



**Patrick Thean** is an award winning serial entrepreneur who has started and exited multiple startups. He received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for North Carolina in 1996 and achieved a ranking of 151 on the Inc 500 in 1997.

An international speaker, Patrick has spoken to thousands of business owners on the topics of sustaining business growth, venture capital, and strategic sales and exit strategies. He speaks in the US as well as in New Zealand, Singapore, and Malaysia. He has spoken at the Fortune Small Business Growth Conferences, MIT's Birthing of Giants program, and various Entrepreneur Organization chapters. Patrick was recently appointed to Co-Chair MIT's world-renowned Birthing of Giants (BOG) Program. The BOG program is an exclusive program for founders and CEOs of high growth companies.

Patrick has earned the reputation of being a top coach for high growth companies. He continues to provide seminars and coaching to Singapore's Economic Development Board on the topic of helping growth companies succeed and raising and attracting capital to Singapore.

Patrick is the CEO of Gazelles Systems and the author of *Execute Without Drama*. He speaks and facilitates seminars on the following topics: 1) The Rockefeller Habits (Business Growth); 2) Execution Without The Drama - How to increase effectiveness and accountability while reducing drama; 3) How to prepare and sell your business for a premium; 4) How to raise and manage venture capital and venture capital relationships. Patrick lectured on *Entrepreneurship and New Venture Creation* as an Adjunct Professor at Wake Forest University in 1999.

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