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Todd Hirsch is an internationally renowned economist, keynote speaker and author whose research on adapting to sudden, unwanted change resonates with audiences in an age of unprecedented economic disruption. Having had a front-row seat to key issues transforming the global economy for the past 25 years, he delivers dynamic, clear-eyed talks on adaptability, creativity and resilience to help industry and business leaders prepare for a future that is volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous. Todd served as the director of the Energy Transition Centre and as vice president and chief economist for ATB Financial for 15 years. He has also worked as an economist for the Bank of Canada, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canada West Foundation. For nearly a decade, Todd taught economics at the University of Calgary, as well as in the Faculty of Business at the University of Alberta. In recognition of his work, he has received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum and Diamond Jubilee Medals, the University of Alberta's Alumni Honour Award and an honorary degree from Mount Royal University. He is the author of four books, and his latest, *Spiders in COVID Space: Adapting During and After the Pandemic*, shares the inspiring and compelling stories of businesses and not-for-profits that reinvented themselves during the pandemic. A strong advocate of the arts and culture, he served on the board of Calgary's Glenbow Museum, and was previously on the boards of Calgary Arts Academy, Alberta Ballet and the University of Calgary. Todd is the host of "The Take", a weekly LinkedIn live event on economic and geological topics.