Alex Goryachev is a globally recognized technology and business executive, celebrated for his sterling reputation as a leading innovator in the complex and ever-evolving world of technology, including the fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT).

With over two decades in the industry, Alex is a Wall Street Journal Bestselling author of “Fearless Innovation: A No-Nonsense Guide” and has masterfully navigated every phase of the Internet revolution and digital transformation, holding senior roles at renowned companies like Cisco, IBM, Napster and Pfizer, and lending his emerging technologies expertise to numerous Fortune 500 companies, Startups, Non-profits, Universities and Governments around the world. He serves as a US Technical Advisory Group member to the International Standards Association (ISO), defining global standards for Innovation Management.

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Goryachev’s influence extended to grand stages like the London and Rio Olympic Games, where he spearheaded the Innovation Track, a role that showcased his ability to lead large-scale, international initiatives. His leadership in Employee Innovation Programs earned spots in Fortune’s Best Places to Work rankings. Alex’s regular contributions to leading publications such as Forbes, Entrepreneur and Chief Executive Magazine, help organizations stay ahead of the ever-changing innovation landscape.

In his past role as Managing Director of Global Innovation Centers and Head of Innovation Strategy and Programs at Cisco, Alex created and led a vast network of emerging technology innovation hubs in 14 countries, driving double-digit revenue growth through ecosystem co-innovation. His pioneering work in commercializing and adopting AI and other emerging technologies has set new standards, transforming disruptive concepts into tangible and pragmatic business models.

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Alex’s transformation from a self-taught immigrant kid to a leading authority in the AI-driven technological world is an extraordinary story. Lauded by Forbes as ‘One of the World’s Top Experts on Innovation,’ his personal evolution transcends a mere career path; it’s a guiding philosophy enriched by steadfast discipline, inventive thinking, and constant curiosity.