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# Customer Centric Innovation & Portfolio Management

Making Balanced, Customer Oriented, and Agile Portfolio  
Decisions – and Leveraging Customer Insights and Market  
Experiments for Innovation



## PRESENTATIONS



**RAMANI HARIHARAN**

Director of New  
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**NICOLAS  
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## TOPICS

**Portfolio Management:** Ensuring Agility in Executing Portfolio Choices • Using Strategy and Real Customer Needs to Drive Portfolio Choices • Balancing Investments in the Core versus New Business Creation • Balancing Long-Term Focus on Technology Platforms with Fast Decisions on Specific Projects

**Customer-Centric Innovation:** Driving a Customer-Centric Mindset throughout the Organization • Leveraging Digital Tools to Enable Fast Delivery of Breakthrough Projects • Applying a Customer-Centric Approach for New Business Creation Tailored to B2B • Co-Designing and Iterating with Different Tribes of Users • Embedding User-Centric Teams within the Business and Operations • Using Prototypes and Market Experiments for New Business Creation • Building a Strong Global Community to Drive User Centricity – and Working Cross-Functionally • Anticipating Users' Needs by Leveraging User Observation and Google Search Analysis • Making Go/No-Go Decisions and Resource Allocation within a New Business Creation Context • Getting Quantitative Customer Input Early and throughout the Innovation Process





## AGENDA OUTLINE

08:30 - 09:00 Registration & light breakfast  
09:00 - 17:00 Workshop (incl. lunch and coffee breaks)

### **ENGIE** • Being Customer Centric in New Business Creation and in a B2B Context – and Allocating Resources in a New Business Creation Context

Ramani Hariharan • Director of New Business Factory

### **Philips** • Needs-Driven Innovation Portfolio: Balancing Core vs. New Business

Jeroen Hendrix • Business Process Owner Innovation Portfolio Management & New Business Creation

### **Roundtable Discussion I:** Insights and challenges

### **Solvay** • Portfolio Management: Leveraging Agility and Customer-Validated Insights for Breakthrough Innovation

Nicolas Cudré-Mauroux • Research & Innovation Group General Manager (CTO)

### **Danone** • Driving User Centricity: Generating User Experience Insights, Co-Designing with Users, Changing Mindsets and Engaging Internally

Victoire Dairou • VP Research & Innovation - User eXperience

### **Roundtable Discussion II:** Selection of topics

### **P&G** • Shaping the Future: Designing Future Ideas with Today's Consumers

Pieter Van den Bergh • Principal Designer Innovation - Global DishCare

### **Panel and Plenary Sharing**

17:00 - 18:00 Drinks on the premises

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## Customer Centric Innovation & Portfolio Management

Making Balanced, Customer Oriented, and Agile Portfolio Decisions – and Leveraging Customer Insights and Market Experiments for Innovation



### **ENGIE**

Boulevard Simon Bolivar 34-36,  
100 Bruxelles, Belgium

✈ Brussels Airport 30 min

Venue, directions, parking and recommended hotels on p. 6-7

## NETWORKING DINNER

On the evening of **Tuesday 28 April**, the evening before the event, attendees will have the opportunity to meet for dinner (at own expense) at restaurant **Belga Queen**.

Details & registration info on p. 5 (NB: register by 21 April)



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## RAMANI HARIHARAN

Director of New Business Factory



## Being Customer Centric in New Business Creation and in a B2B Context – and Allocating Resources in a New Business Creation Context

Ramani Hariharan heads Engie's New Business Factory. He will present the Factory's approach to new business creation, while also detailing the challenges in applying a customer centric approach in the B2B

context. He will also discuss resource allocation decisions in the context of new business creation and uncertainty.

- New Business Factory's approach to new business creation
  - Tackling challenges, including assessment and approval procedures within a large firm
- Distinctive features of customer insights for new business creation, and for B2B
  - How to build a customer-centric mindset and overcome difficulties
  - The Factory's approach to using prototypes and market experiments
- Distinctive features of go/no-go decisions and resource allocation within a new business creation context, with high levels of uncertainty and the need for an iterative and experimental approach



## JEROEN HENDRIX

Business Process Owner  
Innovation Portfolio  
Management & New  
Business Creation



## Needs-Driven Innovation Portfolio: Balancing Core vs. New Business

Philips is making the strategic shift from a diversified high-tech electronics company to a single purpose Health Tech company. The company is moving from diverging, 'inside-out', technology driven innovation, to converging, 'outside-in', innovation driven by the needs of customers. Philips needs to move from transactional customer relationships towards long-term strategic partnerships.

This has major impact on how the company innovates and makes choices in its portfolio. Topics we will cover:

- How strategy and real customer needs drive portfolio choices
- How to balance investments in core versus new business
- How to ensure agility in executing portfolio choices

**Roundtable Discussion I:** Each attendee makes an illustration or writes a text to summarize or highlight a key aspect or challenge in either customer centric innovation or portfolio management theme. The group discusses the input one person at a time. Discussion tables will be divided into B2B, B2C and B2B2C.



## NICOLAS CUDRÉ-MAUROUX

Research & Innovation Group  
General Manager (CTO)



## Portfolio Management: Leveraging Agility and Customer-Validated Insights for Breakthrough Innovation

Nicolas Cudré-Mauroux will present Solvay's approach to portfolio management and will explain how the organization drives breakthrough innovation with an agile approach and combines deep scientific developments with customer-validated market insights.

- Making balanced portfolio decisions
  - Balancing a long-term focus on technology platforms with fast decisions on specific projects
  - Getting scientists engaged in understanding and evaluating value propositions to ensure better decisions
  - Reviewing critical questions to assess and see if there are any reasons not to kill projects
- Getting quantitative customer input early and during the whole innovation process
- Applying agile in an industrial environment with longer development cycle times
- Using digital tools as enablers of fast deliveries of breakthrough projects



## VICTOIRE DAIROU

VP Research & Innovation  
- User eXperience



## Driving User Centricity: Generating User Experience Insights, Co-Designing with Users, Changing Mindsets and Engaging Internally

Based on her extensive experience across industries, Victoire Dairou will explain the importance of user centricity and the need to embrace the mindset throughout the organization. She will present the approach to design winning User eXperience at Danone and how the company organizes for it. She will also introduce one or more cases (e.g. sugar in food) and lessons learned on the journey.

- The importance of user centricity across industries
- Approaches to user centricity
  - Empathy, user observation, and leveraging Google search analysis to build a thorough user understanding, and to anticipate and understand user tensions and needs
  - Engaging, co-designing and iterating with different tribes of users
  - Instilling a mindset shift throughout the organization
- Organizing for user centricity
  - Leveraging user insights across all projects - from disruptive innovation to productivity-focused projects
  - Building a strong global community to drive user centricity, and empowering people to bring in different perspectives
  - The need to embed user-centric teams within the business and operations, instead of having separate user-centric teams
  - Working cross-functionally - and the need to engage people from Marketing, R&D and Sales all together to innovate
- Cases in user centricity and lessons learned
  - E.g. approaching sugar in food with a strong user centric perspective: from sugar reduction to sweetness perception and offering pleasurable and healthy food

**Roundtable Discussion II:** Selection of topics. Attendees select their favorite topics from a list of discussion questions within the overarching themes of the day, formed using the issues from the first roundtable discussion.



## PIETER VAN DEN BERGH

Principal Designer Innovation  
- Global DishCare



## Shaping the Future: Designing Future Ideas with Today's Consumers

Innovation is managing uncertainty and engaging customers is crucial to design what is next. Trained as an industrial designer and with experience in innovation across several industries (automotive, FMCG, pharma, print media,...), Pieter Van den Bergh will provide insights into rapid prototyping, iterative learning and how mistakes can be opportunities. He uses storytelling as a tool to

innovate. Pieter will share experiences, doubleclick on what worked and what not. But always with a clear focus on strategy. Key topics include:

- Strategy first, execution later
- The power of storytelling to enable customer centricity within the organization
- The need for consistency to ensure consumer acceptance
- Using the power of design to share ideas

**Panel & Plenary Sharing:** Plenary feedback session, followed by a light panel with some of the speakers from the day.

We recommend the following readings with insights and cases related to the workshop themes:

## #Customer Centric Culture

- [6 Ways to Build a Customer-Centric Culture](#)  
Denise Lee Yohn, 2018 – Harvard Business Review – Free access\*\*
- [Obsess Over Your Customers, Not Your Rivals](#)  
Tara-Nicholle Nelson, 2017 – Harvard Business Review – Free access\*\*

## #Customer Centric Innovation

- [Why Customer Experience Matters for B2B](#)  
Suketu Gandhi, Alanna Klassen Jamjoum, and Conrad Heider, 2019 – MIT Sloan Management Review – Free access\*
- [New Insights for New Growth: What It Takes to Understand Your Customers Today](#)  
Jonathan Gordon, Volker Gruntges, Vicki Smith, and Yvonne Staack, 2016 – McKinsey – Free Access

## #Prototyping

- [Are You Solving the Right Problems?](#)  
Thomas Wedell-Wedellsborg, 2017 – Harvard Business Review – Free access\*\*

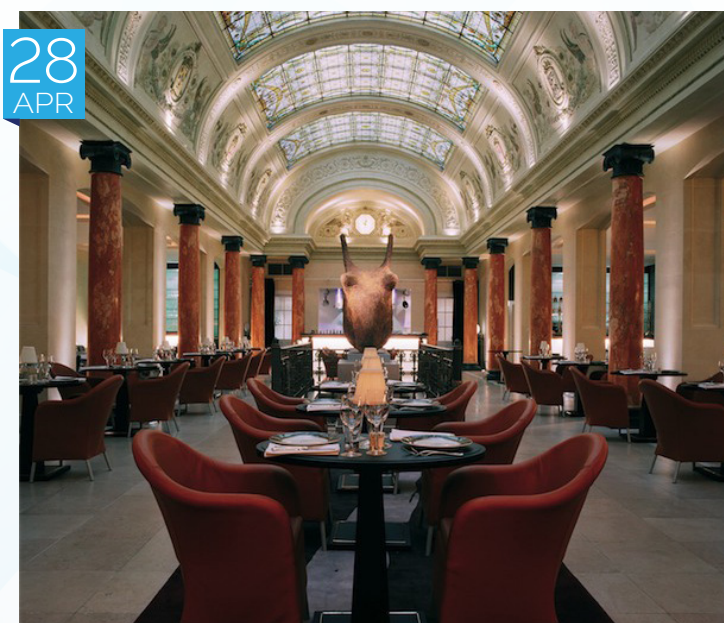
## #Portfolio Management

- [Strategic Innovation and the Fuzzy Front End](#)  
Idris Mootee, 2011 – Ivey Business Journal – Free access
- [Organizing for Breakthrough Innovation – Interview with Roche's CEO](#)  
McKinsey, 2016 – Free access
- [The Biases That Keep Good R&D Projects from Getting Funded](#)  
Paola Criscuolo, 2017 – Harvard Business Review – Free access\*\*

\* You can register as a Site Member on [sloanreview.mit.edu](https://sloanreview.mit.edu) and access up to 3 articles for free each month, additional articles at USD 6.50 each. Yearly subscription with unlimited access to articles: USD 75.

\*\* HBR.org allows unregistered users to access up to 3 articles for free every month. You can also register for free and get access to up to 6 articles per month.

## DINNER THE EVENING BEFORE THE EVENT



On Tuesday, the evening before the workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to meet for dinner (at own expense) at the restaurant **Belga Queen** - a restaurant with a unique interior of a former bank, located in the centre of Brussels and offering modern Belgian cuisine with a very national touch - the addition of beer to numerous dishes.

Participants can meet at the restaurant for drinks from **18:45** the dinner will start at **19:45**.

3-courses dinner with drinks (water, two glasses of wine and tea/coffee) at the price of €65,28.

Please register and pay through this link by 21 April: [innoround.co/dinners](https://innoround.co/dinners)

### Belga Queen

Rue fossé aux loups 32, 1000 Brussels, Belgium  
[belgaqueen.be](https://belgaqueen.be)





## ENGIE Campus Brussels

Boulevard Simon Bolivar 34-36, 100 Bruxelles, Belgium

The **ENGIE Campus Brussels** venue is located in the **Northern Quarter**, a central business district of Brussels.

### From Brussels Airport:

The best way to reach the venue from the airport is by train, travel takes only 15 min. From **Brussels Airport-Zaventem** stop take the direct **IC train** and get off at **Bruxelles-Nord** station. The venue is within 4 min walk (350m) from the station.

If you wish to arrive by taxi or car, estimated travel time is 30 min. Please be aware that it can take longer during rush hours.

### From Brussels city & other locations in Belgium:

You can easily reach the venue from other locations by train. Engie is located just 4 min walk (350m) from the **Bruxelles-Nord** station, offering local tram connection with the city, regional train connections within Belgium, and fast train to the airport.

From the Brussels center you can take the tram **line 3** or **line 4**, and get off at **Bruxelles-Nord** station. Walk few minutes along Boulevard Simon Bolivar, until you see the venue on your left.

To plan your journey, please check:

[www.belgianrail.be/en](http://www.belgianrail.be/en)

### From nearby European cities:

You can reach the venue conveniently by train from most of nearby European capitals. It takes:

- 1 hour 45 minutes from **Paris**, Gare du Nord (route operated by Thalys)
- 2 hours 15 minutes from **Amsterdam** (Thalys & IC train)
- 2 hours from **Rotterdam** (direct IC train)
- 2 hours 30 minutes from **London** (direct by Eurostar)
- 2 hours from **Cologne**, Germany (direct IC train)

To plan your journey, please check:

[NMBS/SNCB](http://NMBS/SNCB)

[Thalys](http://Thalys)



## SECURITY



**Please bring your passport or ID card,** as it will be required to enter the venue.

## PARKING

Paid parking facilities available nearby:

- at the WTC (entrance bd Simón Bolívar)
- Parking CCN (under Gare du Nord station)
- Interparking (Square Rogier)

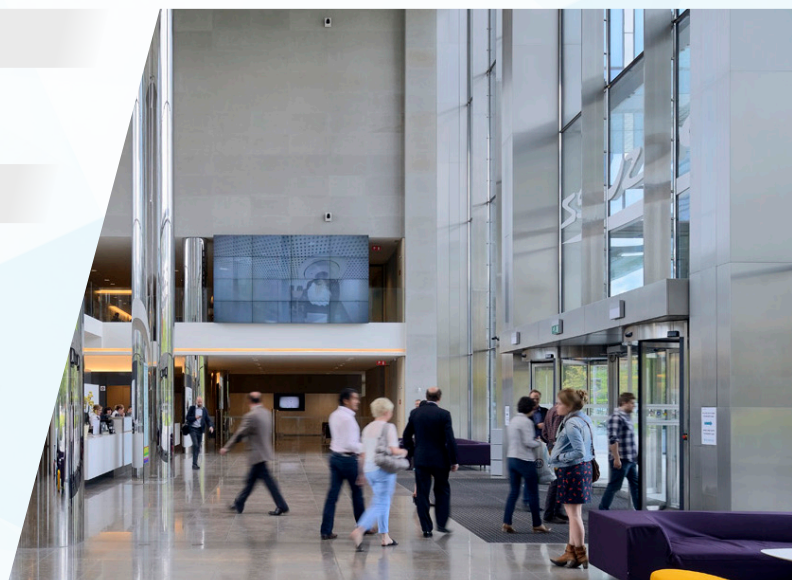
## INTERNET ACCESS



You will receive free WiFi access at the venue.

## CONTACTS

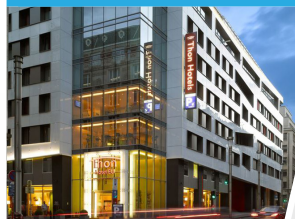
For inquiries, please call us: +45 4050 8686.



**Recommended Hotels** • Attendees can book rooms at special rates at the following hotels, all located close to the workshop venue. Please note that the special **rates are available for a limited amount of rooms and for a limited time**, therefore it is suggested that you reserve your room as soon as possible.

## Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre ★ ★ ★ ★

[thonhotels.com](http://thonhotels.com)



- Avenue du Boulevard / Bolwerklaan 17, 1210 Brussels, Belgium
  - 5 min drive to the venue; 30 min drive from Brussels Airport; 6 min drive from Gare Cenrale St.
  - Single room: €150, Double room: €180 incl. breakfast (excl. city tax)
  - To avail the special rate please use the following [weblink](#).
- The special rate is available until **03/04/2020**.

## Novotel Brussels Centre Tour Noire ★ ★ ★ ★

[all.accor.com](http://all.accor.com)



- Rue de la Vierge Noire 32, 1000 Brussels, Belgium
  - 8 min drive to the venue; 34 min drive from Brussels Airport; 7 min drive from Gare Cenrale St.
  - Single room: €160 - €175 (excl. city tax)
  - To avail the special rate, you can send an email to [H2122@accor.com](mailto:H2122@accor.com) including fully filled and signed [registration form](#).
- The special rate is available until **27/03/2020**.

## Hotel Le Plaza Brussels ★ ★ ★ ★

[leplaza-brussels.be](http://leplaza-brussels.be)



- Adolphe Maxlaan 118/126, 1000 Brussels, Belgium
  - 6 min drive to the venue; 25 min drive from Brussels Airport; 6 min drive from Gare Cenrale St.
  - Standard room: €198
  - To avail the special rate please use the following [weblink](#).
- The special rate is available for limited number of rooms.

## Crowne Plaza Brussels - Le Palace ★ ★ ★ ★

[ihg.com](http://ihg.com)



- Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Bruxelles, Belgium
  - 4 min drive to the venue; 25 min drive from Brussels Airport; 6 min drive from Gare Cenrale St.
  - Single room: €139 - €159 incl. breakfast (excl. city tax)
  - To avail the special rate please use the following [weblink](#).
- The special rate is available until **20/03/2020**.



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