



Dirk Ahlborn

Entrepreneur and Innovation Speaker, CEO of Hyperloop Technologies, Founder of JumpStarter

Dirk Ahlborn is an entrepreneur, keynote speaker and the founder and CEO of JumpStarter Inc. JumpStarter is a web portal that creates smarter and more successful companies by using crowdsourcing to fund ideas from initial conception to final product. Dirk is also CEO and Co-Founder of Hyperloop Transportation Technologies. It is JumpStartFund's well-known undertaking to make the Hyperloop become reality, by using its crowd collaboration concept.

Dirk's biography

Dirk Ahlborn's Background

Dirk started his career in 1993 as an investment specialist in Berlin, Germany. After moving to Italy in 1997, he founded several companies in the alternative [energy](#) and interior design space. In 2006, he successfully sold one of these companies to a global alternative energy conglomerate.

He is a serial entrepreneur with experience in almost every element of business. His careers have taken him through management, product design, development, manufacturing, production facility design and set up, production cost control, marketing, product distribution, [customer service](#), and sales.

Before co-founding Jumpstarter, he was at the Girvan Institute of [Technology](#), an incubator-accelerator for early-stage high-tech companies. At Girvan, beginning in 2009, he was instrumental in the development of several startup companies, most notably Advanced Turbine Designs, a developer of natural-gas-fueled gas turbine generators for combined heat and power. In the course of his multi-faceted activities at Girvan he also managed mobile and web application developments as well as search engine optimization and online marketing.

Prior to 2009, his activities were centered in Germany and Italy. Dirk is fluent in German and Italian and proficient in conversational Spanish. He holds the credential in banking and insurance from the Organization of German Industry and Commerce.

Dirk has been profiled in Forbes, CNN, WSJ, The Boston Globe, Wired, Bloomberg, and CNBC. He has spoken at technology and innovation conferences across Europe and the United States including SXSW, The [Economist](#), Wired Mobility 2015 and many more.

Dirk's talks

- **Building the Hyperloop**
- **Invest in People, Not Businesses**
- **Building Breakthrough Innovations With Crowd-Powered Ecosystems**
- **The New Business Models That Will Be Changing Your Industry**

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