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The founding members of the Kenos Circle are:

- **John Naisbitt:** world-renowned author of Megatrends and many other books on the future of technology, business and world affairs.
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- **Harry Swain:** former Deputy Minister, Department of Industry in the Canadian government, CEO of Hambros Bank, and now Chairman of Trimble, Ltd, a private consulting firm focused on business and finance.
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- **Mika Aaltonen:** has been working for several well-known international management think tanks. He is a member of the Planning Committee of the AC/UNU Millennium Project, Board Member of the Time Adventurers' Club, Director of the Futures Sparring Forum, and Editorial Board Member of the journal Emergence, Complexity and Organizations. He is a Ph.D. (Econ.), Adjunct Professor (Foresight & Complexity), and Development Director for the Finland Futures Research Centre. Dr. Aaltonen uses special foresight and complexity methodologies to identify systems' new initial conditions as influence points for the future.
- **Günter Koch:** former Managing Director of the Austrian Research Centers, Seibersdorf. Specialist on knowledge management and its translation into workable procedures for industrial firms and governmental agencies.
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