



Pierre Tami
Founder & CEO, Shift360 Foundation, Founder, Academy of Culinary Arts (ACAC)

Born in the Italian part of Switzerland in 1958, Pierre's professional career began in the private sector in civil aviation. In the early 1980s, Pierre and his wife, Simonetta, moved to Asia where they became involved in social development and economic empowerment projects in Japan, Tonga, Singapore and, since early 90', in Cambodia. Pierre's vision has been to utilise his entrepreneurial skills to restore human dignity and empower youth / women and vulnerable groups through fair and sustainable economic opportunities. Pierre believes that linking skills development with job creation, innovative strategy and strong partnerships with Government leaders, the private sector and civil society, will lead to positive social transformation and progress.

Pierre is the founder of Shift360 Foundation which facilitates sustainable economic opportunities for Cambodian youth and women. Pierre is also the founder of the Academy of Culinary Arts Cambodia, the country's first internationally-recognized hospitality institution, which reduces Cambodia's skills-gap and trains students to be qualified for the hospitality sector. In 1994, Pierre founded in Cambodia Hagar International, a leader in social rehabilitation programs and commercial businesses for victims of abuse, violence, and human trafficking. He then expanded the work in Vietnam and Afghanistan. Pierre is co-owner of restaurants and food businesses that contribute to Cambodia's economic development. He serves as the Personal Advisor to the Prime Minister of Cambodia, is Vice Chairman of the International Chamber of Cambodia (IBC) and has been a member of the World Economic Forum's Schwab Foundation as a social entrepreneur since 2004.

Pierre speaks seven languages and has received numerous international awards including TIP Hero, from former Secretary of State Colin Powell, US Department of State; Outstanding Social Entrepreneur, Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship (WEF); Officer of the Royal Order of Sahametrei, King of Cambodia; gold medals for the reconstruction of the country from the Prime Minister of Cambodia and the Swiss Brandenberger Prize. Pierre is married and has three daughters and four grandchildren.