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MANAGING THE IKEA WAY

A working model for change, culture and leadership.

The person who oversaw IKEA culture and concept, shadowing IKEA's founder and CEO.

IKEA's success story goes beyond affordable furniture. It's a testament to the power of values-driven leadership and culture, instilled by the Founder Ingvar Kamprad. Leveraging my 30 years at IKEA, some of them working directly for Ingvar Kamprad, this program empowers you to cultivate authentic leadership and a strong organizational culture.

Day 1 will open with an intimate meet-and-greet session, allowing participants to connect with each other and with me. Following an introduction to the program and my background, participants will experience a unique evening at the great Tomar's Castle and a medieval-inspired dinner, setting the stage for an exploration into IKEA's leadership and culture legacy.

Day 2 unlocks the DNA of IKEA's success. Dive deep into the world of Swedish leadership and Kamprad's lasting impact on the company's culture, values, and legal framework. We'll dissect IKEA's concept-driven brand, decentralized decision-making, and Kamprad's leadership philosophy, revealing how these elements contribute to exceptional store performance, coworker satisfaction, and a positive customer experience.

Day 3 will turn to practical leadership applications, exploring the IKEA approach to feedback and coaching. Executives will work with the 4-room model - a framework for growth and development that supports problem-solving and empower leaders to guide teams through transitions and inspire progress. The day concludes with "My Conscious Leadership." In this session I will share my 12 principles of leadership and discuss Geert Hofstede's model of cultural differences.

Agenda



An Historic Evening within Convento de Cristo

29th April 2025

Imagine walking through the grand halls of the Convento de Cristo, a site where history whispers from every stone, and being greeted by none other than Staffan. On 29th April, you will join 30 other executives for an unparalleled meeting where Staffan will reveal the inner workings of IKEA principles—right in the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

16:30 - 21:00 | Meet Your Mentor and Peers

Staffan Jeppsson will kick things off with a comprehensive preview of the next two days, laying the groundwork for engaging discussions.

Everyone will be guided through thoughtful questions to build connections.

As night falls, we'll enjoy a lavish dinner - a perfect end to a day of first meet and great.



09:00 - 13:00 | IKEA Culture, Spirit, Values and Leadership

This session will delve into the core values and leadership principles that have shaped IKEA into a global icon. We'll explore IKEA's unique Swedish history, its foundational "Testament of a Furniture Dealer", and the guiding vision of Ingvar Kamprad. Participants will gain insights into the IKEA Concept—a blend of simplicity, sustainability, and customer focus. We will also learn about IKEA's legal structure and the company's approach to decentralized decision-making. Looking ahead, we'll also discuss IKEA's future, examining how its values and leadership will continue to drive growth and innovation in a rapidly changing market.

Subtopics: Swedishness; Swedish leadership; IKEA history and roots; What is IKEA?; Basic ideas behind IKEA concept; The Testament of a furniture dealer; IKEA Values; Sustainability policy; Purpose with the legal set-up; Ingvar Kamprad's leadership; Some words about the future.

13:00 - 14:30 | A lunch crafted with the finest local ingredients, lovingly prepared by our dedicated Chef

Starts with free-range ham, local organic cheese, and a seasonal, farm-fresh soup. For the main course, a tender wild duck leg glazed with organic honey and orange. To finish, indulge in a dessert tasting inspired by our grandmas' recipes, each handmade with tradition and care.

14:30 - 16:30 | IKEA Concept development, monitoring and identity

We will discuss what defines the IKEA Concept from the customers perspective and from the coworker's perspective and how conceptual matters are followed up.

Subtopics: IKEA's Brand values; The IKEA Retail Concept Description; About conceptual mandates; How to evaluate a store's performance, coworker's satisfaction, leadership performance and customer perception of IKEA; 'In the footsteps of Ingvar Kamprad' (store visit)

18:00 - 22:00 | Networking Backyard Grill

Gather around a rustic feast table to enjoy locally sourced ingredients and a curated selection of premium meats and vegetables, showcasing regional craftsmanship at its finest.

09:00 - 10:00 | Mental Sustainability for Executives

Executives are like marathon athletes, requiring sustained concentration, preparedness, and focus to excel in a demanding landscape. This session is a teaser of a useful method for how to concentrate as well as for how to mentally relax.

10:00 - 12:00 | Feedback and Coaching the IKEA Way to the 4-room Model

This session will introduce the IKEA approach to feedback and coaching, rooted in openness, respect, and continuous improvement. We'll explore the 4-Room Model, a powerful framework for navigating change and problem-solving, fostering innovation, and supporting personal growth. It may empower leaders to guide teams through transitions and inspire progress.

Subtopics: Brief "feedback and coaching", then participants will gain insight into the 4-room model and how to use it.

12:00 - 13:00 | Legendary Letters

Staffan will present the "Legendary Letters". The background, purpose, content and anecdotes.

13:00 - 14:30 | A lunch crafted with the finest local ingredients, lovingly prepared by our dedicated Chef

Begin with a selection of starters, including free-range ham, local organic cheese, and a seasonal, farm-fresh soup. For the main course, savor a sea-bass from Portugal's coast. To finish, indulge in a dessert tasting inspired by our grandmas' recipes, each handmade with tradition and care.

14:30 - 16:00 | My Conscious Leadership

I share twelve personal principles that have shaped my approach to leadership during 30 years in IKEA, emphasizing integrity, empathy, and purpose.

16:00 - 17:00 | Managing Cultural Differences

Managing cultural differences is one of IKEA's advantages, with 476 stores in 63 different countries. I have worked and lived in Sweden, Canada, France, Belgium, Denmark and went all over the globe visiting stores with Ingvar Kamprad. We are going into Geert Hofstede's study on cultural differences, providing valuable insights into how cultural dynamics influence leadership styles and workplace interactions.

Subtopics: The ambition is to present one (there are several) tool for better understanding of cultural differences.

17:00 - 18:00 | Closing Q&A

Package



Date

29, 30th April & 1st May 2025

Audience

CEOs, COOs, Founders, CCOs, Head of Retail

Local

Meet & Greet:

Convento de Cristo, Tomar, Portugal

Masterclass:

Herdade Caçabrava, Tomar, Portugal

Admittance

4800€ +VAT

vat 0% for international companies, vat 23% for portuguese companies

Package

- Meet & Greet 29th April 2025
- 2 Day Course 30th April & 1st May 2025
- Slide Deck + Workbook
- Hotel & Food Included
- Backyard Grill Experience
- Signed Certificate
- Airport & Hotel Transfer

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Accommodation



Santa Iria Hotel, Mouchão Garden

Indulge in a stay at the Santa Iria Hotel in Tomar, where comfort meets historic charm. Nestled in a serene setting, your accommodations offer a perfect blend of elegance and tranquility, providing a restful retreat after each day's enriching experiences. Enjoy luxurious amenities and breathtaking views, ensuring a truly memorable stay.



Backyard Grill



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Immerse yourself in our Backyard Grill Experience, where premium cuts of meat are expertly grilled to perfection, and lively music sets a vibrant backdrop for engaging conversations. This relaxed, informal setting invites you to savor delicious flavors while deepening connections and reflecting on the day's insights.



Workbook



Managing The IKEA Way Workbook

Receive a high-quality printed manual, meticulously crafted to capture all the methodologies and strategies shared throughout the masterclass. This valuable resource will serve as your guide, helping you implement the principles long after the retreat concludes.



Personal Driver



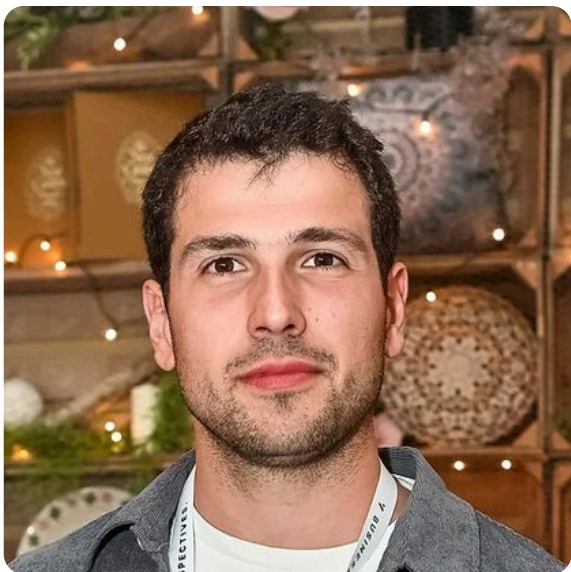
Airport Transfer

Experience seamless airport transfer with our dedicated team, who will ensure a smooth and comfortable journey to Tomar. From the moment you arrive, relax as we take care of every detail, guiding you effortlessly to Tomar, so you can focus on the incredible experiences that await.



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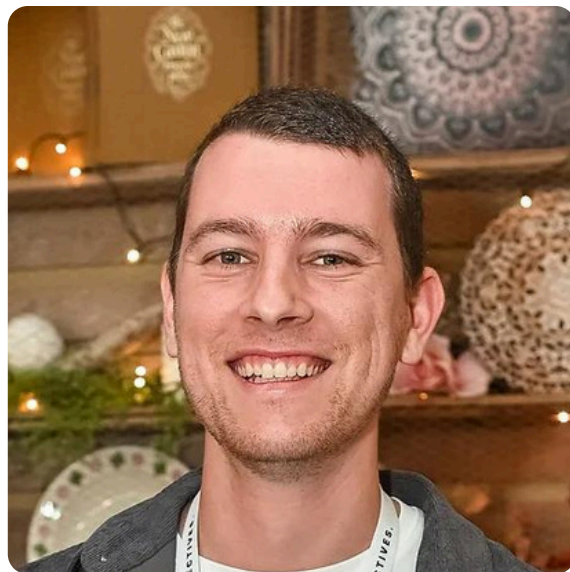




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