

David Cornelius

David is an experienced General Manager, CEO, consultant and advisor with expertise in growth strategies, business turnarounds, new ventures, and growth platforms.

He was deeply involved with corporate wide efforts to create new growth platforms at the Dow Corning Corporation where he was The Executive Director of a New Ventures Business Unit and where he started and led a Business and Technology Incubator. These organizations delivered a portfolio of new businesses with revenue potential of over \$1 billion in fields of nanotechnology, biotechnology, alternative energy, compound semiconductor materials; silicon modified organic materials, photonic & optical materials, and plasma materials & systems.

David has experience in Venture Capital Investing and M&A and has been a Director of several Venture Capital backed companies. His worked included several industry/university consortiums, joint ventures and other types of alliances. His global experience includes several years in Asia in commercial and business management and he was the CEO of a biosensor and diagnostics company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange.

David's education includes a BS in Chemical Engineering from Case Western Reserve, an MBA from Central Michigan University, Advanced Management Training from the Harvard Business School and the Ross School at the University of Michigan and he is certified in business process re-engineering and change management.

He is currently the Founder and Managing Director of a small consulting firm, The Growth and Innovation Group (GIG) where he is helping organizations to discover, shape, and launch new growth platforms and the Director of Portfolio Development for Two-Seven Ventures , a VC firm focused on new energy and advanced materials businesses.