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Mr. Sarkhan Hashimov (Azerbaijan, Spring 2018) is the General Manager for Eastern European and Central Asia at Elcore AG. Previously he served as the Director-General of Microsoft for Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan and a Board Member of Microsoft for CIS countries. Mr. Hashimov has extensive experience in project management, consulting and business development. His technical knowledge covers cloud technologies, mobile applications and enterprise resource planning (ERP). Mr. Hashimov holds an MBA (2007) and a BA in International Economic Relations (2004) from Azerbaijan State University of Economics. In addition, Mr. Hashimov is an international chess master. He is a 10-time champion of Azerbaijan, a second runner-up at the European championship

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