



Gazi Haxhia

Gazi is an Albanian-born international serial business entrepreneur with extensive experience of identifying opportunities and establishing companies in diverse industry segments and markets. His current business activities include the Albania franchises for AVIS, Budget Rent a Car, and distribution for Opel. He is the owner of Landways International (previously the Albania Experience) – an Incentive, Event and Travel Company, which handles over 60,000 visitors travelling into Europe each year, with offices in Albania, Croatia and plans for Asia. Most recently he has become the Land and Port handling agent for MSC Cruises who now regularly dock in Albania. He has also established the Albanian Driver trainer centre ensuring a higher class of safety awareness and driving skills for major fleets travelling within Albania and internationally. He is a co-founder and shareowner of the POLIS University in Tirana offering degrees in Architecture, Urban Planning and Art and Design and used to be the Licence Proprietor of “In Your Pocket” guidebooks of Tirana, Skopje, Pristine and Podgorica. He was elected as A Young Global Leader from DAVOS World Economic Summit in 2008 and is an active member of that community.

His academic activities are as broad as his business interests and include being an Associate Faculty (since 2006), for Entrepreneurship and Practicing Management at IEDC-Bled School of Management in Slovenia, and serving as Vice-President for Corporate Relations on the Board of CEEMAN. Gazi graduated from Tirana University, Faculty of Foreign Languages, earned his MIA degree while at Columbia University in International Affairs and further educated himself at INSEAD Fontainebleau and the Harvard Business School. His early career path included serving as an Aide in the Albanian Prime Ministers Office and as External Adviser to the Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania. He also interned at the Currency Trade Department and Middle Markets at Merrill Lynch on Wall Street.