the investment field in 1980 as a private banker. Prior to joining Lazard Asset Management in 2023, Horst was an Executive Director Relationship Manager at LGT Bank Austria since 2020 and a Director Sales at Franklin Templeton Austria since 2005. He holds a Diploma in Business Administration from the Vienna SMA and is a Certified Wealth Manager Advisor.



Dr. Benjamin H. Dietrich

Director, Head of Global Fixed Income

Dr. Benjamin H. Dietrich is Portfolio Manager/Analyst and Co-Head of Global Fixed Income at Lazard Asset Management. Prior to joining the Global Fixed Income team, Benjamin was a Portfolio Manager/Analyst on the Lazard European Fixed Income team in Frankfurt, Germany. He began working in the investment field upon joining Lazard in 2007. He has master's and doctoral degrees in Economics from Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz.



Walter Lutschinger

Manager and Co-Founder Desert Flower Foundation

Walter Lutschinger is the Manager and Co-Founder of the Desert Flower Foundation, dedicated to advancing the rights of women and girls worldwide in the name of Waris Dirie. Today, the foundation counts around 15 branches across several continents. Its mission is supported by numerous renowned personalities, including Kiera Chaplin.

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Iris Burgstaller

Partner TPA Group

Iris Burgstaller, Partner and Head of the Competence Centre “International Tax Law”, is a renowned expert in international tax law, transfer pricing and cross-border structuring. She advises corporate groups, holding companies and internationally active mid-sized businesses across various industries. Additionally, she serves as Chair of the Global Transfer Pricing Team at Baker Tilly International, contributes to ICC task forces on taxation, and is a published author and lecturer.



Marshela Joti-Vlahovic

Head of Family Office IGMJ Fin AG

Since 2018, the family has strategically diversified beyond operating businesses into global financial markets, establishing relationships with Swiss private banks and later creating IGMJ Fin AG as the investment arm. This marked the evolution into a family office structure, which today is led by his daughter Shela, whose background spans business, psychology, and executive coaching. Together with her husband Milos, a CFA and portfolio manager, they have taken the lead in expanding the family office’s activities in Austria. While Milos oversees the financial investments, Shela directs the broader family office strategy, focusing on real estate and private equity opportunities in Vienna and beyond. This long trajectory—from academic rigor, to entrepreneurial leadership, to building a forward-looking family office now carried into a new generation—mirrors the challenges and opportunities facing family offices in Europe today. Navigating geopolitical shifts, market volatility, and technological disruption requires precisely the kind of adaptability and disciplined diversification that Grigor and his family have embraced, as they continue to shape resilient and future-oriented global investment strategies.

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Grigor Joti

Founder and Owner Investment Joti

Grigor Joti's journey began in academia, with a doctorate in informatics and a career as a professor of mathematics before he transitioned into entrepreneurship. In 1991, he founded Infosoft Systems, which grew into a leading IT solutions provider in Southeast Europe. Over the years, he expanded into IT distribution, software development, consumer goods, and real estate, ultimately bringing his companies together under the Infosoft Group, now Investment Joti. Today, the group partners with global leaders in IT such as Microsoft, Cisco, IBM, Dell, Lenovo, and HP, as well as major consumer brands including Ferrero, Haribo, Philip Morris, Toshiba, and Saponia. In 2024, the group's companies generated a combined turnover of more than €315 million, underscoring their scale and sustained impact in the region.



Ognjen Doskovic

*Senior Manager Itochu Corporation, Board Member
Japanese Business Alliance*

Ognjan Doskovic is a Senior Manager at Itochu Corporation responsible for CEE region and a Board Member of the Japanese Business Alliance. Itochu, founded in 1827, is one of Japan's largest trading and investment conglomerates with 2025 revenues of €90 billion and a profit of €5.25 billion. The company operates across eight divisions, investing in global leaders such as FamilyMart, Dole, Hitachi, Isuzu, and Suzuki, as well as family-owned businesses worldwide. Ognjan's focus is on business development, identifying new companies and projects for strategic investment and long-term partnerships.

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Harald Friedrich

Deputy CEO Liechtensteinische Landesbank Österreich AG (LLB Austria)

In the executive board of LLB Austria Harald is responsible for Private & Institutional Banking and has held this position since 2018. Before that he was co-owner and board member of Semper Constantia Privatbank, then Austria's leading private bank, that was acquired by LLB in 2018. Prior to joining Semper Constantia in 2015 he served as board member of Deutsche Bank Austria being responsible for Wealth Management. In 2001 Harald co-founded the Austrian subsidiary of Bank Sal. Oppenheim and served as a board member and co-owner until the bank was sold to Deutsche Bank in 2010.



Stephan Reif

CEO and Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board at TUPACK Verpackungen GesmbH

TUPACK Verpackungen GmbH is a leading manufacturer and global market leader of high-quality plastic tubes and lip care sticks, serving the cosmetics, pharmaceutical, chemical, and food industries. With over 1,000 employees across two state-of-the-art production sites in Vienna and Parndorf, Austria, TUPACK is recognized as one of Austria's "hidden champions." The company combines cutting-edge technology with decades of expertise to deliver premium packaging solutions to customers around the world. As a family-owned business, TUPACK emphasizes sustainability, innovation, and long-term partnerships. Nearly 99% of its production is exported, reflecting its strong global presence while maintaining its roots in Austria.

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Niki Fellner

CEO Mediengruppe Österreich

Niki Fellner, born on March 21 1985 in Vienna, graduated from the University of St. Gallen in 2006. He worked for the family business, first as an editor and a few years later as Editor-in-Chief for the oe24 network and the daily newspaper "Österreich."

Starting in 2013, he also started in the commercial management of the oe24 network. "oe24.TV" was launched in July 2016 and, with only three months of preparation, had an outstanding broadcast launch in September of the same year. In addition to being Editor-in-Chief for online and print media, he also hosts and is responsible for the broadcast content and its production.

As of March 14 2022 Niki Fellner took over the management of the entire media group ÖSTERREICH / oe24 and is, as CEO, responsible for the daily newspaper, the magazine world (MADONNA, LIVE&STYLE, Cooking, Reiselust, gesund&fit, Insider, WELCOME in Vienna and Austria), online, TV and radio.



Johann Breiteneder

CEO at Breiteneder Immobilien Parking AG

Since 1995, Johann Breiteneder has been serving as Director and CEO in real estate, finance, and participation management companies with activities in Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, and Albania. His portfolio includes companies such as Breiteneder Immobilien Parking AG, Best in Parking AG, The Amauris GmbH, and BIP Immobilien Development GmbH. Breiteneder Immobilien Parking AG focuses on the development and operation of sustainable real estate projects in Central and Southeastern Europe, with group companies covering various business areas: Best in Parking AG, a leading developer, owner and operator of innovative parking and mobility infrastructure; real estate developments across all asset classes including renewable energy; and The Amauris Hotels, a collection of luxury boutique hotels in prime locations.

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David A. Pieper

CEO at Skyland Family

David A. Pieper has been an entrepreneur since the age of 18 and is now recognized as an experienced expert in real estate and capital markets, with a unique access to some of Europe's most prominent family fortunes. Building on international studies in economics and executive education at renowned institutions such as Harvard, IREBS, and the University of Münster (MBA, LL.M.), he founded one of Europe's largest independent communities for UHNWIs and Family Offices.

With Skyland Family, he connects over 400 active entrepreneurial families and an extended network of Family Offices. Skyland Family is one of Europe's leading independent communities for Ultra-High-Net-Worth Individuals (UHNWI) and Family Offices. The platform brings together more than 400 registered entrepreneurial families and an extended network of over 500 Family Offices across the German-speaking region and internationally. At its core, Skyland stands for trusted exchange, direct access to exclusive investment opportunities, and strategic partnerships among equals. It combines capital, experience, and discretion - creating a unique environment for long-term entrepreneurship and intergenerational wealth development.

MODERATION



Nadja Bernhard

Journalist / Anchorwoman ORF

Nadja Bernhard is an Austrian TV journalist and presenter. She is widely known to the public as the anchor of the ORF news program Zeit im Bild.