

The Catalysts: Evolutionary

# AI LEADERS

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Championing **Responsible**  
AI Initiatives **Through**  
**Ethical** Leadership

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# Anthony E. Tuggle

Optimizing Customer Interactions with Advanced Solutions

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A seasoned leader, Anthony is well-regarded for his deep understanding of customer operations and his ability to blend technology with a customer-first approach.

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**Anthony E. Tuggle**  
President of Customer Operations  
**Afiniti**

# Ayisha Piotti

Championing Multi-stakeholder Dialogue  
in Digital Policy

From working at the United Nations to a global corporation and then transitioning to academia and social entrepreneurship, she witnessed diverse perspectives across the public and private sectors.





**Ayisha Piotti**  
Managing Partner  
RegHorizon



Dr. Kathrin Kind, Chief Data  
Scientist and AI A. Director Nordics,  
Cognizant

# Dr. Kathrin Kind

Revolutionizing the GenAIration by Preparing it to Become the True Workforce of the Future




Responsible AI and understanding the new workforce of the future are so crucial that they inspired me to write my upcoming book, *The GenAIration: preparing for the true workforce of the future.*

# Elizabeth Lukas

Transforming Business Efficiency  
with AI-Driven Solutions

“ Elizabeth’s career is marked by her unwavering belief in the transformative potential of technology, a belief that has guided her through various leadership roles. ”



A photograph of Elizabeth Lukas, CEO of Americas at AutogenAI, standing in a city street. She is wearing a black blazer over a black top and a gold necklace with a circular pendant. The background shows a busy city street with a yellow taxi, a blue bus, and a pedestrian bridge. The image is framed by a large, curved, light brown graphic element on the left side.

**Elizabeth Lukas**  
CEO, Americas  
AutogenAI

# Gautam Goriki

Leading the Charge in  
AI & Data-led Banking Transformation



AI has the massive potential to become a key growth driver for the financial services industry, much like digital technology did in the past decade”

A professional portrait of Gautam Gorki, a man with dark hair, wearing a blue suit, white shirt, and red patterned tie. He is standing with his arms crossed and a slight smile. The background is a blurred office interior.

**Gautam Gorki**  
AI & Data Leader  
Financial Services Industry  
Deloitte Southeast Asia



# Heather Domin

## Championing Responsible AI Initiatives Through Ethical Leadership

**H**eather Domin's professional journey seamlessly aligns with IBM's ethos of excellence and responsibility in the technology sector. Heather was drawn to IBM's renowned reputation as a trusted technology leader, built on a foundation of innovation and ethical practices. Now, as the **Global Leader for Responsible AI Initiatives**, Heather embodies these values, epitomizing excellence within the company.

With a fervent belief in technology's potential for societal good, Heather's journey into the world of responsible technology began long before she undertook her current role as a Global Leader for Responsible AI Initiatives at IBM.

During her academic pursuits, Heather delved deep into the realms of emerging technology, for example exploring the intricacies of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and its implications on trust within businesses and society. This early fascination laid the groundwork for her enduring commitment to responsible technology.

However, it was more recent events that further deepened Heather's dedication to the ethical dimensions of AI. "For example, learning of disparities in AI performance across demographic groups and hearing of troubling instances of facial recognition misuse," Heather recognized the urgent need for comprehensive safeguards. This pivotal moment spurred her to focus her PhD research on the ethics of facial recognition technology, aiming to dissect concerns and identify viable solutions.

### Driving Responsible AI

Heather directs and advises on global strategic responsible AI initiatives within the IBM Office of Privacy and Responsible Technology. She plays a pivotal role in building subject and technical expertise while

working with partners to further IBM's position as an industry thought leader.

*"My focus is on driving responsible AI initiatives both externally and internally," she emphasizes. "Together, we're advancing IBM's commitment to providing trusted technology, such as the IBM watsonx platform," she adds.*

### Principled Foundations

*"I believe foundational practices should always be tied to company principles," Heather emphasizes. "At IBM, our Trust and Transparency principles and pillars of Explainability, Fairness, Robustness, Transparency, and Privacy guide our practices," she explains.*

In developing and executing foundational practices, senior leadership support and networks from each of the company's business units are critical to success. It takes many people and different types of expertise to successfully put principles into practice.

*"My approach to the development and execution of foundational practices in AI ethics within Privacy and Responsible Technology could best be described as principle-based and collaborative," Heather shares. "This work cannot be done alone, and I'm truly fortunate to have had the pleasure of working with many talented and passionate individuals," she reflects.*

### Tech Ethics in Action

One of the most exciting parts about working on emerging technologies and practices is that they can provide a tremendous opportunity for improved human well-being, productivity, and economic growth. Heather explains that with the speed at which technology is evolving, it's critical to stay connected with a wide range of stakeholders within the tech industry and broader society.

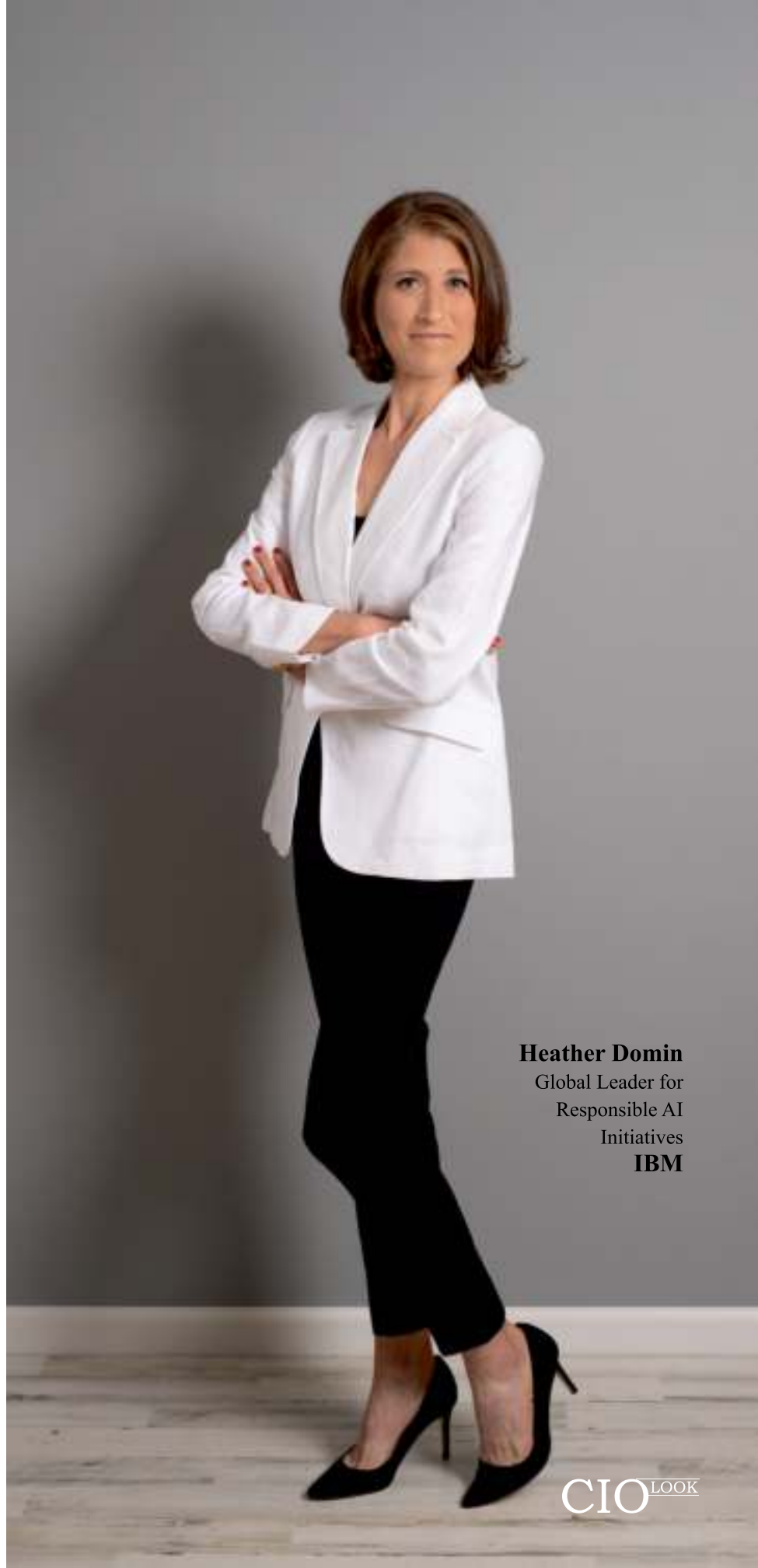
"I have had the privilege of playing a leadership role and contributing to groups like the Data & Trust Alliance User Group for Algorithmic Bias Safeguards for Workforce," Heather continues. "Additionally, I have contributed to initiatives such as the NIST Generative AI Public Working Group and the Ohio State University Program on Data and Governance's Expert Group on Responsible AI Management," she adds.

In her role as Associate Director for the Notre Dame—IBM Tech Ethics Lab, Heather establishes collaborative research addressing tech ethics areas like AI risk scoring and return on investment in AI ethics and governance. "I also serve as a World Economic Forum Fellow, focusing on generative AI research," she notes. "Recently, I joined the International Association of Privacy Professionals AIGP Exam Development Board to help guide the certification of professionals in AI governance," Heather states. She affirms that all these efforts aim to positively influence the broader technology industry and society.

### **Achieving Balance**

Balancing academic pursuits, professional certifications, and leadership roles, focus and prioritization are crucial. Taking action early helps avoid being overwhelmed by multiple deadlines. For instance, completing certification renewal requirements ahead of schedule rather than waiting until the last minute.

Heather shares, "My sense of balance stems from my passion for my work and my gratitude for life's blessings. I believe in giving back and contributing where I can. I also have a love for



**Heather Domin**  
Global Leader for  
Responsible AI  
Initiatives  
**IBM**





*Nisha Dulkani*

VP- Big Data and  
Advanced Analytics  
Vodafone Idea Limited

Driving Analytics

Excellence

# Nisha Dulhani's


Proactive Approach to Innovation in the  
World of Data Science

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I aim to keep driving innovation and developing cutting-edge solutions using artificial intelligence, machine learning and statistics to solve real industrial business problems.

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A portrait of a man with a beard and a shaved head, smiling. He is wearing a maroon blazer over a light blue button-down shirt. He is sitting outdoors, with trees and foliage in the background. He is wearing a watch on his left wrist and a ring on his left hand.


**Oliver-Andreas Leszczynski**  
Economic Advisor and AI Strategist  
Institute of Northern-European  
Economic Research (INER)

# Oliver-Andreas Leszczynski

Transforming Maritime Manufacturing with AI  
and Digital Technologies



“Oliver-Andreas’s role combines expertise in AI with a deep understanding of economic theory and policy, enabling him to drive innovation effectively.”

A professional portrait of Poornima Ramaswamy, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black blazer over a red top. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right. The background is a blurred office setting with a window. A red curved line is visible at the top and bottom of the page.

**Poornima Ramaswamy**  
Founder and CEO  
PivotX Advisors



Inspiring Future Generations:

# Poornima Rammaswamy's

Adept Approach in Data and  
—— Artificial Intelligence ——



POORNIMA ENCOURAGES A MINDSET OF REIMAGINING BUSINESS MODELS AND LEVERAGING DATA AND GENAI TO ESTABLISH COMPETITIVE MOATS, ENHANCING BOTH PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS.



Siba Salloum  
Founder & CEO  
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Informed and Inspired

# Siba Salloum's

Approach to Data &  
AI Advancements

With data as our guide,  
we take optimal  
routes to innovation,  
automation, optimization,  
transformation, and  
artificial intelligence.

Deciphering complexities:  
*Tasha Austin-Williams'*  
path to AI leadership

“As a visionary, I’m enthusiastic about guiding my clients toward the future of emerging technologies that intersect with AI, ultimately enhancing citizen services and ushering in transformative advancements.”





**Tasha Austin-Williams,**  
*Ph.D. | Principal | Deloitte &  
Touche LLP | NABA INC.  
Board Member*



# Innovation Through Failure:

# Wayne Liu's

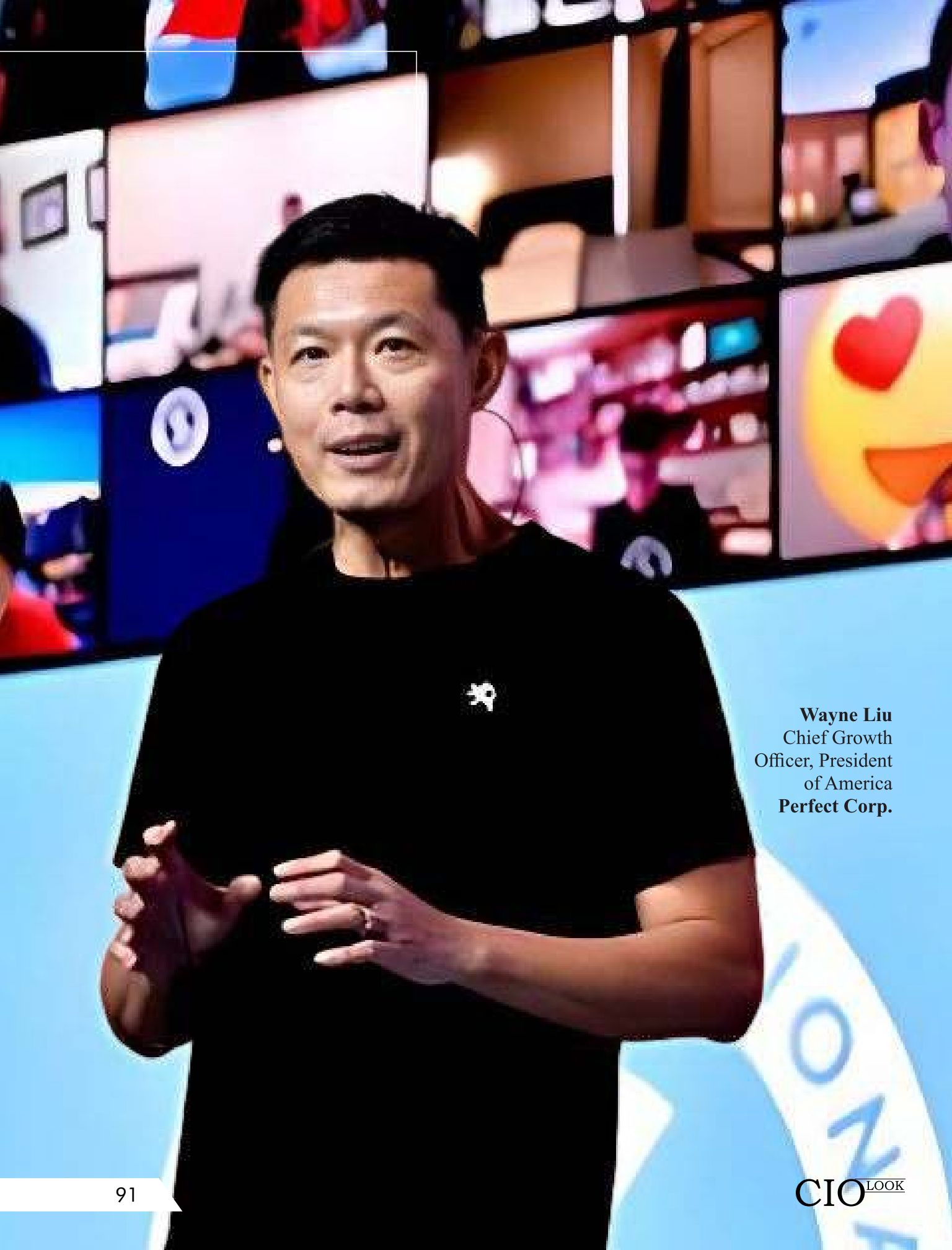
Trailblazing Journey to Collective Success and Business Triumphs in the Tech Industry

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It's about more than just functionality but also about creating an experience that's intuitive, engaging and seamless.

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**Wayne Liu**  
Chief Growth  
Officer, President  
of America  
Perfect Corp.