

## AZAR GURBANOV



Azar Gurbanov was born in 1976 in Baku. During his school years he participated and won medals in several mathematics and computer science Olympiads. He started his bachelor's degree in Economics and Administrative Science at Qafqaz University. In the 1996/97 academic year he participated in the U-Grad program and attended the University of Missouri-Columbia. Upon graduation from Qafqaz University, he was admitted to the London School of Economics and won a Chevening scholarship. Azar received his joint masters degree in Economics and Philosophy from London School of Economics in 2000.

Azar has started his professional career at the Azerbaijani branch of PricewaterhouseCoopers as an auditor. After four years of experience at PwC, Azar has changed his career to work in the consulting industry.

Since 2004, he has been working in various local and international companies as a consultant and business advisor. His main areas of expertise are in financial reporting, business process improvements and implementation of enterprise-wide resource planning systems.

As one of his biggest achievements, Azar counts his involvement with establishment of wireless broadband internet service company Elcell. The idea of bringing a revolutionary technology to Azerbaijan came in 2005. Azar worked together with his friends to realize the idea into a commercial service within one year. Commitment and hard work of the next few years resulted in a highly popular and successful company, which won UGUR Company of the Year award in 2007.

Azar is married to Vafa Qurbanova and has two sons - Ismayil and Ibrahim.