**Founder Bio – Dr. Matthias Ballweg, CIRCULAR REPUBLIC by UnternehmerTUM (English Version)**

**Dr. Matthias Ballweg** is Co-Founder of CIRCULAR REPUBLIC at UnternehmerTUM. Together with his team, he works closely with board members, executives, innovators and founders in large corporations, SMEs and startups, driving large cross-company projects to close the loop in targeted value streams such as batteries and vehicles, electronics and ICT, textiles or packaging.

Previously, Matthias was co-leader of the global Circular Economy Platform at the Sustainability and System Change company Systemiq. There, he initiated and led large coalitions like the ‘Circular Car Initiative’ with the World Economic Forum. He co-authored several reports on Circular Economy, e.g. together with the Club of Rome or the United Nation’s International Resource Panel. Before that Matthias served for 3 years as Vice President Strategy at MAN Truck & Bus and for 7 years as a consultant at McKinsey & Company . Matthias holds a PhD in behavioral psychology about dominance behavior in leadership teams and is founder of a learning technology start-up.

Next to CIRCULAR REPUBLIC Matthias is member of the board at the Institute of Mobility of University of St. Gallen, lecturer at universities and active as a business angel in sustainability start-ups.

He is father of 4 and voluntarily serving as chairman at Alpenverein Oberland, one of the largest sports clubs on earth.