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LIMESODA, led by Dr. Philipp Pfaller, is a Vienna-based digital powerhouse that blends strategy, design, and technology to craft high-performing, scalable digital experiences built for real-world impact.

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# DR. PHILIPP PFALLER, ONE OF THE TOP SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AGENCY CEOS IN VIENNA

Dr. Philipp Pfaller and his partners have established LINESODA as one of Austria's leading digital agencies by uniting performance, people, and purpose into a clear leadership vision.

Under his guidance, the agency has received major recognition, including Best E-commerce Agency in Austria (Anton Award), the National BGF Award for workplace health among 1,200+ companies, and the iab webAD Sustainability Award, along with certification as a state-recognised family-friendly employer reflecting a strong commitment to both business excellence and employee well-being.

Beyond agency leadership, he is an active industry voice, appearing on platforms such as ZIB Magazin, where he has spoken about AI influencers and the importance of transparency, and is regularly featured in Austrian media including Die Presse, OTS Presse, and Werbemonitor, sharing insights on digital strategy, agency growth, and workplace culture.

This philosophy is embedded in LINESODA's work, delivering high-performing digital experiences that combine UX/UI, development, e-commerce, CMS platforms like TYPO3 and WordPress, and ERP/CRM integrations focused on conversion, speed, security, accessibility, and measurable impact.



# Reimagining Digital Scale The University of Vienna Project

Philipp shares one of his project journeys, highlighting the scale and complexity of working with the University of Vienna, one of Europe's largest and most prestigious educational institutions. The challenge extended far beyond a simple website redesign; it involved rethinking and revamping the university's entire digital ecosystem. With 185 academic institutions, over 11,000 staff members, and more than 85,000 students accessing information daily, the platform needed to reflect its global significance while supporting vast content and user demands.



## Building a Scalable Digital Backbone for a Global Institution

Built for scale, this project went beyond technology to deliver precision, structure, and long-term clarity for the University of Vienna. The solution enhanced the existing TYPO3 CMS, preserving continuity while enabling the internal IT team to independently evolve the system. A centralised multisite architecture unified over 1,400 sub-sites, while CSS variables enabled seamless portal customisation. A modern Tailwind-based frontend ensured speed and consistency across the platform. Performance, accessibility, and control were core priorities, with multilingual support plus integrated news and events improving usability, and all modules built from a single source to maintain full oversight of performance, security, and accessibility. WCAG 2.1 Level AA compliance shaped key design decisions, including colour contrast optimisation, while performance enhancements such as WebP images, lazy loading, and GDPR-compliant video integration ensured a fast, scalable, and fully accessible global digital experience.

When a digital platform serves tens of thousands daily, performance, accessibility, and usability become essential requirements rather than enhancements. This project began with a migration to the latest TYPO3 version, ensuring a technically robust, future-ready foundation, alongside full WCAG 2.1 Level AA compliance to guarantee inclusive access for all users. Beyond infrastructure, the transformation significantly improved UX, making the platform more intuitive for a diverse audience, while also streamlining internal workflows and simplifying maintenance for a large network of editors. These upgrades delivered faster loading times and stronger SEO performance, enhancing both usability and visibility. At its core, the project reinforced that in complex, multi-stakeholder environments, success relies on careful planning, clear decision-making, and consistent communication from the very beginning.



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# DR. PHILIPP PFALLER ON THE AI VALUE PARADOX AND THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL BUSINESS

The industry is currently defined by what Dr. Philipp Pfaller describes as the "AI Value Paradox." While AI has made agencies more efficient than ever, it has also commoditised the very services that once formed their "bread and butter." The challenge is no longer the technology itself, but the business model because as efficiency increases, traditional ways of pricing and delivering services become less relevant. As a result, agencies must shift from selling "hours of effort" to delivering "business outcomes," fundamentally redefining how value is created and measured.

At the same time, "Digital Excellence" has shifted from being a luxury to a survival requirement. What was once optional is now expected, while user experience is becoming increasingly hyper-personalised. Customers no longer compare brands only to direct competitors, but to the best digital experience they've had that day whether that's Uber, Amazon, or Netflix raising the bar for even mid-sized companies to deliver seamless, high-end commerce and service interfaces.

"In parallel, the industry is moving toward an era of composable business, where rigid, all-in-one monolithic software suites are being replaced by modular ecosystems built from best-of-breed CMS, e-commerce, and CRM solutions connected through APIs. This shift enables far greater agility, allowing agencies and organisations to continuously evolve by replacing individual components without having to rebuild entire systems every few years."



# BUILDING A SCALABLE DATA FOUNDATION AND THE SHIFT FROM AI HYPE TO INTELLIGENT ORCHESTRATION

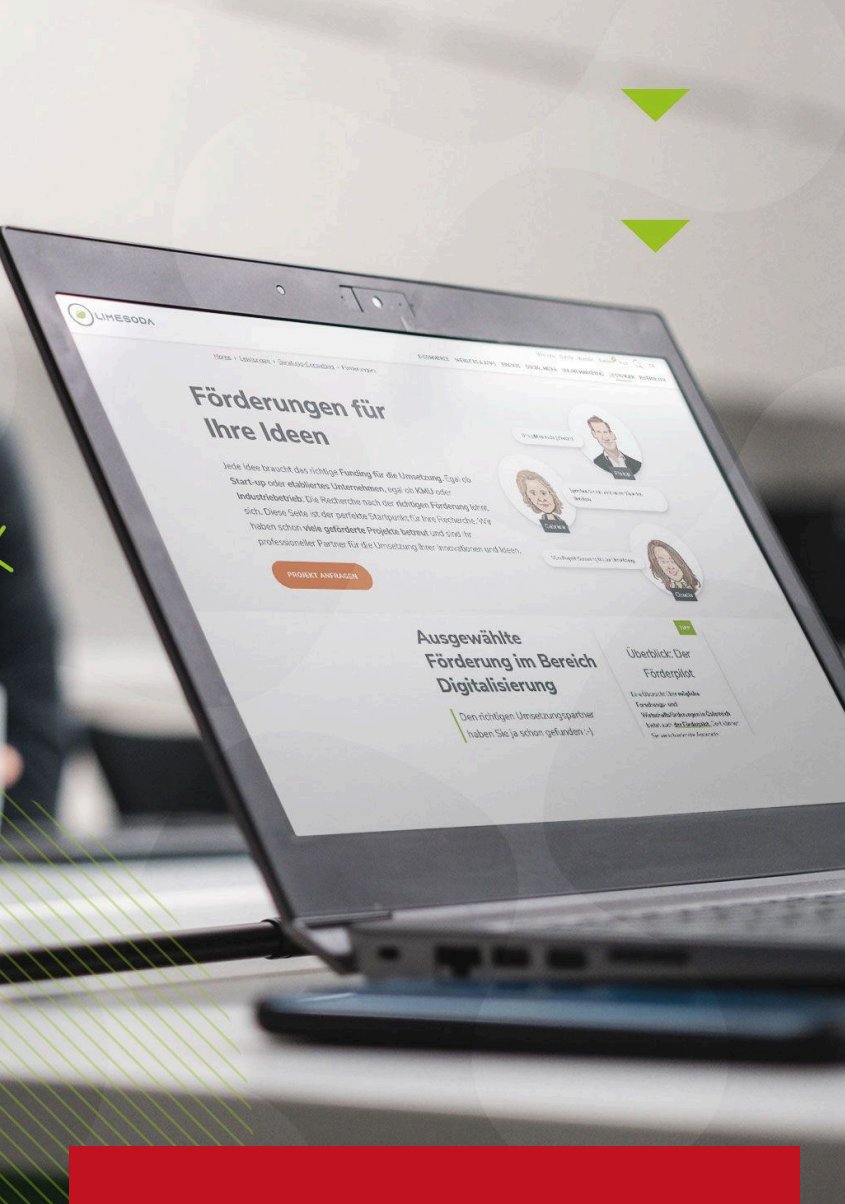
Building on this foundation, the next 2–5 years will see Generative AI evolve from content creation into full process orchestration, enabling automation of complex workflows as well as real-time, 1-to-1 dynamic pricing and product configuration in e-commerce that feels entirely human.

At the same time, Sustainability in Tech (Green IT) will become a key driver of both SEO performance and brand reputation, while agile workflows and transparent, long-term client collaboration will enable faster pivots, smoother problem-solving, and more efficient value delivery compared to traditional rigid planning approaches.

“Don’t let shiny object technologies like AI and the Metaverse distract you from your data foundation, because innovation is only as strong as the systems behind it. The priority must be to eliminate data silos, invest in robust tracking and CRM strategies, and ensure scalable digital infrastructure, as this is what enables reliable decision-making, sustainable growth, and the ability to fully leverage future advancements like AI and automation.”

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# BALANCING CREATIVE AGILITY WITH TECHNICAL RELIABILITY

LIMESODA combines the discipline of a top-tier digital consultancy with the spirit of a creative, agile team shaped by a “Digital Refreshment” mindset where professional excellence goes hand in hand with openness, collaboration, and team well-being.

This balance becomes especially important in complex, multi-stakeholder environments involving interfaces, APIs, and cross-partner integrations, where challenges are handled through clear communication, technical expertise, and proactive risk management.

Dr. Philipp Pfaller highlights that the most defining experiences are not the smooth projects, but large-scale international migrations with legacy systems and complex integrations, where success depends not only on technical capability but equally on change management, structured redundancies, and guiding clients through both operational and emotional aspects of transformation.

This philosophy also shapes how escalations are handled addressed immediately through direct conversations rather than prolonged email exchanges, focusing on solutions over blame, and supported by clear recovery paths that turn challenges into opportunities to reinforce trust and long-term partnerships.

*“LIMESODA operates on a simple belief: reliability and creativity are not opposites—they strengthen each other when built on transparency, care for people, strong communication, and a shared commitment to delivering consistent excellence even in the most complex digital environments.”*

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