

Jeff Jorge

Speaker Introduction

Jeff Jorge is the Executive Partner of GDP | Global Development Partners, a global consultancy, strategy and growth acceleration group that delivers breakthrough results in turnkey manner. A native of Brazil, his experience blends the lessons from both Fortune 500 and early-stage companies, where he led complex international assignments in corporate strategy, global trade, operations, marketing and business development – all of which afford him comprehensive knowledge of what it takes for successful domestic and international ventures to take flight. In all, Jeff and the GDP team have helped companies achieve double- and triple-digit annual growth rates and operational expansion into over 20 foreign markets.

An acclaimed speaker and author, Jeff is also a leading fundraiser for a number of nonprofit entities and socially responsible causes in the U.S. and abroad. Invited often to meet with legislators and policy-makers on global growth and international business, he is also a member of Automation Alley's International Business Advisory Council – one of the United States' most preeminent international trade and economic development groups.

He is the Deputy Executive Director of *The Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa Chamber for Promotion and Economic Development* in the United States. A featured columnist on *The Huffington Post* on international business, Jeff has also been profiled on multiple *National Public Radio* shows and other major news outlets.

Fluent in English, Portuguese, and Spanish, Jeff earned his MBA from The University of Michigan. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Design Engineering from Middle Tennessee State University, where he has recently been awarded the Young Alumni Achievement Award – the highest University honor conferred upon a single Alumnus annually, and an honor shared with fellow award recipients Al Gore and James Buchanan (Nobel Prize in Economics).

Jeff proudly became a United States Citizen in 2008.