Speakers
At Aareal Bank Group, Henning Zander is responsible for the Group-wide start-up programme, which comprises four pillars: Accelerator Programmes, Cooperations, Investments and Ventures. He is also Chairman of the Investor Advisory Board and Observer on the Investment Committee of the first pan-European venture capital fund Proptech 1 Ventures. As Champion, he is responsible for Aareal Bank's membership in the "Plug and Play Fintech Europe" programme. Henning Zander is active as a mentor for start-ups in the Fintech, Proptech and Insuretech sectors, represents Aareal Bank on the Advisory Board of the Built World Innovation Network and is a jury member of the Proptech competition at the international trade fair Expo Real. Furthermore, he is active as lecturer and speaker.
Alexander Ubach-Utermöhl has been CEO of blackprint Booster GmbH since 2016. He is also co-founder and chairman of the board of the German PropTech Initiative e.V., founded in 2016, which networks digital companies in the real estate industry and offers interested parties a central contact point for the PropTech scene. Prior to his current activities, Alexander worked for GE Capital Real Estate GmbH & Co. KG as Head of Asset Management Debt. He began his career in the real estate industry in 2006 at GUV Immobilienmanagement und -organisation GmbH, with which he set up a joint venture for the professional management of commercial real estate for international investors.
Hailing from a family of tech industrialists and medical thought leaders, Björn possesses a native drive and understanding for applying technologies to solve challenges in healthcare. Björn completed his B.Sc. at European Business School in Oestrich Winkel before joining the London School of Economics (LSE) for his M.Sc. He conducted several years of postgraduate research at Harvard University and the University of St. Gallen. In 2013, he co-founded caresyntax, a MedTech company based in Berlin. Over the past few years, caresyntax has become the leading developer of surgical intelligence technologies. Today their technologies are used in more than 8,000 operating rooms worldwide, and support surgical teams in over 13 million procedures per year. Recently, caresyntax announced the free roll-out of its software to enable hospitals to better manage critical care capacities during the Covid-19 pandemic.
Prof. Dr. Christoph Fuchs has reached the highest level in the expert career track for the topic of Lifecycle Management at Siemens. He is currently the Senior Principal and Key Expert in its Siemens Advanta business unit. Serving both as thought leader and practitioner, his projects share a common focus on initiating and driving impactful architecture development for the most complex products and systems. He has a proven track record where some of his projects have humbly achieved global recognition and success, and operates across various industries. His problem-solving approach and way of thinking have deeply been impacted by experiences made early on in his professional life. Starting his career in 1996 as a Product Manager in the field of Telecommunication at Infineon Tech., he later personally experienced the disruption of Siemens’ Communication Unit. From these experiences, he realized and made it to his passion to focus on the importance of holistic product development, stressing constant adaptivity to global trends and integrating flexibility and sustainability into products that allow them to grow with market changes. He holds a Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from the Technical University of Karlsruhe. In 2004, he joined the consulting group for Innovation Management of Siemens. He holds a honorary professorship at the EBS Universität.
Dominik Friedel has been Business Development Manager at NTT since 2018 and is responsible for the thematic development of the Technology Experience Lab - a test environment for complex IT architectures and innovative use cases in a productive data centre. In cooperation with a large partner network, technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity or Hybrid Cloud are implemented here in a tangible way for industry-oriented application scenarios. Through the supervision of the associated start-up program as well as his active role in the start-up association Start it Up e.V., he maintains a regular exchange on the digital start-up scene. Dominik obtained his B.Sc. in Business Informatics in Mannheim and his M.A. in Sales and Marketing in Wismar. He gained his technical background in digital infrastructure through his previous position as IT architect at Hewlett-Packard.