

Gerald J. Leonard Selected as Top Legacy Leader of the Decade by IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will honor Gerald J. Leonard at their Annual Awards Gala in NYC at the Plaza Hotel

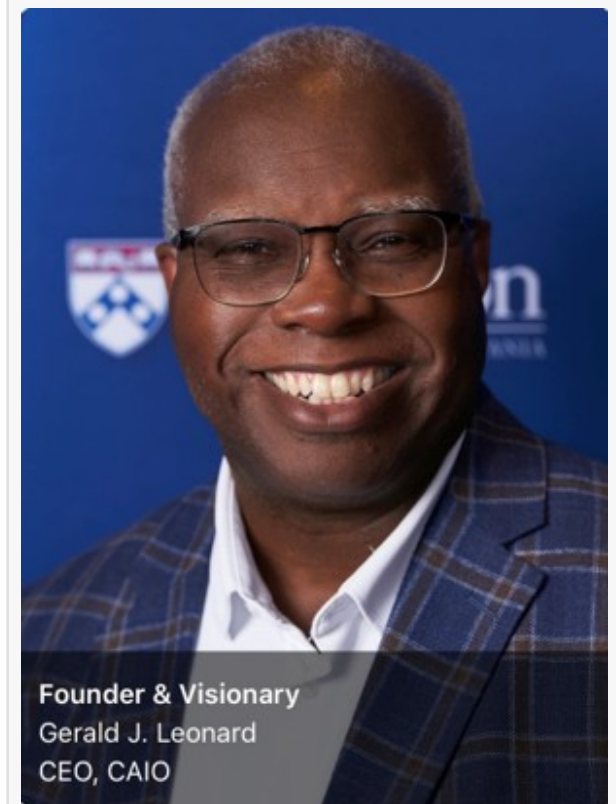
NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), a premier global organization renowned for its exclusive membership, rigorous selection process, and prestigious annual [awards gala](#), has selected [Gerald J. Leonard](#) as the Top Legacy Leader of the Decade for his exceptional leadership, innovation, and lasting impact on the fields of artificial intelligence, business strategy, project portfolio management, productivity, and organizational transformation.

While membership in IAOTP is itself a significant honor, only a select number of professionals are chosen for this elite distinction. Honorees are recognized based on their professional accomplishments, academic achievements, leadership abilities, longevity in their field, and meaningful contributions to their communities. Mr. Leonard will be honored for this prestigious distinction at IAOTP's Annual Awards Gala at the iconic Plaza Hotel in New York City this December.

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With nearly three decades of executive leadership experience across fintech, technology, and government, Gerald J. Leonard has established himself as one of today's foremost authorities on artificial intelligence strategy, leadership, productivity, and organizational transformation. He serves as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief AI Officer (CAIO) of Turnberry Premiere and the Leonard Productivity Intelligence Institute, where he advises enterprise leaders on AI strategy, productivity, leadership development, and sustainable organizational growth.

A dynamic keynote speaker, TEDx presenter, multi-book author, Forbes Contributor, syndicated



podcast host, and accomplished bassist, Mr. Leonard is recognized for helping organizations translate complex concepts—including artificial intelligence, business strategy, organizational culture, and neuroscience—into practical solutions that drive measurable business outcomes. His unique ability to combine executive leadership with musical metaphors has earned him the distinction of being known as the "Keynote Bassist," inspiring audiences around the world to think differently about leadership, innovation, and execution.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Leonard has focused on helping organizations align leadership, systems, and execution to improve performance at scale. His work integrates human-centered AI, neuroscience, project portfolio management,

and strategy execution, enabling executives to make better decisions, lead effectively under pressure, and build high-performing teams capable of sustaining innovation in an increasingly AI-driven world.

As the host of the internationally syndicated Productivity Smarts Podcast, Mr. Leonard interviews some of today's leading executives, innovators, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders on topics including artificial intelligence, leadership, productivity, organizational excellence, and personal development. He is also a Forbes Contributor, where he shares insights on leadership, AI, workplace innovation, business transformation, and the future of work.

Mr. Leonard holds the prestigious Project Management Professional (PMP) and Portfolio Management Professional (PfMP) certifications, along with certification as a Conversational Intelligence® (C-IQ) Coach. Demonstrating his lifelong commitment to learning and leadership, he has completed advanced executive education and AI strategy programs through many of the world's most respected institutions, including Harvard Business School, Cornell University, The Wharton School, the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Johns Hopkins University, and Kellogg School of Management.

His thought leadership has earned global recognition, including being named by Thinkers360 as one of the Top 50 Global Thought Leaders in Agile and one of the Top 100 Global Thought Leaders in Change Management. These honors reflect his commitment to helping organizations navigate complexity, embrace innovation, and create sustainable growth through strategic



leadership and emerging technologies.

Throughout his career, Mr. Leonard has remained passionate about helping organizations create sustainable workplaces where leaders inspire innovation, strengthen collaboration, and empower teams to accomplish more every day. His mission centers on helping executives leverage artificial intelligence responsibly while preserving the human-centered leadership principles that drive long-term organizational success.

Stephanie Ciriame, President of IAOTP, shared:

"Gerald represents the very definition of visionary leadership. His ability to combine artificial intelligence, strategic execution, neuroscience, and leadership development into practical solutions is truly remarkable. Beyond his extraordinary professional accomplishments, Gerald is passionate about helping others succeed and leaving organizations stronger than he found them. We are proud to recognize him as our Top Legacy Leader of the Decade and look forward to celebrating his continued success at this year's IAOTP Annual Awards Gala."

This is not Mr. Leonard's first recognition by IAOTP. In 2024, he was honored as Top Growth Strategist of the Year, and this year he will receive one of the organization's highest distinctions, Top Legacy Leader of the Decade. He will also be featured in TIP (Top Industry Professionals) Magazine and honored during IAOTP's Annual Awards Gala at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

Reflecting on his success, Mr. Leonard attributes his achievements to maintaining a positive mindset, embracing continuous learning, and remaining committed to serving others. He believes resilience, curiosity, and lifelong growth are essential qualities for navigating change and building organizations that thrive.

Outside of his professional endeavors, Mr. Leonard enjoys spending time with his family and is passionate about teaching future generations that every individual has inherent value and the ability to make a meaningful impact. Looking ahead, he remains committed to empowering leaders, advancing responsible AI adoption, fostering innovation, and leaving a legacy of excellence, service, and transformational leadership.

For more information, please visit:

Forbes Contributor: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/geraldleonard/>

Turnberry Premiere: www.turnberrypremiere.com

Leonard Productivity Intelligence Institute: www.productivityintelligenceinstitute.com

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networking organization that hand-selects the world's most distinguished professionals from a wide variety of industries. Membership is by invitation only through nomination or direct invitation from the President following a comprehensive review of professional accomplishments, leadership, and industry impact. IAOTP provides an elite global platform where exceptional leaders connect, collaborate, inspire, and elevate one another while strengthening their personal brands and expanding their influence worldwide. Today, IAOTP continues to be recognized as one of the world's most respected and exclusive professional organizations.

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