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- Visionary leader with employee-centric approach to management



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Known around the globe for his innovative, employee centric management style, Ricardo Semler is a true visionary who advises businesses on how they can significantly improve performance by restructuring relationships with their people. His presentations invariably spark creative and productive thinking about how to lead and manage.

Semler is president of Semco S/A, based in Brazil, and the author of two books: *Maverick* and *The Seven-Day Weekend*. *Maverick* has been published in 16 languages and sold over one million copies. The phenomenal success of the book demonstrates an eager interest in workable alternatives to conventional management wisdom. Hundreds of executives from other companies have visited his firm to study his success. He has been profiled in more than 200 magazines and newspapers, including a special edition of *Time* highlighting future world leaders. He was named one of the “Global Leaders of Tomorrow” by the World Economic Forum in Switzerland.

Semler admits that his own company’s management agreements are not for everyone (managers determine their salaries, staff choose their bosses), but it is a success. Semco is now a \$400 million business with additional minority interests in companies that add up to \$9 billion in market value. Many innovative industries have been started in the last 5 years: ETH, BrasilAgro, Tarpon, Juritas and NGO.

He urges audiences to take a realistic look at what works, what’s possible, and what makes sense in today’s world, given our technologies, the rapid pace of change and the increasing failure of current practice to adapt. Technology that was supposed to make life easier — laptops, cell phones, e-mail, pagers — have taken away much of our free time and destroyed the traditional nine-to-five workday. Why, for instance, haven’t we learned to go golfing on Monday morning when we’ve learned to take our work home on Friday night?

For bold innovators, Semler proposes a way to run a workplace that leads to greater productivity and greater flexibility for managers and employees alike. And for business leaders everywhere, he offers fresh alternatives to business as usual that inspire creative solutions to modern management problems.