

Chris Paradysz has operated as CEO and Chief Growth Officer, founding the PMX Agency, now called ForwardPMX, as part of the Stagwell Group. As the largest independent, global performance agency, it works with global brands across the spectrum of industries. From retail and luxury to nonprofits and consumer businesses, Chris brings a high-energy, entrepreneurial approach to business problem solving.

Having personally started up, invested in or acquired over ten businesses, Chris understands the intricacies of developing leaders for both current and future needs. His agencies have grown with clients such as LVMH, Steve Madden, NIKE, ACE Hardware, Edgewell Brands, American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, CARE and many others.

Chris has been active in both digital, direct and nonprofit boards, including trade organizations. He is also very involved with Lupus research, working closely with scientists and business leaders to raise funds for treatments and a cure.

Teaching entrepreneurs within workshops and university settings is also a passion he cares deeply about given the lack of real-life, fundamental questions that rarely get answered. From students to early-stage startup founders through longtime executives struggling with next-generation strategy and expertise, Chris brings a respectful, yet direct approach to helping others break through boundaries.