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FOUNDER'S *Letter*



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LEADERSHIP *Atelier*

Intro



HI BELLA, *Welcome!*

I'M SO *excited* YOU'RE HERE

I am a Belgrade-born, Harvard-trained Serbian American visionary transforming the contours of women's leadership. As the Founder and CEO of Adaptive Leadership Atelier, I created a sanctuary where leadership meets artistry and style.



the
heart

behind what I do

Holding SPACE *for* Contradiction & *Complexity*



There's beauty to be found in the paradoxes of our world. The work I do, from adaptive leadership to compassion practices, has been alchemized to meet the complex challenges you face on your path to radical freedom and connection to your True Self. While your road to get here may have been anything but straightforward, my all-embracing offerings meet you where you are.



ANCHORED IN *Compassion* & DEVOTION

Everything I do is rooted in my devotion and commitment to service. I deeply care about your leadership journey to wholeness and the impact you're making along the way. No matter what you've experienced or endured, you are welcome here, and I cannot wait to begin this soul's journey to transformation and impact with you.

A WAKEFUL & *Meditative* APPROACH



You are a *beautifully complex being*. My work fully encompasses *the body-mind-spirit integration*, providing you with a path to wholeness enriched with spiritual insight. Through the ancient yogic technology and embodiment practices, you'll experience an approach to somatic mindfulness and wakeful presence that truly serves and prepares you—all of you, for navigating the dangers and the sacred work of leadership.



TRAUMA *Healing, Resilience* & SPIRITUALITY

You have the power to heal from the chains of your past, from your encounters with brokenness, and to be driven by your wholeness, not by what happened to you. Bearing witness to your difficulties is the willingness to accept responsibility for your life. You are fundamentally imperturbable and can see a wider story of your life. My heart will always be in the Heroine's Journey of overcoming, healing, and thriving—guiding you in envisioning yourself coalesced into your highest, most daring possibility.

ABOUT *Maya*

My journey from navigating Wall Street during the global financial crisis to launching my Atelier highlights my commitment to being at the forefront of women's leadership coaching.

Since 2019, I have taught and supported senior military leaders, public officials, executives, and students at Harvard Kennedy School, helping them turn complex challenges into opportunities for extraordinary growth. My expertise in adult development psychology, adaptive leadership, and vertical development enables my clients to rewrite their narratives and embrace their vulnerabilities, emerging not just as leaders but as artisans of their destinies. I guide my clients to truly understand the landscapes of their organizations and the people who inhabit them. My methodical yet daring approach, rooted in a deep understanding of the human condition, reflects my philosophy: the smallest shift in perspective can ignite profound transformations. My Atelier is where leaders come to construct new meanings that reflect the complexity, paradoxes, and beauty of the world they wish to lead.

With a global perspective shaped by experiences in New York, Southeastern Europe, and the Middle East, I connect with leaders across diverse cultures. A passionate stylist since my days at Ann Taylor, I view fashion as a powerful medium for self-expression. Beyond my work at the Atelier, I am a sought-after executive contributor and columnist for international magazines, where I share insights on life, leadership, and legacy—*with style*.



Thank you *for leading*

May you find the clarity to understand your own story, the resilience to face each challenge, and the elegance to leave a legacy that speaks to your deepest truths and aspirations.



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