

## GEP-TR Entrepreneurship Delegation 2012

### Delegates

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**Lorraine Hariton** – U.S. State Department Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs and former Silicon Valley executive with 25 years of experience in the information technology sector



**Sina Afra** – Co-Founder and CEO of Markafoni, Turkey's largest shopping website. Angel investor focused particularly on e-commerce. Founding member of Galata Business Angels Network, and "Web Entrepreneur of the Year" in 2011.



**Emre Berkin** – Angel Investor, owner of an independent consultancy firm specialized in international business development, investment and funding. Former General Manager of Microsoft Turkey.



**Jim Boettcher** – Founding Partner of Silicon Valley-based Focus Ventures and Forbes Magazine 2011 ranked #37 of the Top 100 Most Powerful Venture Capitalists



**Laura Brightsen** – Former executive at Apax Partners (private equity) and American Securities; currently a Managing Director at Golden Seeds, an Angel Investment Fund focus on women-run companies and featuring primarily women Angel Investors



**Court Coursey** – Managing Partner of Tomorrow Ventures, the primary venture investment vehicle of Google Chairman Eric Schmidt



**Martin Gedalin** – Founder and Managing Partner of Lumia Capital, a venture capital fund focused on emerging market internet and software companies



**Seth Goldstein** – Silicon Valley based serial entrepreneur and investor, currently Chairman of social music service turntable.fm, ranked by Billboard Magazine as top music startup of 2011



**Jon Grall** – An MIT-educated computer scientist, now Silicon Valley-based entrepreneur, who founded (among other companies) SimplyListed, a Y-Combinator backed company



**Diane Hessian** – Boston-based President and CEO of Communispace, a leading next-generation market research and social media company, chosen as #3 on Boston's list of Top Women in Tech, author of best seller "Customer-Centered Growth," and national finalist in E & Y's Entrepreneur of the Year competition



**Ali Karabey** – Managing Director and founding member of 212 Ventures. Investor of successful e-commerce firms such as Butigo.com, Balerin.com and HemenKiralik.com



**Saad Khan** – Partner at Silicon Valley-based CMEA Capital and noted early stage investor in companies such as Zaarly, Blekko, Luminate, Jobvite and Lending Club. Advisor for Thiel Foundation Fellowships and Stanford's Liberation Technology Program



**Emre Kurttepel** – Chairman of Turkey's leading web portal with 38 million visitors per month, providing 48 different products and services, Mynet Group. Chairman of Galata Business Angels Network.



**Edward "Ned" Lamont** – Founder and Chairman of Lamont Digital Systems, one of largest private telecommunications systems in the US, also ran for Governor of Connecticut and was Democratic Nominee for US Senate from Connecticut



**Austin Ligon** – Co-founder and retired CEO of CarMax Inc, the largest retailer of used cars in the US selling nearly 600,000 vehicles in 2011 with revenues of \$10 billion



**Loretta McCarthy** – Managing Director of Golden Seeds Angel Investors, Loretta was previously Executive Vice President of Oppenheimer Funds as well as a long time executive at American Express



**Cem Sertoğlu** – Founding partner and manager of Young Turk Ventures. Investor and board member of Grupanya, a prominent discount shopping website. Angel investor, funding CivicSolar and Wikimart.ru



**Faysal Sohail** – General Partner at CMEA Ventures as well as member of startup teams of three successful companies in the tech sector: Cadabra Design Automation, Silicon Architects and Actel Corporation



**Robert "Bob" Stringer** – Active Angel Investor in Boston and New York in the food and beverage, pharmaceutical and consumer sectors; professor of entrepreneurship at Harvard Business School and Babson College, co-author or author of four books on management



**Yanev Suissa** – Executive at NEA, America's largest Venture Capital Firm with a focus on early-stage investments in enterprise, cloud, digital media and consumer technologies. Previously, Senior Investment Advisor at Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. Recipient of Kauffman Fellowship, Presidential Management Fellowship. MBA from Oxford Said School of Business, JD from Harvard Law School, BA Phi Beta Kappa from Yale



**Dilawar Syed** – President & CEO, Yonja Media Group, an emerging markets internet media company. President of Org. of Pakistani Entrepreneurs (OPEN) in Silicon Valley, and former head of Yahoo!'s Platform Business Group.



**Nandini Tandon PhD** – Veteran Silicon Valley Venture Capital investor in the pharmaceutical and bio-tech industries, was previously Managing Director with Lumira Capital and Partner at RBC Capital Partners launching their life sciences practice



**Nuray George Uğraş** – Started his investor career in Apax Partners. General Partner of Adams Capital Management since



**Haluk Zontul** – CEO of Teknoloji Yatırım A.Ş, board member of UCA Medical, Infotech, Asset, Logo BI, MikroSens and Ari Teknokent A.Ş. A former project manager and key expert of TUBITAK, specialized on the commercialization process of R&D projects.



**Donna Fenn** – Internationally recognized author and journalist. Author of two books on entrepreneurship and small business, and contributing editor at Inc. magazine. Co- recipient of the Women's Economic Round Table Entrepreneurship Prize and 2011 top Small Business Influencer Champion



**Steven Koltai** – Executive with over 30 years of business experience in the entertainment industry, a successful repeat entrepreneur, investment banker and management consultant. Former Senior Advisor for Entrepreneurship and creator of the Global Entrepreneurship Program at the U.S. Department of State.