



Michael Corbett is a distinguished technologist, strategic business planner, entrepreneur, and author with a proven record of leadership and innovation in both corporate and academic arenas. He recently earned a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) degree from the University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC).

Michael began his career at IBM, where he was recognized for his exceptional ability to diagnose and resolve complex problems with the company's most sophisticated software systems. Rising through the company's management ranks, he played a key role in launching IBM's outsourcing business, laying the foundation for a transformative global industry.

Building on this experience, Michael authored one of the earliest in-depth market research reports on the outsourcing sector and launched several companies, including the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP). IAOP provides educational, networking, and business development services to outsourcing customers and providers worldwide. His book, *The Outsourcing Revolution: Why It Makes Sense and How to Do It Right* (Dearborn, 2004), was praised by former Apple CEO John Sculley as "a clear and compelling roadmap" for transforming work. Michael has presented at more than 200 events worldwide and, from 1994 to 2015, authored annual reports on outsourcing for FORTUNE Magazine.

As a strategic business leader, Michael has served on the boards of multiple start-ups and public and private companies, driving growth and successful acquisitions. These include the sale of Morrisson Management Specialists, a NYSE-listed food services company, to Compass Group, and MedPlans, a healthcare transaction processing firm, to Firstsource. His expertise has consistently helped firms scale rapidly and achieve higher valuations.

In the academic realm, Michael earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics from Dowling College on Long Island, NY, and an MBA in finance from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. At Marist, he also served as an adjunct faculty member and led a multi-million-dollar technology initiative supporting small manufacturing businesses across New York State.

Michael has published several academic papers, including his doctoral dissertation, which explores how corporations can leverage social intrapreneurship to align business objectives with growing demands for corporate social responsibility. His work exemplifies a commitment to developing strategies that drive innovation, profitability, and positive social impact.