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7:30 PM - 7:40 PM Let the Pitch Begin

Pete ComeauManaging Director
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7:40 PM - 8:25 PM Asia Pacific

Innovators:

Murray Decker, Founder & CEO, Tour Amigo
Youngjoon Kim, President, Eoding
Anna Weidling, Partnerships & Marketing Lead, Roady Travel
James South, CEO, Igoroom
Harshvardhan Amle, CEO, Upswing Cognitive Hospitality Solutions

Judges:

Shiwei Zhou, VP Head of Strategy and Corporate Investments, Trip.com Bart Bellers, CEO, Xpdite Capital Partners
Laura Houldsworth, Managing Director APAC, Booking.com

Nick Cocks, Managing Partner, Velocity Simeon Xinyi, Chief Strategy Officer, Fliggy

8:25 PM - 9:10 PM Middle East & Africa

Innovators:

Farshi Rahimkhani, CEO & Co-founder, Turpal Alex Skryabin, Founder, Beachsearcher.com Manthole Maila, Founder & CEO, YabiSaba Janine Salame, Co-founder & CEO, Travel Creators Ibukunoluwa Salau, Co-founder & CEO, Direx

Judges:

Loay Almujadidi, Director – Business Development and Growth, Saudi Tourism Authority Mona Faraj, Founder and MD, Insight Out Gary Theis, CTO, Wego

Ronnie Varghese, Chief Digital Office, Almosafer/Seera Henry Weinstein, Managing Partner, One Travel Ventures

9:10 PM - 9:55 PM Europe
Innovators:

Houman Goudarzi, Co-founder & CEO, ZYTLYN Technologies
Anke Hsu, Head of Business Development, Chain4Travel AG
Andreas-Ilias Alexakis, Founder, orbito travel
Alex Barros, Growth & Innovation, Hotelverse
Frederik Rubens Steensgaard, Chief Executove Officer, BeCause

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Judges:

Adi Kouadio, Director, Innovation Insights and Startup Programs, Expedia
Katerina Saridaki, Director, CapsuleT/ Travel & Hospitality Accelerator, Hellenic Chamber of
Hotels
Sven Sterzenbach, Co-founder, ennea invest

Johnny Thorsen, VP Strategy & Partnerships, Spotnana Morgann Lesne, Partner, Cambon Partners

9:55 PM - 10:40 PM The Americas

Nicolas Peluffo, CEO and Co-founder, TRVLR
Irving Betesh, Co-founder and CEO, Sion
Stephanie Daniel, Co-founder and CEO, Legends
Josue Gio, CEO and Founder, GuruHotel
Madison Rifkin, CEO and Founder, Mount

Judges:

Innovators:

Stephen Snyder, Managing Director, JetBlue Ventures
Cara Whitehill, Founder, Unlock Advisors
Stephen Joyce, VP of Content, Arival
Adam Harris, CEO and Co-founder, Cloudbeds
Darren Henley, Director of Strategic Business Development – Americas, Amadeus

10:40 PM - 11:25 PM Wildcards

Ilya Mikin, Founder & CEO, Wall ID
André Sousa, Co-founder & CEO, Tryp.com
Nate Poon, Co-founder & CEO, Avol Aerospace
Dasha Kuksenko, CEO & Co-founder, Floqsta

Judges:

Innovators:

Lisa Katsouraki, SVP Corporate Development & Strategic Partnerships, Etraveli Group Massimo G. Morin, Global Head, Travel/Passenger Airlines, AWS James Lemon, Global Industry Lead – Travel & Leisure, Stripe Timothy O'Neil-Dunne, Principal, T2Impact

11:25 PM - 11:45 PM Post-game Wrap Up

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