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Keynote: GVL Talks - LEARNING Serial Entrepreneur

Taneli, a serial entrepreneur and dealmaker, has run all together 8 companies and held board seats in 16. Additionally he is a director of some committees and management groups for public technology programs for the Republic of Finland. Taneli is currently heading RunToShop as its CEO. Prior to that he was CEO and a major shareholder at IRC-Galleria (the largest social media company in Finland) which he sold to Sulake Corporation (the company behind Habbo Hotel) in the spring of 2007. He is also working with well-known social network sites Dopplr and Muxlim. During his 10+ years of entrepreneurship

he has founded 4 companies and closed 10 rounds of venture capital financing, and made 3 successful exits (so far), including taking one company public through a tradesale. Many of Taneli's companies have to do with the social Internet and online media. In the early days of the site he acted as an advisor to the founders of Stardoll.com, and does the same currently for various social media, for example; xihalife.com. In his spare time Taneli is an enthusiastic scuba diver and practitioner of Chinese martial arts.

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