



## **Scaled Agile, Inc. Welcomes Four Lean-Agile Thought Leaders into the SAFe® Fellow Program**

*The SAFe® Fellow achievement represents the highest level of mastery and leadership in the practice of the Scaled Agile Framework® (SAFe®)*

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Scaled Agile, Inc. (SAI), provider of SAFe®, the world's leading framework for business agility, today announced the induction of four new Fellows into the [SAFe® Fellow Program](#): Charlene Cuenca, Maarit Laanti, Malte Kumlehn, and Darren Wilmshurst. The SAFe Fellow achievement is Scaled Agile's most prestigious distinction, recognizing individuals who have exhibited the highest level of mastery and thought leadership in the practice of [SAFe](#).

The new inductees have met the SAFe Fellow requirements based on their ongoing contribution to the evolution of the Framework, their demonstrated success implementing SAFe in a broad range of industries and disciplines, and their willingness to share their expertise publicly through writing and speaking.

"The SAFe Fellow program recognizes a select number of individuals with the depth and breadth of experience to work at the highest levels of complexity in enterprise strategy, and who have established themselves as thought leaders in the Lean-Agile space," said Dean Leffingwell, creator of SAFe and chief methodologist. "If we are in a challenging situation—whether puzzling over the next-generation framework or struggling to optimize a SAFe implementation—these are the folks we turn to."

Scaled Agile is pleased to welcome the newest members of the program:

– **Charlene Cuenca**, Principal Enterprise Transformation Consultant, Icon Agility Services

With over 26 years of professional experience, Cuenca has been a leader in transforming organizations and leveraging Lean-Agile practices across multiple functions within an enterprise. Part of several large-scale Agile transformations providing portfolio, program, team, and leadership coaching and training, Cuenca has over 14 years of experience working with enterprise Agile initiatives with publicly-traded corporations, as well as the federal government. An active contributor to the SAFe body of knowledge, Cuenca authored the guidance article, "Enterprise Backlog Structure and Management," and regularly speaks at conferences including the Global SAFe® Summits.

– **Maarit Laanti**, Founder, Nitor Delta

Laanti is a software engineering practitioner and Agile champion who led one of the world's largest scaled-Agile transformations before SAFe was established. She applied her extensive industry experience in her PhD dissertation, "Agile Methods in Large-Scale Software Development Organizations - Applicability and Model for Adoption." In 2016, Laanti achieved the advanced

certification of SAFe® Program Consultant Trainer (SPCT), and founded Nitor Delta, a Finland-based Agile training and coaching consultancy that supports large-scale SAFe adoptions in the Nordic region.

– **Malte Kumlehn**, Head of SAP Delivery Excellence, Accenture

Kumlehn is a Systems, Applications, and Products (SAP®) pioneer who helps clients harness the power of disruption with SAP delivery agility. He has over ten years of experience working with complex, distributed SAP program delivery initiatives, and is an early adopter of SAP DevOps and Agile at scale. Kumlehn is a team, program and C-level coach, and a SAFe® Summit speaker. He is a regular contributor to the fast-growing SAP delivery agility body of knowledge including providing thought leadership to Gartner and authoring the Accenture white paper, "SAP Delivery Agility—Applying Essential SAFe® to Large-Scale SAP Implementations and Operations."

– **Darren Wilmshurst**, Director and Head of Consulting, Radtac Ltd.

With a strategic C-suite-oriented approach to IT leadership, Wilmshurst has delivered multi-million dollar business transformations for e-commerce sites, ERP implementations, outsourcing and offshoring, including multiple Agile transformations. As an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and 16 years in retail banking, Wilmshurst has an extensive background in commercial management. Founder of the London SAFe® Meetup group and co-author of the BCS Book, "Agile Foundations - Principles Practices and Frameworks," he is now a Director of Radtac Ltd, a global Agile consulting business based in the UK.

### **About Scaled Agile, Inc.**

Scaled Agile, Inc., is the provider of SAFe®, the world's leading framework for business agility. Through learning and certification, a global partner network, and a growing community of over 600,000 trained professionals, Scaled Agile helps enterprises build agility into their culture so they can quickly identify and deliver customer value, capitalize on emerging opportunities, and improve business outcomes. Scaled Agile is a contributing member of the Pledge 1% corporate philanthropy and community service movement. Learn more at [scaledagile.com](https://scaledagile.com).

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