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## A MESSAGE FROM KYLE J. WINTERS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NEXT CANADA

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**IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU** to NEXT Canada's 15th annual Venture Day — a celebration of Canadian entrepreneurial ambition, ingenuity, and impact.

For the past 15 years, NEXT Canada has played a meaningful role in shaping the future of our economy by identifying and accelerating some of the country's most promising entrepreneurs. Our mission has always been clear: to increase Canada's prosperity by investing in exceptional individuals with the drive to build game-changing ventures. Today, more than ever, we're proud of the outcomes. Our alumni have created thousands of jobs, raised billions in capital, and contributed lasting innovations across sectors. That impact is real — and it's only growing.

This year, our three national cohorts — NEXT 36, NEXT AI (Toronto and Montréal/Virtual), and NEXT Founders — have once again demonstrated the depth of talent that exists across this country. These founders are tackling hard problems and building scalable solutions, many rooted in applied AI and advanced technologies. Their resilience, ambition, and ability to execute have impressed us from the very start, and we're thrilled to introduce you to them today.

Venture Day is your chance to get to know the ventures — and the visionary minds behind them. We encourage you to explore their profiles, watch their virtual pitches, and follow the links provided to learn more or make direct connections. These are leaders you'll want to know.

We'll be refreshing this virtual event program on September 30, two weeks after our Demo Day in Montréal, to include final updates from our NEXT AI Montréal and virtual cohorts. Be sure to check back then for the latest insights into their journeys.

As a registered charity, NEXT Canada exists because of the generous support of our donors, advisors, and partners. If you're inspired by what you see here and want to contribute — whether through philanthropy, mentorship, or collaboration — I would love to hear from you. Likewise, if you have ideas on how we can continue to improve our programs and grow our impact, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating 15 years of bold innovation and Canadian entrepreneurship. Welcome to Venture Day.

Warm regards,

**Kyle J. Winters**

Chief Executive Officer  
NEXT Canada

## A MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR BRIAN KING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NEXT AI MONTRÉAL / VIRTUAL COHORT

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**WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US** in celebrating this year's Venture Day. As a faculty member at HEC Montréal, I have the privilege of leading the NEXT AI Montréal program and serving as the key conduit between HEC — which houses the NEXT AI Montréal and Virtual cohort — and NEXT Canada.

Each year, the reach and impact of this program continue to grow — and 2025 has been our most ambitious and wide-reaching cohort yet. Founders have joined us virtually from every corner of the country, logging in to participate in world-class programming, mentorship, and AI-focused training designed to help them compete at the highest level. This national footprint, combined with our deep roots in the Montréal tech ecosystem, gives our program a unique energy — one that blends local strength with global ambition.

NEXT AI plays a central role in Montréal's vibrant innovation community — a city that continues to be recognized globally as a hub for AI research and commercialization. We're proud to contribute to that ecosystem by supporting founders who are building impactful ventures and advancing real-world applications of artificial intelligence.

While Venture Day offers a look into much of our national programming, the NEXT AI Montréal and Virtual cohort will mark the culmination of their journey at Demo Day on September 23 in Montréal. We would be thrilled to have you join us in person for what promises to be a dynamic and inspiring day. The digital booklet you're reading now will be updated and redistributed virtually on that date to include all participants from this year's Montréal and Virtual cohort — we hope you'll take a moment to revisit it then.

I'd also like to extend my deepest thanks to Maud Razafindramboa, our Director of Operations, whose leadership, dedication, and attention to detail have shaped every element of the participant experience. Her work ensures that founders feel supported, empowered, and connected — no matter where they are across Canada.

To our partners, mentors, and the broader NEXT community — thank you for your continued belief in our mission. And to the founders featured in this booklet: we are incredibly proud of what you've accomplished and can't wait to see what's next.

Warm regards,

**Professor Brian King**  
Executive Director, NEXT AI  
Montréal / Virtual Cohort  
HEC Montréal

# NEXT CANADA TEAM

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NEXT Canada



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Consultant, NEXT Canada



**WILLIAM CHEN**  
Summer Intern 2025,  
NEXT Canada



**KRISHA DAVE**  
Summer Intern 2025,  
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# NEXT AI MONTRÉAL TEAM

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**BRIAN KING**  
Executive Director,  
NEXT AI – Montréal



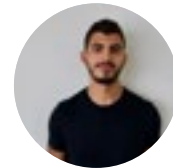
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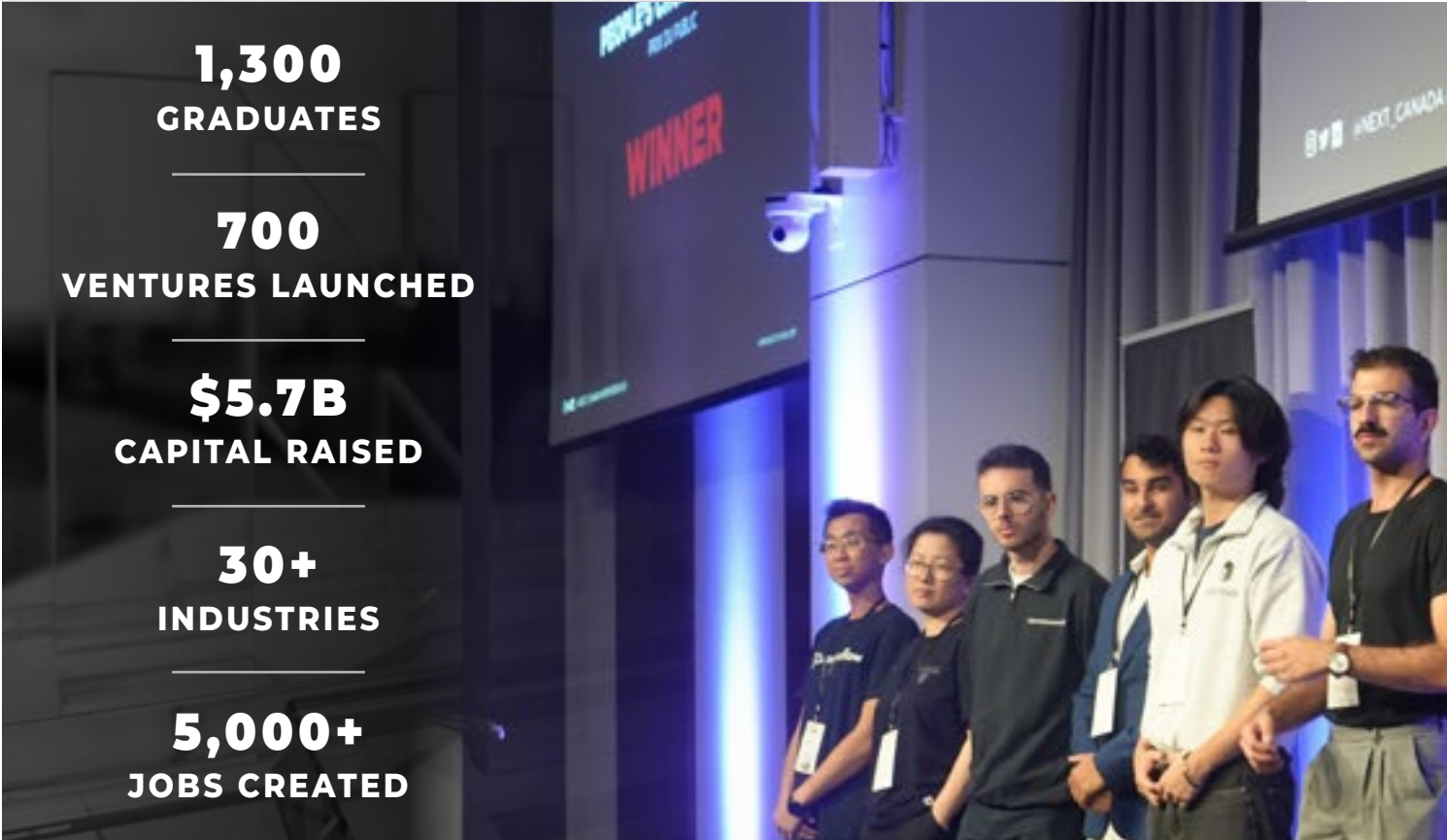
**1,300**  
GRADUATES

**700**  
VENTURES LAUNCHED

**\$5.7B**  
CAPITAL RAISED

**30+**  
INDUSTRIES

**5,000+**  
JOBS CREATED

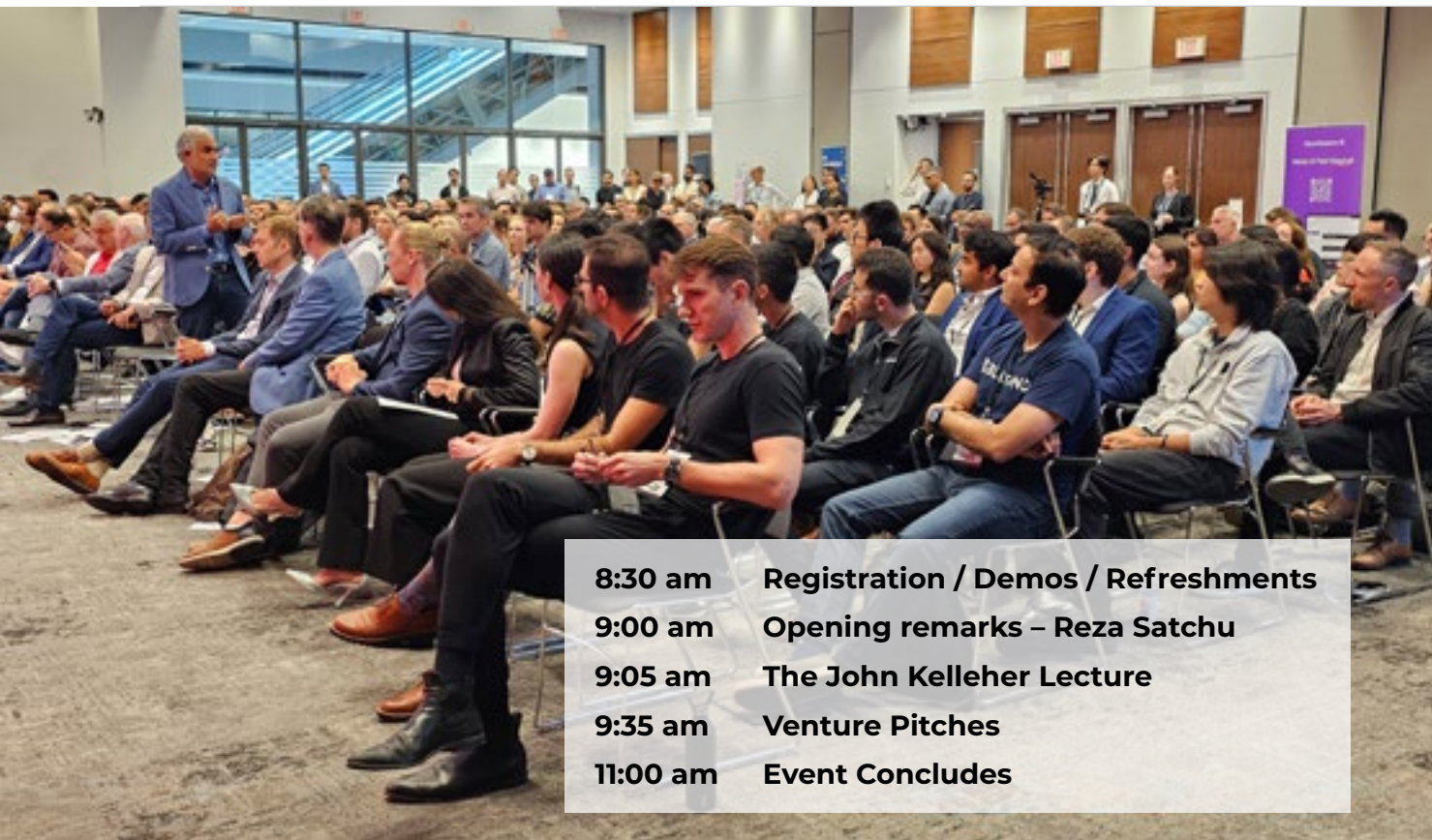




## VENTURE DAY AGENDA – 14 AUGUST 2025



**WE ARE** doing what others thought was impossible.  
**WE ARE** increasing Canadian competitiveness.  
**WE ARE** making this country more prosperous.  
**WE ARE** changing the face of the Canadian economy.



**8:30 am**    **Registration / Demos / Refreshments**  
**9:00 am**    **Opening remarks – Reza Satchu**  
**9:05 am**    **The John Kelleher Lecture**  
**9:35 am**    **Venture Pitches**  
**11:00 am**    **Event Concludes**

# THE JOHN KELLEHER LECTURE

In recognition of John Kelleher's unwavering support, visionary leadership, and enduring legacy, this annual thought leadership event stands as a testament to his impact. It serves as a dynamic platform for bold ideas and meaningful dialogue, featuring internationally renowned business leaders who continue to inspire and challenge the next generation of innovators.





**JOHN KELLEHER IS A MANAGING PARTNER** and Global Head of Portfolio Operations at CVC, a leading private markets firm with over €200 billion in AUM. He heads a global team that partners with CEOs across 150 companies to drive value through operational excellence and next-gen levers such as AI, cybersecurity, talent, and sustainability.

With experience leading more than 75 corporate transformations, John has held roles as a PE-backed CEO, PE investor, board director, Chief Transformation Officer, and operating partner across industries including aerospace, technology, consumer, healthcare, media, financial services, and industrials.

Before joining CVC, he was a Senior Partner and Global OpCo member at McKinsey RTS, where he served as an interim CEO, CXO, and Chief Transformation Officer, and co-led McKinsey's sponsor-backed portfolio company work globally. He also co-founded Private Equity CEO Alpha with Harvard Business School, the first global executive education program to train private equity CEOs for peak performance.

John previously served as CEO of several PE-backed firms, was a senior member of the PE operations group at Brookfield Asset Management and co-founded a middle-market PE firm. Earlier he worked at Goldman Sachs in New York.

He holds an Honors BA from Western University's Ivey School of Business (Gold Medalist), a Master in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, and an MBA with Distinction from Harvard Business School.

**John Kelleher**

Managing Partner and  
Global Head of Portfolio  
Operations, CVC

# VENTURE DAY PANELISTS

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**Nick Beim**

Partner, Venrock

Nick is a Partner at Venrock, where he invests in artificial intelligence, fintech, and defense, backing companies such as Altruist, Dataminr, and Interos. He previously served as a Partner at Matrix Partners and worked in technology at McKinsey and Goldman Sachs. Passionate about global impact, he sits on the boards of the Council on Foreign Relations and Endeavor, and advises leading policy and competitiveness initiatives. Nick holds a Philosophy degree from Stanford and an M.Phil. in International Relations from Oxford.



**Mallorie Brodie**

CEO & Co-Founder, Bridgit

Mallorie Brodie is the CEO and co-founder of Bridgit, a Canadian construction-tech company she launched in 2012 (alongside Lauren Lake) to bring a people-first approach to workforce planning in the construction industry. Under her leadership, Bridgit's flagship product - Bridgit Bench - became a leading workforce intelligence solution. Brodie has earned recognition on Forbes' 30 Under 30, Best of Canada Forbes Under 30 Innovators, and Top 40 Under 40 in Canadian Construction lists, as Bridgit consistently ranks among Canada's fastest-growing companies.



**Matt Roberts**

Managing Director, VC Coverage, RBCX

Matt Roberts is the Managing Director of Venture Capital (VC) Coverage at RBCx, where he leads national engagement with venture funds across Canada. With over two decades of VC experience, Matt previously co-founded CMD Capital and served as Partner and General Partner at ScaleUP Ventures, investing in companies such as Sonder, Solink, Rewind, and Unsplash. Earlier in his career, he led tech investing at BDC Capital's IT Venture Fund and helped raise Seed and Series A funding for GaN Systems, which was acquired by Infineon in 2023.

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**RYAN JUNEJO**  
CrashLabs AI Inc.

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**CrashLabs AI** is an automated AI stress-testing platform that uncovers and addresses potential AI failures before they affect real users. By integrating seamlessly into existing workflows, it proactively identifies edge cases to ensure AI systems are more reliable, resilient, and ready for real-world deployment.



**HANA RAHILI**  
Xpress Select

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**Xpress Select** is a pre-seed B2B SaaS company revolutionizing pharmacy operations by streamlining workflows and enhancing patient satisfaction. Our platform offers OTC recommendations and clinical services, including minor ailment prescribing, through in-pharmacy kiosks and QR codes, reducing administrative burdens for pharmacists.



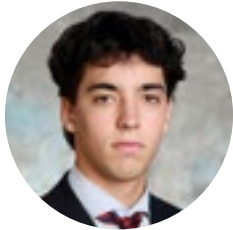
**AVRIL SUN**  
Succession AI

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**Succession AI** is tackling the Succession Planning Crisis by building AI agents that help sell small businesses through our proprietary succession planning toolstack and business marketplace.

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**JACK FEJER**  
**CORDAX**

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**CORDAX** is an AI-driven SaaS platform that automates the routing of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems from 2D architectural drawings using mathematical optimization and machine learning. It generates collision-free ductwork, piping, and conduit layouts in minutes. This reduces material waste and rework while accelerating project timelines. CORDAX eliminates manual drafting bottlenecks and cuts MEP design costs.



**ADNAN SHARIF**  
**Lyrata Inc.**

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**Lyrata Inc.** is revolutionizing hydroponic agriculture with SmartSoil, a biodegradable, recyclable grow-media ("grow-media") that drastically reduces carbon emissions. Unlike traditional grow-media like rockwool, which emit up to 2400 kg-CO<sub>2</sub>e per ton, SmartSoil reduces this by up to 65 times. By engineering biopolymers and low-heat manufacturing, SmartSoil is positioned as the next-generation gold-standard standard for hydroponic farming grow-media [1].



**JOE NOSS**  
**Publicus**

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**Publicus** saves Canada's 35K government contractors time, money, and the headache of navigating public sector procurement. Our AI platform empowers contractors to identify, qualify, and respond to opportunities in 75% less time.

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**MOSTAFA NAJAFIYAZDI**  
Xubin Aerospace Inc.

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**Xubin Aerospace** focuses on leveraging cutting-edge technologies in aerospace, computer vision, AI, and optical hardware to develop Eagle Vision, a Counter Unmanned Aerial System (CUAS) detection system.



**AMJED KHADIM**  
Pippen AI

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**Pippen AI** solves the paperwork problem that family doctors face by automating charting, referrals, billing, and more.



**RON GALEV**  
EmergConnect Inc.

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**EmergConnect** is a digital health company changing the way people think about same-day care with a fully integrated end-to-end patient, nursing and administrator platform for at-home and in-ed patient self-assessment, registration and individualized wait time predictions.

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**WILLIAM CHRISTODOULOU**  
**Cyder Inc.**

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**Cyder** is a loyalty platform for Credit Unions. All the major banks have a platform, RBC (Avion), Scotia (Scene), TD (Aeroplan), CIBC (Aventura), BMO (Airmiles), however Credit Unions across north america do not have the resources or capacity to stand up their own internal platform. Cyder allows CUs to spin up their own loyalty program and retain and grow membership.



**JOSH GUTTMAN**  
**SELLIT9**

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**SELLIT9** is the software layer for traders. We turn used household items into instant liquidity, either as a direct payout or instant store credit redeemable with merchants, brands, or loyalty programs using the SELLIT9 Trade platform. It works out of the box via one-click Shopify install or as a custom white-label solution. Our fully managed programs help our merchant, brand, and loyalty partners unlock hidden value, boost conversions, and support sustainability without any operational lift or need to handle inventory.



**RASHMI PRAKASH**  
**ARUNA REVOLUTION**

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**Aruna Revolution** is a fibertech company developing compostable absorbent materials from agricultural waste for the \$211B disposable hygiene market. We are launching Canada's first compostable menstrual pad and scaling our proprietary fibers into beauty, incontinence, and medical applications.

# DEMO DAY AGENDA – 23 SEPTEMBER 2025



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Aujourd’hui, nos 1 300 anciens sont partout au pays, d’un océan à l’autre.

Ils ont suivi nos programmes à Toronto, à Montréal et en ligne, puis ont créé des entreprises qui ont levé plus de 5,5 milliards de dollars.”



**2:30 pm**

**Welcome & Coffee**

**3:30 pm**

**Showcase**

- **Pitches from the 8 selected startups**
- **Panel: Backable or Bust? Redefining the Venture Capital Playbook**
- **Closing and Awards Ceremony**

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**   **Networking & Cocktail**

# DEMO DAY PANELISTS

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**Rita Baker**

Principal Consultant,  
Baker Pivot & Acceleration

Rita Baker is the Principal Consultant at Baker Pivot & Acceleration and co-founder of the Montreal Lean Startup Circle and Mentors Montreal. With over nine years in Montreal's startup ecosystem, she coaches startups and SMEs in agile management, helping them pivot, evolve, and thrive in fast-changing environments. An expert in lean startup, design thinking, and innovation marketing, she guides teams toward customer-centric, resilient strategies.



**Kalthoum Bouacida**

Partner, AQC Capital

Kalthoum Bouacida is a Partner at AQC Capital, bringing over 25 years of experience in venture and growth capital. An engineer by training, she began her career in Tunisia's innovation and investment sector before migrating to Canada in 2014.

At AQC, she has overseen the management of over 40 Quebec-based portfolio companies and played a key role in the firm's Fund II.



**Brandon Zhao**

Partner, Two Small Fish Ventures

Brandon Zhao is a Partner at Two Small Fish Ventures, where he leads investments in AI, blockchain, and deep tech innovation. Before joining Two Small Fish, he was the founding Data Scientist at Wattpad, where he built and scaled the data infrastructure to support over 90 million monthly users.

Brandon holds a BSc in Systems Design Engineering from the University of Waterloo.

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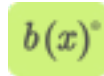
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**CYRIL BOUNAKOFF**  
Skinaptiks

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**Skinaptiks** is developing skin-like interfaces that can sense and adapt – just like real skin. Our first product enables a data-driven approach to prosthetic socket fitting, helping clinicians optimize the patient journey, starting with lower-limb amputees.



**JOHN YOUN**  
b(x) Theory

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**b(x) Theory** is an AI-driven investment research platform that identifies signs of financial distress, such as liquidity issues and excessive debt, in publicly listed Canadian companies. We combine fundamental research with quantitative methods to uncover turnaround catalysts, helping stakeholders take timely action for recovery.



**HADRIEN DAVID**  
Bloomsco

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**Bloomsco** is building the human/AI workforce map. Your workers could be 10x more productive with the right AI agents – but which ones? We break down every role into tasks and identify big-impact, low-risk human-AI pairings. Stop guessing. Get a data-driven blueprint to transform your workforce into human-AI superteams.



**PHIL DALLAIRE**  
Eezly

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**eezly** is a free app that shows shoppers the cheapest place to buy every grocery item. Families can scan a barcode or build a list and instantly compare prices across major supermarkets, saving them up to 50% on each shop.

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**PARISA GOLCHOUBIAN**  
Retide

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**Retide** uses AI to track and fight ocean plastic pollution. Our platform maps plastic waste using satellite and marine data, helping governments, NGOs and researchers take smarter action on cleanup, policy and sustainability.



**VINCENT MARSLAND**  
Marsland Institute  
(CoeusAI)

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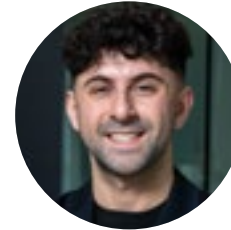
**Marsland Institute's** flagship product, CoeusAI, is a forecasting and analytics platform for renewable energy planning in Europe. Our platform cuts site feasibility reporting time for wind turbines, solar structures and other renewable energy projects from months to minutes – at a fraction of the cost.



**ALEX CÔTÉ**  
MedirAI

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**MedirAI** is an ethical, explainable AI-powered skin cancer detection platform that supports primary care providers, dermatologists and patients by enabling earlier, more accurate diagnoses and reducing delays in care – aiming to prevent unnecessary mortality caused by dermatologist scarcity.



**NIMA JALALVANDI**  
Ready Plan Go

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**Ready Plan Go** is building an AI-powered accounting firm, starting with personal tax filing (T1/1040s). With 75% of accountants retiring, we're solving the industry's labour crisis by acquiring firms and replacing manual work with AI. Our agents collect documents, extract data and file taxes with >99% accuracy – no human review needed.



# WARDS

# THE NANJI INNOVATORS

Named in honour of Chiko Nanji, the CEO of Metro Supply Chain and NEXT Canada Board Member and donor, 'The Nanji Innovators' is a special recognition bestowed upon high-performing, talented individuals from the three cohorts – NEXT 36, NEXT AI and NEXT Founders.

## NADIA LADAK

Marlow

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## JOE NOSS

Publicus

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## BRYN DAVIS WILLIAMS

DOUBL

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## **JOSH ROBINSON**

**DataCoach**

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## **AVRIL SUN**

**Succession AI**

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## **KYLE STENBERG**

**Icarus Sun Protection**

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## THE SATCHU AWARD

*Selected from the Nanji Innovators by Reza Satchu, this award celebrates the outstanding entrepreneur who has demonstrated great potential to lead Canada's next generation of high-impact entrepreneurs.*

### **JOE NOSS**

**Publicus**

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## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

*Voted by the audience on Venture Day, this award is a special recognition of the venture with the most outstanding pitch.*

### **AVRIL SUN**

**Succession AI**

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## THE HEPBURN VALEDICTORIAN

*Selected by their peers, this award acknowledges the individual who has elevated the program experience and has contributed the most value to the cohort.*

## NEXT 36 OUTSTANDING VENTURE AWARD

*Nominated by their peers, this award celebrates the NEXT 36 venture that has experienced the most growth and success throughout the program.*

### THOMAS TUCHENHAGEN

Atlas Appraiser Collective

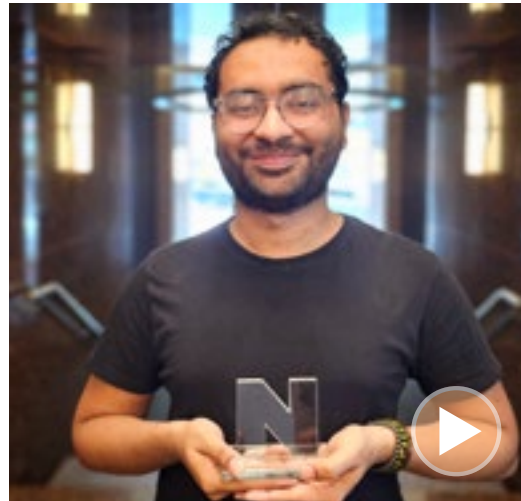
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### CRASHLABS AI INC.

Ryan Junejo

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**NEXT 36 OUTSTANDING  
ENTREPRENEUR AWARD**

*Nominated by their peers, this award celebrates the NEXT 36 entrepreneur who has experienced the most growth and success throughout the program.*

**KYLE STENBERG**  
**Icarus Sun Protection**

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**HATCH NEXT AI TOP  
ENTREPRENEUR AWARD:**

*Nominated by their peers, this award celebrates the outstanding Next AI entrepreneur who has demonstrated great potential to lead Canada's next generation of high-impact entrepreneurs.*

**HATCH**

**JOE NOSS**  
**Publicus**

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**HATCH NEXT AI TOP VENTURE AWARD**

*Nominated by their peers, this award celebrates the outstanding Next AI venture that has demonstrated great potential to lead Canada's next generation of high-impact entrepreneurs.*

**HATCH**

**XUBIN AEROSPACE INC.**

**Mostafa Najafiyazdi**

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**NEXT FOUNDERS TOP ENTREPRENEUR AWARD**

*Nominated by their peers, this award celebrates the Next Founders entrepreneur who has experienced the most growth and success throughout the program.*

**NADIA LADAK**

**Marlow**

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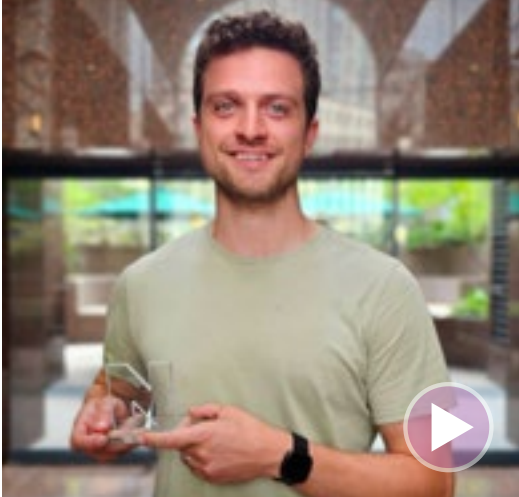


**NEXT FOUNDERS TOP VENTURE AWARD**

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**CYDER INC.**  
**William Christodoulou**

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**EY WOMEN IN TECH AWARD**

*This award celebrates the women in technology who are unstoppable entrepreneurs, shaping and advancing Canada's innovation economy and building a better working world. The award recognizes a high-potential female entrepreneur, building businesses within the tech community and supporting their peers.*

**AVRIL SUN**  
**Succession AI**

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**GEOFFREY TABER ALUMNI  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

*This award recognizes the outstanding NEXT Canada alum-  
nus' or alumnae's achievement and acknowledges their  
venture success. This award honours the late Geoff Taber,  
who was a true champion of entrepreneurship by way of his  
many contributions to NEXT Canada and to the Canadian  
tech community at large.*

**SAMEER DHAR**  
**Nia Health**

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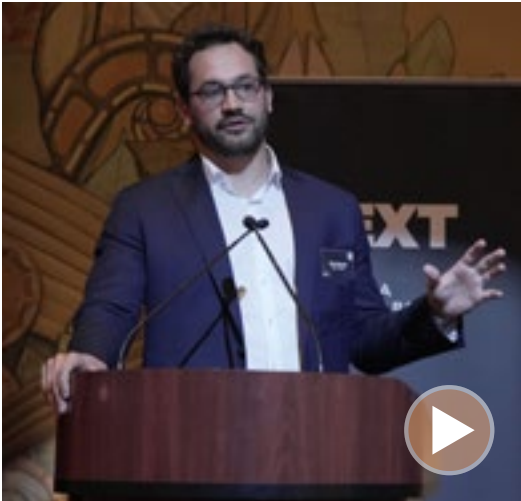


**TIM & FRANCES PRICE ALUMNI  
ENGAGEMENT AWARD**

*This award recognizes the outstanding NEXT Canada alum-  
nus or alumnae who has demonstrated a commitment to  
giving back to the NEXT community after completion of the  
program.*

**ETAI MIZRAHI**  
**Secoda**

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# NEXT AI MONTRÉAL

# AWARDS

## 2025 INNOVATION AWARD

Offered by the **Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie du Québec** to a company participating in the 2025 cohort of the NEXT AI Montréal program, for its economic impact and growth potential, and accompanied by a \$5,000 grant.

## READY PLAN GO

**Nima Jalalvandi & Marcelo Pedroza Hernandez**

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## AUDIENCE FAVORITE AWARD

Sponsored by **Draft & Goal**  
(NEXT AI Montréal alumni 2023)

### RETIDE

Parisa Golchoubian & Reza Fazeli

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## COMMUNITY PARTNERS AWARD

Presented by **Google Cloud**

### MEDIRAI

Alex Côté & Jean-François Djoufak

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**NEXT36**

# INTRODUCTION TO NEXT 36

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**NEXT 36** is NEXT Canada's flagship program for high-potential, early-stage founders building ambitious ventures from the ground up. Each year, we select a diverse group of entrepreneurs from across the country — from major innovation hubs to smaller communities — and immerse them in an intensive program designed to accelerate their growth as founders.

Tailored for entrepreneurs at the beginning of their journey, NEXT 36 offers access to a world-class academic curriculum, one-on-one mentorship from Canada's top business leaders, and opportunities to connect with investors and other key stakeholders. Whether they're launching a new idea or refining an existing venture, participants emerge from the program with stronger business models, expanded networks, and the confidence to take their startups to the next level.



# AJNAMATERIALS

## ABOUT

**AJNA** is a digital platform that simplifies sustainable procurement by connecting companies with verified eco-products – from raw materials to finished goods. Our proprietary AI-powered Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) engine provides real-time, science-based impact reports at checkout, helping businesses meet ESG goals, reduce greenwashing risk, and future-proof their supply chains.

## KEY FACTS

- 95.6% of “green” products lack verification – most eco-claims aren’t backed by data.
- New laws demand scientific proof – up to \$15M CAD in fines or 14 years in prison under Bill C-59.
- AJNA automates LCA at checkout – making verified sustainability easy and accessible.

## SUPPORT US

Sign up to AJNA and help us build a transparent, data-backed marketplace for eco-friendly materials. We’re also seeking industry partners – join us in shaping the new standard for sustainability.

## FOUNDER



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## INDUSTRY

Marketplace

## STAGE

Validation



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# ATLAS APPRAISER COLLECTIVE



## ABOUT

Of the 70,000 real estate appraisers who work in the US, 40,000 are about to retire. Atlas upskills the remaining appraisers to fill the gap left by their predecessors.

## KEY FACTS

- Real Estate Appraisers generate \$12B in rev each year from commissions on their work.
- In the US, 60% of Appraisers will retire within the next 10 years (40,000/70,000 appraisers).
- Atlas is empowering the remaining appraisers to close this gap.

## SUPPORT US

I am looking for connections with decision makers in commercial real estate – investors, developers, lenders, owners.

## FOUNDER



THOMAS  
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## INDUSTRY

Proptech

## STAGE

Discovery



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## ABOUT

**BAVLIO** replaces human SDR teams with an AI agent that runs the entire outbound flow – prospecting, deep research, and hyper-personalised outreach. It scrapes gated data to uncover unique talking points, writes one-to-one emails, and continuously learns from replies to maximise response rates at a fraction of today's cost.

## KEY FACTS

- Generates rich sender profiles to match each outreach with genuine “uncommon commonalities.”
- Scrapes gated data (LinkedIn, PitchBook) and drafts one-to-one emails -no templates, no copy-paste.
- Saves lead profiles and past touches so every future campaign gets smarter automatically.

## SUPPORT US

Seeking intros to B2B SaaS sales teams sending 500+ cold emails/month, and angel investors with expertise in deliverability or AI-driven outbound.

## FOUNDER



**ADAM BADAR**

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## INDUSTRY

SaaS

## STAGE

Validation



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# CENTRO AI



## ABOUT

**CENTROAI** is “Plaid for the rest of the internet.” We’re building an AI-powered data integration layer that gives companies access to user-permissioned data from websites that don’t offer APIs. By integrating our lightweight SDK, businesses can let users connect their accounts – from utility portals to payroll dashboards – and CentroAI’s agents handle the rest: logging in, navigating the site, and extracting structured, ready-to-use data.

## KEY FACTS

- Currently working 1 on 1 with early pilot customers to build the exact integrations they need – eagerly looking for more pilots
- Focused mainly on high friction workflows such as reimbursements and verification from the source
- Initial market of Fintech apps who want to integrate more of their customers data

## SUPPORT US

We’re looking to raise a pre-seed round to scale rapidly, hire and further develop the product.

## FOUNDER



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## INDUSTRY

Financial Services

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

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# CLEARCUTAR



## ABOUT

AR luminescence-guided wound debridement uses fluorescence imaging to visualize and target areas of bacterial load, improving wound healing by enabling more accurate and effective debridement for surgeons

## KEY FACTS

- FDA 501k Pending
- Research device partnerships with leading hospitals in North America

## SUPPORT US

Looking for mentors in medical device space!

## FOUNDER



TONY JIANG

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## INDUSTRY

Medtech

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

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## ABOUT

**CORDAX** is an AI-driven SaaS platform that automates the routing of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems from 2D architectural drawings using mathematical optimization and machine learning. It generates collision-free ductwork, piping, and conduit layouts in minutes. This reduces material waste and rework while accelerating project timelines. CORDAX eliminates manual drafting bottlenecks and cuts MEP design costs.

## KEY FACTS

- Web-based SaaS for residential GCs and home-builders that converts 2D floor plans into clash-free, code-compliant MEP drawings in under 3 minutes.
- Since inception 12 weeks ago: 15/15 paid beta pilots, 42 signed LOIs, and a 100-user waitlist.
- Subscription (\$199/mo) + per-sq-ft pricing aimed at the \$5.4 B North American residential MEP market—first mover offering fully automated, multi-trade MEP design for housing.

## SUPPORT US

Seeking experienced construction-tech mentors, strategic pilot partnerships, and seed funding (CAD 500k – 1M) to accelerate product roadmap and North American market expansion.

## FOUNDER(S)



SIMON FUCILI



JACK FEJER



CAROLINE THADANEY



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## INDUSTRY

Contech

## STAGE

Efficiency



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# CRASHLABS AI INC.



## ABOUT

**CRASHLABS AI** is an automated AI stress-testing platform that uncovers and addresses potential AI failures before they affect real users. By integrating seamlessly into existing workflows, it proactively identifies edge cases to ensure AI systems are more reliable, resilient, and ready for real-world deployment.

## KEY FACTS

- CrashLabs does pre-production testing and evaluation for AI agents to catch failures before they reach users.
- We've secured paying customers and are actively growing ARR.
- Focused on reliability infrastructure as AI agents hit real-world deployments.

## SUPPORT US

We're raising pre-seed funding and seeking intros to AI-first teams needing better agent testing before launch.

## FOUNDER



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## INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software

## STAGE

Efficiency



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# DILIGENT



## ABOUT

A platform to reimagine venture capital workflows: from startup analysis to capital deployment, all in one platform.

## KEY FACTS

- OS for venture capital
- Modular toolset from screening to market analysis to allow plug and play with pre existing workflows

## SUPPORT US

We're seeking firms to support us by beta testing our platform and providing feedback to improve user experience and functionality

## FOUNDE



**SAHARSH  
SURYADEVARA**

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## INDUSTRY

Finance

## STAGE

Discovery



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# GOSPONSORLY



## ABOUT

**GOSPONSORLY** is an Airbnb platform for sponsorships. Our beachhead market is high school and university student clubs – by allowing them to connect with an exclusive community of amazing local SMB sponsors, streamlining the sponsorship process for both sides in a credible way. Student societies gain faster access to relevant, high-quality sponsorships, while sponsors enjoy a super simple onboarding experience, targeted inventory access, advertising and performance tracking through simple KPIs.

## KEY FACTS

- We are a B2B AI-powered solution helping marketing teams with experiential marketing spend
- We're helping marketing teams spend their marketing budgets effectively by making it as easy as google ads to setup an experiential marketing campaign (like events) that hits their exact target audience & metrics
- As digital ads has reached peak saturation and fatigue, trends are reversed with a new generation focused on experiences and connecting with brands

## SUPPORT US

We'd love to chat with anyone looking to invest in our mission and us. And intros to brands that sponsor digital / in-person events.

## FOUNDER(S)



**RUPA VEMULAPALLI**



**SELEN ONCULOGLU**

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## INDUSTRY

SaaS

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

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# ICARUS SUN PROTECTION



## ABOUT

**ICARUS SUN PROTECTION** is a sunscreen brand with the goal of reducing skin cancer rates. We are currently targeting golfers by supplying private golf clubs with Canadian-made mineral sunscreen in a high-quality dispenser, which they provide to members as a free amenity.

## KEY FACTS

- The First Bulk Natural Sunscreen Program in Canada
- Health Canada Approved
- Launched in 12 golf clubs across the country

## SUPPORT US

If you or someone you know is a golfer at a private golf club, we would love an introduction!

## FOUNDER(S)



**KYLE STENBERG**



**MAXWELL CLARK**

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## INDUSTRY

Wellness

## STAGE

Validation



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# LYRATA INC.

## ABOUT

**LYRATA INC.** is revolutionizing hydroponic agriculture with SmartSoil, a biodegradable, recyclable grow-media ("grow-media") that drastically reduces carbon emissions. Unlike traditional grow-media like rockwool, which emit up to 2400 kg-CO<sub>2</sub>e per ton, SmartSoil reduces this by up to 65 times. By engineering biopolymers and low-heat manufacturing, SmartSoil is positioned as the next-generation gold-standard standard for hydroponic farming grow-media [1].

## KEY FACTS

- SmartSoil is a patent-pending grow media that is up to 65× lower in carbon emissions than current alternatives.
- Co-Founder and President Adnan Sharif (Haru Ura) was named a Top-100 Scientist by Falling Walls 2024 for SmartSoil.
- Backed by \$1.3M+ in Canadian support from UofT Engineering, NRC, OMA-FRA, AAFC, Desjardins, and others.

## SUPPORT US

We're seeking deep-tech cleantech investors to join our \$5M seed round, matched by \$700K+ in federal and provincial funding through 2028.

## FOUNDER



**ADNAN SHARIF**

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Agriculture

## STAGE

Efficiency



## LOCATION

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# MEDIUM AI



## ABOUT

**MEDIUM AI** delivers a specialized medical voice agent for hospitals and surgical centres to automate patient post-operative follow-ups and generate substantial cost savings.

## KEY FACTS

- Paid pilots launched with 3+ Canadian clinics and surgical centers to automate post-op follow-ups.
- Saves up to 500 staff hours and generates \$50,000+ in monthly revenue per site.
- Fully compliant with PIPEDA/HIPAA and integrates with leading EMR systems.

## SUPPORT US

We are seeking pilot partners, healthcare referrals, and investor connections to expand our impact across the Canadian Healthcare.

## FOUNDER



**KINO SONG**

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## INDUSTRY

Medtech

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

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# MEISSNER



## ABOUT

We use AI and quantum simulations to discover novel, rare-earth-free superconducting materials that operate above 77K. Our end-to-end platform rapidly identifies, evaluates, and validates candidates for use in power grids, aerospace, and quantum technologies.

## KEY FACTS

- Building an AI-driven pipeline to discover rare-earth-free superconductors.
- Combines GNNs, AIRSS, and DFT to accelerate materials discovery and reduce R&D costs.
- Targeting high-value applications in aerospace.

## SUPPORT US

We're looking to build a world-class technical team and connect with deeptech investors passionate about materials innovation and energy infrastructure.

## FOUNDER



**OLIVIA LENG**

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## INDUSTRY

Energy | Energie

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

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## ABOUT

Our AI-powered recovery companion automates physio workflows for real-time efficiency and delivers a gamified patient app with social features to enhance engagement, adherence, and outcomes.

## KEY FACTS

- Automates clinical workflows for physiotherapists via AI scribing and exercise prescriptions.
- Patient app uses gamification to accelerate recovery and improve adherence.
- Integrates webapp for providers with mobile app for patients.

## SUPPORT US

We're seeking mentorship, partnerships, and funding to scale our AI-driven physio platform, enhance gamification features, and expand to clinics nationwide.

## FOUNDER



**KOSARAN  
GUMARATHAS**

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## INDUSTRY

Wellness

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

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# NERVIEW SURGICAL INC.



## ABOUT

Founded on August 9, 2023, **NERVIEW SURGICAL** is revolutionizing surgery by preventing accidental nerve injuries with our non-invasive nerve visualization technology, NerveSense. Utilizing patent-pending technology and AI algorithms, NerveSense detects nerves in real-time without physical contact, enabling surgeons to accurately identify and protect nerves during procedures. We focus on building a solution that will make a difference in the lives of surgeons and patients, and ultimately elevate the standard of care, ensuring no parent, friend, or relative has to watch their loved one suffer from a preventable mistake. Learn more at [www.nerview.com](http://www.nerview.com).

## KEY FACTS

- Real-time, non-invasive nerve visualization during surgery
- Reduces nerve injury risk; improves surgical outcomes
- Patent pending technology backed by 30+ surgeons and 15+ academic and healthcare institutions across North America

## SUPPORT US

We're seeking surgeon collaborators and strategic investors to help validate and scale our nerve-visualization technology.

## FOUNDER



MANN PARIKH

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## INDUSTRY

Medtech

## STAGE

Validation



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# OMNI3D



## ABOUT

Marketplace that connects clients to sellers who provide 3D printed parts. Essentially UberEats for 3D printing

## KEY FACTS

- Omni3D is a marketplace that connects people who have 3D printers (sellers) to those who want 3D printed products (buyers)
- AI turns sketches or text prompts into print-ready files, auto-repaired, priced, and routed.
- Local same-day production replaces overseas shipping with next-door manufacturing.

## SUPPORT US

We are currently trying to raise funds to hire a small team of full-time software devs. Any support on 3D printing, and to help raise funds would be amazing!

## FOUNDER



RIDHAM GOYAL

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## INDUSTRY

Marketplace

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

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# RETROFIT.AI



## ABOUT

**RETROFIT.AI** is an AI-powered software platform designed specifically for insulation contractors to automate their quoting and project management processes. The platform uses computer vision and machine learning to analyze job site photos, automatically calculate material requirements, all the while generating professional quotes & rebate applications in under 5 minutes.

## KEY FACTS

- Retrofit.ai is an AI-driven SaaS platform that automates quoting and rebate application for insulation contractors.
- The business is a mobile-first company, where our app looks to provide deep AI specialization for insulation contractors workflow and built-in regulatory compliance features, a key pain point for customers.

## SUPPORT US

We are seeking early stage seed funding to scale our sales and marketing efforts, and grow our team.

## FOUNDER



**MATTHEW  
OLVER**

## INDUSTRY

SaaS

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

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# SUCCESSION AI



## ABOUT

**SUCCESSIONAI** is tackling the Succession Planning Crisis by building AI agents that help sell small businesses through our proprietary succession planning toolstack and business marketplace.

## KEY FACTS

- Building AI agents to revolutionize the Business Brokerage industry, enabling small businesses to be sold more efficiently.
- We're currently working with 19 businesses under \$1M valuation in Service, Retail and Manufacturing industries, using AI agents to get them financially and operationally ready for sale.

## SUPPORT US

Looking for connections in the Business M&A industry, preferably players engaging with businesses in the sub-\$10 million valuation.

## FOUNDER



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## INDUSTRY

AI

## STAGE

Validation



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# SUMMINA

# Summina

## ABOUT

**SUMMINA** is a productivity and wellness platform designed to help women align their menstrual cycles with their work routines. By combining personalized insights with actionable strategies, Summina empowers women to optimize their energy, focus, and productivity throughout their cycle, transforming a common challenge into a powerful advantage.

## KEY FACTS

- Most productivity tools ignore how a woman's cycle impacts her focus, energy, and mood. Summina fills that gap by helping women align their work schedules.
- In our two-month beta study, over 70% of women said their cycle meaningfully disrupted their work.
- We've built and launched our MVP – a personalized weekly email that helps women plan their work week based on where they are in their cycle.

## SUPPORT US

Know a woman whose cycle affects her work, or is that you? Summina helps women plan with their hormones. Share it – it's the tool she didn't know she needed.

## FOUNDER



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## INDUSTRY

SaaS

## STAGE

Validation



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# TOVVRA



## ABOUT

**TOVVRA** is an early-stage venture exploring how AI can support regulatory teams in high-compliance industries.

## KEY FACTS

- Towvra is a B2B SaaS regulatory and compliance automation platform that helps consumer goods companies get and stay compliant by automating label checks, claim reviews, and documentation workflows.
- Replaces outdated, manual processes with one streamlined, AI-powered workflow.
- Currently building MVP and testing with regulatory professionals across the CPG space.

## SUPPORT US

Looking for connections to small to medium CPG startups, contract manufacturers, and regulatory or compliance professionals at consumer goods companies.

## FOUNDER



**VALERIE  
TUEDOR**

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## INDUSTRY

SaaS

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

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## ABOUT

**ARTEMIS** is a vet tech company providing medical devices to animal patients. This company is currently innovating custom airway implants, which are used to treat obstructive respiratory diseases.

## KEY FACTS

- Obstructive diseases leading to heart failure is the “worlds biggest killer” [World Health Organization]
- We're building stem-cell wrapped implants called stents that hold the structure open and heal patients – starting in the veterinary space where there is less red tape so we can advance our tech faster, giving us a pathway to disrupt the bio-implant market (\$ 136B)
- Our MVP is already live in 3 hospitals in Ontario, Quebec and Oregon!

## SUPPORT US

We're building our network of early adopters (surgeons and radiologists). Know anyone affiliated with a major health network in Canada or abroad? (ex. Mount Sinai, UHN) – Connect us!

## FOUNDER



MEGHAN BRAR

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## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Healthcare

## STAGE

Efficiency



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# WILLOW



## ABOUT

**WILLOW** handles what you'd rather ignore – starting with estate planning – by helping you create, securely store, and share your plans with those you trust, while also automating updates. Long term, there's a lot of important tasks people tend to ignore – if we're Amazon, wills are our bookstore.

Two-thirds of Americans don't have a will – because no one wants to think about death. Willow leverages new legislation to do the thinking for you, so all that's left to do is sign. From there, we keep it secure, accessible to your family, and automate updates – so you can enjoy life's next chapter.

## KEY FACTS

- We interviewed families and built Willow around their needs. They can't wait to finally check “finish my will” off their to-do list once we're live in their state.
- Don't get confused – we're not just an estate planning platform. We're built to handle what you'd rather ignore – think retirement, healthcare directives, life insurance. Estate planning is our bookstore. (bold the bolded sentences)

## SUPPORT US

We're currently getting in front of new parents in New York and Colorado—any intros to people connected to parent-focused groups/ organizations would be appreciated.

## FOUNDER



**AARON BURLACOFF**

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## INDUSTRY

Legal Tech

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

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# XPRESS SELECT



## ABOUT

**XPRESS SELECT** is a pre-seed B2B SaaS company revolutionizing pharmacy operations by streamlining workflows and enhancing patient satisfaction. Our platform offers OTC recommendations and clinical services, including minor ailment prescribing, through in-pharmacy kiosks and QR codes, reducing administrative burdens for pharmacists.

## KEY FACTS

- Live in 14 paying pharmacies; enabled \$1,300+ in new billables in 2 weeks
- Automates OTC, minor ailments, and vaccine workflows to save pharmacist time
- Partnering with Merck to launch vaccine recommender in fall 2025

## SUPPORT US

We are seeking fundraising and strategic network connections to scale our pharmacy platform and expand access to patient-led clinical care.

## FOUNDER



HANA RAHILI

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## INDUSTRY

SaaS

## STAGE

Efficiency



## LOCATION

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**NEXTAI**

# INTRODUCTION TO NEXT AI

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**NEXT AI** is a world-class accelerator for ventures using artificial intelligence to solve meaningful, scalable problems. Delivered in both Toronto and Montréal (with a virtual option), the program attracts top-tier founders and technical teams from across Canada and around the world — all focused on refining their products and sharpening their competitive edge in the fast-evolving AI landscape.

Built for startups that have early traction or working prototypes, NEXT AI combines access to a global network of investors, mentors, and entrepreneurs with a rigorous academic curriculum that includes both core business content and a technical AI stream taught by leading experts. Founders benefit from one-on-one engagement with accomplished business advisors and Scientists-in-Residence who help guide experimentation, model development, and implementation. Whether optimizing an existing product or building out a new AI-driven platform, participants graduate from the program with deeper technical foundations, sharper go-to-market strategies, and the connections to grow globally.

# ADVANCED CREATIVE LABS INC.



## ABOUT

**ADVANCED CREATIVE LABS** is the AI-powered Creative Intelligence platform built for in-house marketing teams.

## KEY FACTS

- 100+ users with paying customers generating \$4,500 MRR with proven market fit and zero churn
- Marketing domain-specific AI replaces entire workflows with a team of orchestrated agents
- v2 “Hi5” platform currently in testing with 50+ tools & workflows

## SUPPORT US

Seeking \$1M USD in >\$3B Service obtainable market to scale toward \$1.4M ARR (233+ customers at \$500/month ACV) and \$3M seed round by May 2026.

## FOUNDER(S)



GREG PONESSE



GREG SHORTALL

## MENTORED BY

Mike McCarron

## INDUSTRY

Marketing

## STAGE

Validation

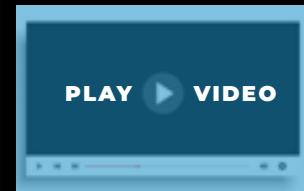


## LOCATION

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# CACHE



## ABOUT

**CACHE** turns closets into a liquid, tradable asset class by enabling seamless resale at the point of purchase. We eliminate friction in second-hand apparel commerce through AI-powered automation, making resale as easy as buying.

## KEY FACTS

- We automate resale through automatic email receipt scanning, smart product valuation, and one-click resale listings across existing marketplaces (including a signed partnership with Poshmark).
- Our users have \$300,000+ of untapped product value in their email inboxes, uploaded 13,000+ items, and earned 20% higher commissions on average selling with us.

## SUPPORT US

We're looking for connections to early-stage investors who are excited about consumer tech, AI, and unlocking the \$367B secondhand apparel market.

## FOUNDER



DEVYNN OLIN

## MENTORED BY

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## INDUSTRY

E-Commerce

## STAGE

Discovery

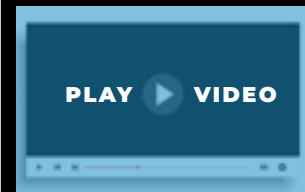


## LOCATION

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# DATA COACH



## ABOUT

**DATA COACH** offers personalized coaching for video games through AI. Gamers upload their gameplay and receive analytics and custom training plans to help them achieve their in game goals.

Josh Robinson, the Founder and CEO ranks in the top 0.2% skill distribution and is a paid coach.

## KEY FACTS

- DataCoach is AI coaching for video games with initial game support for Rocket League.
- Since soft launch last Sept, DataCoach has over 32K accounts created, ~\$3.5K MRR & growing and has Pro and Collegiate partnerships heading into this fall.
- With proprietary AI tech that is patent pending for all video games, we are currently developing the playbook for Rocket League with game expansion planned for later this year.

## SUPPORT US

We are preparing for our pre-seed round this fall and are looking for investors as we roadmap to capture the \$100M ARR opportunity in video game coaching.

## FOUNDER



**JOSH ROBINSON**

## MENTORED BY

Omer Dor and Irene de Gooyer-Collins

## INDUSTRY

Arts and Entertainment

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

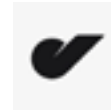
Toronto, ON

## CONTACT

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# DOKSI



## ABOUT

**DOKSI** is a generative AI platform that enables businesses to create product support assets like help articles, guides, and videos instantly – using just a link(url) to their platform, and a prompt. Doksi leverages agentic workflows to navigate a platform, like a human, and generate these assets.

## KEY FACTS

- Eliminates need for manually creating product knowledge-base content like help articles, guides and videos
- Automatically updates product knowledge-base content when new product features are released
- Provides an AI first knowledge-base for end customers

## SUPPORT US

We are looking 10 early users to validate and improve our offering.

## FOUNDER



TAIMUR AYAZ

## MENTORED BY

Sarah Wilson and Ben Yoskovitz

## INDUSTRY

SaaS

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Mississauga, ON

## CONTACT

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# DOUBL

# DOUBL

## ABOUT

**DOUBL** is reinventing apparel sizing by eliminating it altogether. We're a precision-fit AI platform that transforms a single smartphone scan into factory-ready, made-to-measure garment patterns – enabling brands to deliver custom-fit clothing without overhauling their supply chains.

## KEY FACTS

- Our proprietary AI fit engine, TAILOR, was trained on real-world feedback from over 300 women during our pilot, creating a closed-loop system that continuously improves accuracy.
- We're focusing on high-fit women's categories – bras, underwear, shapewear, swimwear, and activewear – segments where fit matters most and traditional sizing fails.

## SUPPORT US

Our pre-seed round opens this September. Join us in re-inventing apparel manufacturing to drive profitability, resilience, and sustainability across the industry.

## FOUNDER(S)



**BRYN DAVIS  
WILLIAMS**



**JESSICA  
BOSMAN**

## MENTORED BY

Craig Follet and  
Ben Yoskovitz

## INDUSTRY

SaaS

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Toronto, ON

## CONTACT

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# EMERGCONNECT INC.

EMERGCONNECT

## ABOUT

**EMERGCONNECT** is a digital health company changing the way people think about same-day care with a fully integrated end-to-end patient, nursing and administrator platform for at-home and in-patient self-assessment, registration and individualized wait time predictions.

## KEY FACTS

- Fully developed end to end patient and clinician platform
- 1.3M CAD in signed ARR
- 13 hospitals currently using the platform

## SUPPORT US

We're also looking for connections to clinical thought leaders who want to move the dial at their healthcare institution.

## FOUNDER(S)



**RON GALAEV**



**MARINA GAVRILO**

## MENTORED BY

Daniel Rodic and Aditya Challapally

## INDUSTRY

Medtech

## STAGE

Efficiency



## LOCATION

Barrie, ON

## CONTACT

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# FABRIC BIO



## ABOUT

We help biotechs leverage AI agents in their image analysis workflows, enabling faster discovery of life saving therapeutics.

Founders and longtime collaborators Cam Rzadki (biotech researcher) and Ian MacPherson (AI PhD) bring years of bio and AI research experience, with a track record building production-ready analysis pipelines – ready to transform data-driven science at scale.

## KEY FACTS

- We're using AI agents to automate key microscopy tasks – image processing and cellular feature extraction – helping bioscientists recover 1,000+ hours of annual data work and surfacing insights in complex datasets that humans miss, paving the road toward scientific superintelligence.
- In just weeks, 400+ discovery conversations have converted into enterprise partnerships, with multiple six-figure biotech pilots and 100+ researchers already leveraging our agents.

## SUPPORT US

We're hiring founding ML engineers and AIxBio PhDs – intros to exceptional technical and entrepreneurial people would be appreciated!

## FOUNDER(S)



CAM RZADKI



IAN  
MACPHERSON

## MENTORED BY

Daniel Mulet

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences &  
Advanced Healthcare

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Toronto, ON

## CONTACT

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# FLYING WOLF



## ABOUT

**FLYING WOLF** provides AI solutions based on edge computing to commercial buildings for security management. The target client includes property manager and security companies.

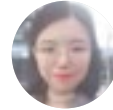
## KEY FACTS

- Proprietary edge AI hardware enables fast, secure, on-site video analysis, delivering real-time alerts for critical security threats without reliance on the cloud or LTE infrastructure.
- Early market traction with a successful paid pilot and \$30K revenue.
- Setting a new benchmark in smart security: 10-watt edge AI devices that make autonomous surveillance scalable, secure, and sustainable.

## SUPPORT US

We're seeking early adopters and strategic investors passionate about smart city and smart building projects to implement and scale our edge-powered autonomous surveillance systems.

## FOUNDER



CINDY WU

## MENTORED BY

Aditya Challapally

## INDUSTRY

Data Management

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Montreal, QC

## CONTACT

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# KIWI CHARGE



## ABOUT

**KIWI CHARGE** is a Robotics and AI startup that is redefining EV infrastructure in buildings at 40% of the cost. Our autonomous charging solution delivers EV charging to users – this is a scalable, time and cost effective solution that can meet growing EV charging demand across North America, and provide personalized charging solutions for users.

## KEY FACTS

- We are a robotics and AI startup that provides EV charging as a service, primarily focused on multi-residential buildings
- Our autonomous robots effectively navigate the parking lot and provide personalized charging sessions to users.
- We are bootstrapped with just over 2 years in operations, and have secured over 900k in non-dilutive funding. We have secured 5+ pilots with condo developer and automakers

## SUPPORT US

We are looking to close our Seed round (\$2M CAD) in the next few weeks to accelerate growth and bring our units to buildings across Canada, and we'd appreciate connections for our fundraiser.

## FOUNDER(S)



**JUMANA  
FATHIMA**



**AAMIR  
ABUBAKKAR**



**ABDEL ALI**

## MENTORED BY

Brendan Callaghan,  
Dwayne Forde, and  
Jean Amiouny

## INDUSTRY

Clean Technology

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Brampton, ON

## CONTACT

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# MINDSPROUT



## ABOUT

We use Agentic AI to help clinicians connect discharged patients with the most appropriate mental health resources based on their unique needs, location, and preferences.

We are addressing one of the Canadian government's top four healthcare priorities, as identified by CIHI: improving accessibility to mental health services.

## KEY FACT

- We have a working MVP, refined through testing and feedback from clinical and innovation advisors.
- Our next step is to identify a viable path to commercialize this system-level solution, given that the primary incentive lies with the broader healthcare system rather than individual health centers.

## SUPPORT US

We're seeking to fund this product. Any funding opportunities, government support, or connections to clinical decision-makers (in clinics or hospitals) who can offer guidance on commercialization or potentially become early adopters would be greatly appreciated.

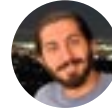
## FOUNDER(S)



**AMIRMOHAMMAD KAZEMEINI**



**SEDEF AKINLI KOCAK**



**MOHAMMAD NAVID MASAHATI**

## MENTORED BY

Leslie Jamison and Joshua Liu

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Healthcare

## STAGE

Discovery

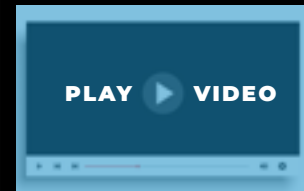


## LOCATION

Toronto, ON

## CONTACT

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# CODiii by OQULI



## ABOUT

**CODiii** is a project brain for buildings. It checks your documents for errors before they become expensive problems. Like spell check, but for design, construction, and operations. Visit [codiii.com](http://codiii.com) to learn more

## KEY FACTS

- Co-Founders Dennis & Paige are Architecture & Tech pros with combined 36 yrs in the field.
- Launched “CODiii – The Design & Construction Brain” on July 08, 2024!
- Helping North America’s Largest Architecture Firms to design more compliant projects.

## SUPPORT US

Help us to expand our Architecture & Engineering Network across North America as CODiii evolves!

## FOUNDER(S)



DENNIS DIXON



PAIGE REICHE

## MENTORED BY

Ben Yoskovitz and  
Lauren Epstein

## INDUSTRY

Contech

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

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## CONTACT

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# PIPPEN AI



## ABOUT

**PIPPEN AI** solves the paperwork problem that family doctors face by automating charting, referrals, billing, and more.

## KEY FACTS

- Since launching in June, 2024, we have grown from 10 to over 780 doctors
- is revolutionizing hydroponic agriculture with SmartSoil.
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## SUPPORT US

We are raising \$750,000 in a SAFE round (\$250,000 have been raised in the last month from friends and family).

## FOUNDER(S)



MARY AGLIPAY



AMJED  
KADHIM-SALEH

## MENTORED BY

Nima Ayat

## INDUSTRY

Medtech

## STAGE

Validation

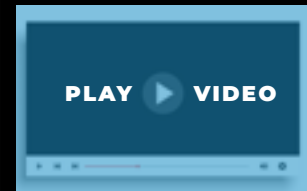


## LOCATION

Toronto, ON

## CONTACT

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# PUBLICUS



## ABOUT

**PUBLICUS** saves Canada's 35K government contractors time, money, and the headache of navigating public sector procurement. Our AI platform empowers contractors to identify, qualify, and respond to opportunities in 75% less time.

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AWARD

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NEXT AI TOP  
ENTREPRENEUR  
AWARD

## KEY FACTS

- Platform for finding and qualifying contracts
- Started charging one month ago, now at \$14K ARR
- Solving the secret reason why government is inefficient – procurement.

## SUPPORT US

Looking for strategic partners interested in disrupting the most inefficient marketplace in the world.

## FOUNDER(S)



JOE NOSS



AKASH SHETTY

## MENTORED BY

Matthew Lombardi and David McPherson

## INDUSTRY

SaaS

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Toronto, ON

## CONTACT

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# QUIP MEDICAL



## ABOUT

**QUIP** extracts optimized billing codes from our automated summary note to ensure that doctors are fully compensated for their care.

## KEY FACTS

- Quip integrates directly into EMRs; no onboarding needed!
- We've built our own proprietary, non-LLM-based, billing optimization algorithms.

## SUPPORT US

We'd appreciate any connections to family physicians (especially early-career), executive directors at clinics, and angel investors in the health tech space!

## FOUNDER



**BRIAN LI**

## MENTORED BY

Bryan Altman

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Healthcare

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Waterloo, ON

## CONTACT

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# REALDESK.AI



## ABOUT

**REALDESK.AI** automates real estate operations with AI, eliminating inefficiency so brokers and agents can close deals faster and scale smarter.

## KEY FACTS

- AI powered real estate management platform
- Fully integrated document management and financials

## SUPPORT US

We would love introductions to investors in advance of kicking off our seed round in September.

## FOUNDER



MARC SYKES

## MENTORED BY

Kate Grant and Alex Norman

## INDUSTRY

Proptech

## STAGE

Efficiency



## LOCATION

Toronto, ON

## CONTACT

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# XUBIN AEROSPACE INC.



## ABOUT

**XUBIN AEROSPACE** focuses on leveraging cutting-edge technologies in aerospace, computer vision, AI, and optical hardware to develop Eagle Vision, a Counter Unmanned Aerial System (CUAS) detection system.

## KEY FACTS

- Detects drones by visualizing their aerodynamic signature
- NATO Innovation Hackathon winner, and invited by Canadian Department of National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces for 5-day a field trial in Ottawa through CUAS Sandbox 2025 of the IDEaS Program
- Hardware-software MVP launching August 2025 with dual-use market traction in defense, law enforcement, and 4 Prime Defence OEMs

## SUPPORT US

We're seeking funding and strategic partners to pilot and scale our aerodynamic-based drone detection system across defense, urban security, and border control sectors.

## FOUNDER



**MOSTAFA NAJAFIYAZDI**

## MENTORED BY

Richard Zuroff and Kate Grant

## INDUSTRY

Advanced Materials & Advanced Manufacturing

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Oakville, ON

## CONTACT

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— **MONTRÉAL** —

# AECPROJEX.COM



## ABOUT

**aecprojex.com** unites organizations, people and projects. Our AI-driven platform helps architecture, engineering and construction firms identify high-potential tenders, boost win rates and increase revenues while cutting project acquisition and delivery costs.

## KEY FACTS

- Secured pilot agreements with four Canadian small and medium-sized AEC firms.
- Early pilots geared toward doubling bid win rates while cutting overhead costs.
- Selected for the 2025 NEXT AI accelerator.

## SUPPORT US

Introduce us to investors as we're aiming to raise \$500K to hire core engineers and accelerate product development.

## FOUNDER(S)



**CHRISTOPHER  
FLORA**



**PEJMAN SAIFI**

## INDUSTRY

Construction

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Ontario



# AFFECT AI (LOMIA AI OMICIENT HEALTH)



## ABOUT

**Affect AI** leverages AI and various biomarkers to empower sports organizations. Full-spectrum athlete care has historically been exclusive and expensive. Our platform transforms health signals into actionable guidance to affordably deliver a high level of personalized care to athletes.

## KEY FACTS

- Launched MVP in three months, integrating blood tests, wearables, and voice biomarkers.
- Signed pilot with an NCAA sports team to deliver team-wide health monitoring.
- Longevity market is set to double by 2030, driven by demand for scalable preventive care.

## SUPPORT US

Introduce us to investors as we raise a \$150K pre-seed round and health-conscious businesses offering longevity or wellness benefits.

## FOUNDER



**MATTHIEU  
PALLUD**

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences &  
Advanced Healthg

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



# AGTEQ



## ABOUT

**Agteq** provides an AI co-pilot for crop advisors and agricultural retailers. We automate agronomy workflows and turn thousands of product choices and compliance rules into sustainable, field-ready plans so every farm gets the right product at the right time, with zero guesswork.

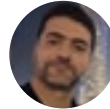
## KEY FACTS

- Bootstrapped to a proprietary, standardized database covering 400+ product labels and 10,000+ regulations.
- Industry's first end-to-end data pipeline for scenario-based crop input decisions.
- Working with University of Toronto and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry faculty to structure and validate agricultural decision workflows.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors and agricultural input retail partners to raise a \$1.2 million pre-seed round.

## FOUNDER(S)



AHAD BEYKAEI



ALIREZA MOHAMMAD ZADEH

## INDUSTRY

Agriculture

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Ontario



# AMICAL

Amical

## ABOUT

**Amical** is an AI companion and cognitive assistant for elderly people with Alzheimer's. Delivered through a simple table phone, it offers 24/7 conversation to reduce loneliness, performs automated daily check-ins and alerts caregivers when signs of distress or cognitive decline are detected.

## KEY FACTS

- Raised over \$475K in non-dilutive funding.
- Conducted 100+ user tests with Alzheimer's patients in Quebec over six months.
- Deployed Amical in Humanitae with 144 active users and forged partnerships with leading researchers and long-term care facilities (CHSLDs).

## SUPPORT US

Help us connect with seed investors in North America and Europe for a seed round in 2026, as well as mentors in healthcare.

## FOUNDER(S)



TONY AUBE



YOANN VANITOU

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

## STAGE

Efficiency



## LOCATION

Quebec



# AMX LABS



## ABOUT

**AMX Labs** provides frontier AI systems evaluation, AI security, baselining and expert dataset products for leading institutions globally (governments, labs, companies). We complement these capabilities with strategic advisory to help institutions navigate complex AI challenges.

## KEY FACTS

- Completed six-figure government contracts in 2025.
- Selected as one of the Top 100 AI Startups in Canada by ALL IN 2025.
- Founded by ex-Googlers.

## SUPPORT US

Introduce us to AI/ML leaders in research labs, government agencies, and enterprises evaluating frontier AI systems or internal models globally.

## FOUNDER(S)



**ALYSSIA JOVELLANOS**



**MARTIN CIESIELSKI-LISTWAN**

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Ontario



# ATLANTIQ AI



## ABOUT

**atlantiq AI** is building the world's first CAD compliance companion for ship designers, powered by agentic AI. The goal is to expedite the design process and minimize errors by automating quality assurance and compliance requirements.

## KEY FACTS

- Secured \$1M+ in booked contracts.
- The first AI startup in the ship design space.
- Cashflow-positive with a team of eight (no VCs yet).

## SUPPORT US

Introduce us to naval architects, ship design professionals, and leaders in the shipbuilding industry.

## FOUNDER(S)



**NURUL  
IBRAHIM**



**JOE  
VERDECAMPO**

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

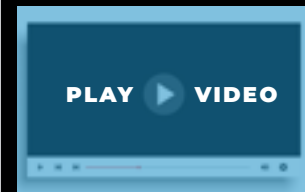
## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Newfoundland & Labrador



# AUTOCHART TECHNOLOGIES



## ABOUT

**Autochart Technologies** is giving time back to over-taxed hospital nurses. The complex health record entry process – rife with discrete flowsheet fields – is streamlined thanks to an AI platform designed to capture nurses' voice notes during assessments.

## KEY FACTS

- Raised \$200K in pre-seed funding.
- Winner of NurseHack 4Health 2023.
- MVP ready and pilot launch soon.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with hospitals, electronic health record providers, and a co-founder with expertise in software development and scaling products.

## FOUNDER



**SALLY NEWTON-MASON**



**SAFFRIN GRANBY**

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

## STAGE

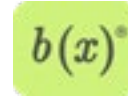
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## LOCATION

British Columbia





# B(X) THEORY

## ABOUT

**b(x) Theory** is an AI-driven investment research platform that identifies signs of financial distress, such as liquidity issues and excessive debt, in publicly listed Canadian companies. We combine fundamental research with quantitative methods to uncover turnaround catalysts, helping stakeholders take timely action for recovery.

## KEY FACTS

- Raised \$250K in non-dilutive funding through paid customer pilots.
- Founding team includes ex-Deloitte and ex-KPMG intrapreneurs with CPA and CFA credentials.
- Developed a proprietary, professionally labelled financial dataset for explainable AI applications.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with capital providers and publicly listed Canadian companies exploring turnaround strategies to pilot our platform.

## FOUNDER(S)



JOHN YOUN



SAMANTHA  
TJONG



PETER YOUN

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

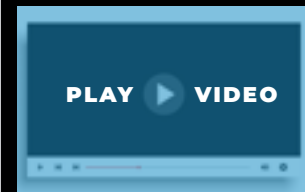
## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Ontario



# BLOOMSCO

# Bloomsco

## ABOUT

**Bloomsco** is building the human/AI workforce map. Your workers could be 10x more productive with the right AI agents – but which ones? We break down every role into tasks and identify big-impact, low-risk human–AI pairings. Stop guessing. Get a data-driven blueprint to transform your workforce into human–AI superteams.

## KEY FACTS

- \$140K in the pipeline in the first three months.
- First client signed in the first three months.
- Contract with the Canadian Department of National Defence.

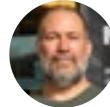
## SUPPORT US

Connect us with potential customers and partners who circulate large documents for public or internal consumption.

## FOUNDER



HADRIEN DAVID



HUGH  
McGUIREW

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Quebec



# CANAPPLY



## ABOUT

**CanApply** is a comprehensive platform connecting students with Canadian postsecondary institutions, streamlining the admissions process for both. Using innovative AI, it enhances students' chances through personalized program matching and guidance, while helping universities attract qualified candidates aligned with their recruitment goals and increase campus diversity.

**CARLA+ CURLS**  
**CARLA MBOL**

## KEY FACTS

- Raised \$500K in grants from the federal and Quebec governments.
- 7,000 users on the platform and collaboration with more than 50 Canadian colleges and universities.
- Nominated as Startup of the Year by CanadianSME, RJCCQ, and others.

## SUPPORT US

Support our \$500K pre-seed round to expand our B2B platform features and on-board Canadian universities and colleges.

## FOUNDER(S)



**BEHNAM  
FARSI**



**KOUROSH  
HASHEMI DEVIN**

## INDUSTRY

Education

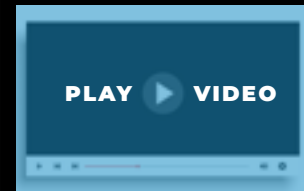
## STAGE

Efficiency



## LOCATION

Quebec



# CARLA+ CURLS



## ABOUT

**Carla+ Curls** is an AI-powered platform that helps people with textured hair discover personalized haircare routines, product recommendations and nearby salons tailored to their unique hair type.

## KEY FACTS

- First AI beauty tech focused on the \$2.3B textured hair market in North America.
- Over 500 users in our first MVP launch and a growing waitlist.
- Partnerships with salons and beauty experts in Canada and France.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with hardware and textured hair brand partners and investors for our \$400K pre-seed round.

## FOUNDER



CARLA MBOL

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

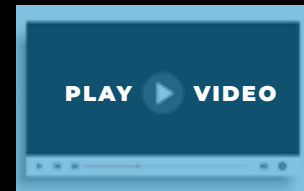
## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Quebec



# CHEMIA DISCOVERY



## ABOUT

**Chemia Discovery** helps R&D teams and material discovery companies find the best materials in minutes using AI and scientific validation tools. This cuts R&D time and cost by up to 90% and expands material options to millions of multi functional candidates.

## KEY FACTS

- Chemia's software, Elixir, hosts a cross-industry database with 500,000+ materials, 30+ properties, and techno-economic metrics, updated weekly.
- Chemia's AI fills data gaps, cutting material selection uncertainty to <5%.
- One contract closed on CO<sub>2</sub> capture material R&D; projects on critical material replacements in progress.

## SUPPORT US

Put us in touch with companies aiming to find energy- and cost-efficient materials (trial available).

## FOUNDER



AMIRREZA  
ATAEI

## INDUSTRY

Energy

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



# DENDROMETRIC

dendrometric

## ABOUT

**dendrometric** automates tree species detection and dendrometry with AI for accurate, cost-effective forest inventory management. We support public and private forestry stakeholders in achieving conservation and productivity goals. On average, our technology increases operational efficiency by 400%.

## KEY FACTS

- Awarded the 2025 Genium360 ENVOL Innovation Award.
- Actively beta testing with leading public and private forestry partners across Quebec.
- Commercial launch with strategic collaborators set for September 2025.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with forest and industry leaders to accelerate international adoption.

## FOUNDER



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VINCENT  
GRONDIN

## INDUSTRY

Agriculture

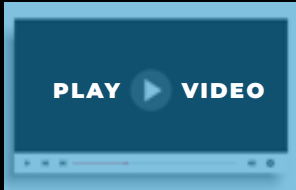
## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



# ECLATIRA



## ABOUT

**Eclatira** is a platform that enables the creation of voice agents without coding for the small and mid-sized business market. We're not competing with Zapier or Microsoft on features – we're competing on accessibility. A restaurant can't build a Zapier workflow but can write a prompt saying, "I need an AI that takes reservation calls and updates my booking system."

## KEY FACTS

- 70% of MVP is completed.
- Built a working cold outreach system before building the MVP.
- The AI voice space is a billion-dollar market.

## SUPPORT US

Help us connect with investors as we're currently aiming to raise a \$400K pre-seed round to blitzscale our campaigns pre- and post-launch.

## FOUNDER(S)



MARYAM  
GILSEHAN



MOAD RAHALI  
SEMLALI

## INDUSTRY

Sales et Marketing

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Quebec



## ABOUT

**eezly** is a free app that shows shoppers the cheapest place to buy every grocery item. Families can scan a barcode or build a list and instantly compare prices across major supermarkets, saving them up to 50% on each shop.

## KEY FACTS

- 30,000 registered users and 9,600 monthly actives in under a year.
- \$41K B2B ad revenue from campaigns with Lassonde, Agropur, and Omnicom.
- Raised \$175K in angel round.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors – we’re opening a \$500K pre-seed round.

## FOUNDER



PHIL DALLAIRE



MOUHAMED  
NDIAYE

## INDUSTRY

Retail Consumerg

## STAGE

Efficiency



## LOCATION

Quebec



# ELOQUENT

# Eloquent

## ABOUT

**Eloquent** makes language learning fun through human and AI-aided learning. Users can select learning blocks that personalize their learning needs, making us the “Lego” of language learning.

## KEY FACTS

- Raised \$122K in non-dilutive pre-seed funding.
- Users increase their language skills by 37%.
- Selected as one of the Top 100 AI Startups in Canada by ALL IN 2025.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors for our \$400K seed round, a mentor for customer growth and marketing, and an IP consultant to plan our strategy.

## FOUNDER(S)



ECHO SANTOS



JEMIMAH MICAH BAYNO

## INDUSTRY

Education

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Ontario



# FEM ENTITY



## ABOUT

**Fem Entity** is a digital wellness marketplace connecting women with licensed practitioners and products. Our mobile app offers AI-powered guidance for holistic well-being, simplifying access to health services and educational tools tailored to women's needs. We aim to empower women with reputable health information in one seamless platform.

## KEY FACTS

- Finalist for 2023 Halifax Chamber's Innovative Business of the Year.
- Selected for five national accelerator programs.
- Partnered with WIMTACH and Cape Breton University for product development and women's wellness.

## SUPPORT US

Introduce us to investors as we raise \$600K in pre-seed funding and seek out strategic partnerships in women's health tech.

## FOUNDER(S)



**IRENE  
SALIENDRA**



**MUKISA  
KAKEMBO**

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Nova Scotia



# HALPIE TECHNOLOGIES



## ABOUT

**Halpie Technologies** improves the management of chronic diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and heart failure through intelligent, medical-grade vital sign monitoring. Early relapse detection and real-time data interpretation via our chest patch improve care and simplify the transition from hospital to home.

## KEY FACTS

- Winner of the Apex Startup Challenge.
- Engineering prototypes in progress.
- Working with healthcare partners.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with key partners and investors experienced in the medical devices space.

## FOUNDER(S)



**ÉMILE  
TREMBLAY-  
ANTOINE**



**WILLIAM  
BOUCHER**

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences &  
Advanced Health

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



# KUMA



## ABOUT

**Kuma** helps merchants reduce marketing spend by using their store data for smarter targeting, as privacy rules drive up ad costs.

## KEY FACTS

- Helping merchants achieve up to double their existing return on ad spend.
- Used by 130+ merchants across 20 countries.
- Named one of ALL IN 2025's Top 100 AI Startups in Canada.

## SUPPORT US

Introduce us to marketing agency partners.

## FOUNDER



**BENOIT DOMINGUE**

## INDUSTRY

Sales & Marketing

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



# MAPLAB AI



## ABOUT

**Maplab AI** automates dispatching and route planning for logistics and field service teams. We cut delivery costs by 30% and fuel use by over 20% by analyzing orders, inventory, fuel prices, traffic and weather. Our system keeps evolving to optimize operations with new data sources.

## KEY FACTS

- Two ongoing pilot projects.
- Value proven with 18% to 35% savings in operational costs and substantial greenhouse gas emission reductions.
- High potential for a first deal signature in July 2025.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with GIS, ERP, and TMS firms seeking AI route optimization, as well as North American logistics companies open to pilot projects.

## FOUNDER(S)



**AHCENE AHMED  
YASSER  
KHARAB**



**MOHAMED  
BEN SALEM**

## INDUSTRY

Transportation

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



# MARSLAND INSTITUTE



## ABOUT

**Marsland Institute's** flagship product, CoeusAI, is a forecasting and analytics platform for renewable energy planning in Europe. Our platform cuts site feasibility reporting time for wind turbines, solar structures and other renewable energy projects from months to minutes – at a fraction of the cost.

## KEY FACTS

- Built a workable alpha demo and collecting users for a closed beta launch.
- Secured a major research partnership with VTT (Finland).
- Added AI/ML talent to advance models and IP.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors for our \$2.3M–\$3.3M seed round, companies that build or invest in renewable energy projects, and early users for our closed launch in November 2025.

## FOUNDER(S)



JAN GUNASH



VINCENT MARSLAND

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Ontario



# MEDICA



## ABOUT

**Medica** is an AI-powered clinical assistant that helps healthcare professionals find reliable, validated and context-specific answers faster. Its functionality is powered by Wikimedia, a collaborative medical knowledge base updated in real time.

## KEY FACTS

- Unique partnership with Wikimedia, the largest French-language medical knowledge base in Quebec.
- Launch planned for late 2025 with the ability to integrate into third-party applications.
- Founded by a multidisciplinary team, including stakeholders and users from the healthcare sector.

## SUPPORT US

Help us raise awareness about Medica among healthcare professionals.

## FOUNDER(S)



**ANTOINE  
MERCIER-  
LINTEAU**



**MICHAEL  
ST-GELAIS**



**VINCENT  
MONTMINY  
LINTEAU**

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Quebec



# MEDIRAI



## ABOUT

**MedirAI** is an ethical, explainable AI-powered skin cancer detection platform that supports primary care providers, dermatologists and patients by enabling earlier, more accurate diagnoses and reducing delays in care – aiming to prevent unnecessary mortality caused by dermatologist scarcity.

## KEY FACTS

- Raised over \$170K in non-dilutive funding and grants.
- End-to-end prototype with a near-zero false negative rate.
- Strong innovation partnership network (NRC, DAC, CIFAR AI, KOLs).

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors for our US\$1.1M pre-seed round.

## FOUNDER(S)



ALEX CÔTÉ



JEAN-FRANÇOIS DJOUFAK

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



# MEMREE AI



## ABOUT

**Memree** is a new way of experiencing moments and memories. We've reimagined how to reminisce using person-centred, AI-driven imagery that promotes sensory stimulation to spark memories. As a non-medical solution in the digital brain health market, we serve people living with both mild and major neurocognitive impairments.

## KEY FACTS

- Fully bootstrapped at TRL 8.
- Personally invited to showcase Memree for the second year in a row at the COMAG Seniors Fair.
- Collaborating with a memory wellness centre (opening proposed for 2026) to facilitate a VR initiative for the clinic.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with customers in home care, hospice, acute care, facility living, and aging-related organizations – and help us expand our global network.

## FOUNDER(S)



**DEBANGSHA SARKAR**



**KAREN SOUTHWELL**

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

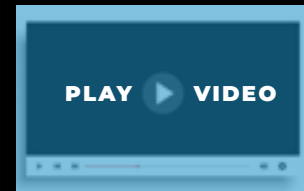
## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

British Columbia



# MY WELL SELF



## ABOUT

**My Well Self** is developing Abby, a digital well-being advisor that helps users optimize their flexible health benefit dollars by recommending health services that support optimal wellness.

## KEY FACTS

- Partnered with three flexible health benefit providers for pilot programs.
- Reached 3,000 freemium users.
- Founders have won three pitch competitions – BFN, Nobellum, and FBC – totaling close to \$20,000.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with HR decision-makers in Canada and the U.S. to grow our B2B business model.

## FOUNDER(S)



**BRENDA  
AHENKORAH**



**YOGESHWAR  
KHADILKAR**

## INDUSTRY

Wellness

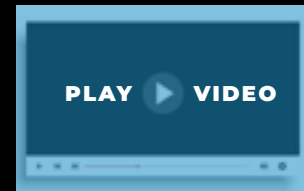
## STAGE

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## LOCATION

Ontario



## ABOUT

**Nooroot** provides a new computing paradigm to build AI systems that understand the real world. Our solution offers a 10x advantage over current AI models and a 12% increase in computational efficiency. With a fully traceable pipeline, Nooroot's approach goes beyond large language models to power next-generation AI technology.

## KEY FACTS

- Raised \$1.4M in a friends and family (super angel) round.
- In early conversations with clients across healthcare and sovereign data (NDAs signed).
- MVP at TRL 4, based on 15 years of peer-reviewed and published research.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors for our \$2.5M pre-seed round and with hardware distributors for strategic partnerships.

## FOUNDER(S)



**CHOUKRI  
MEKKAOUI**



**MAYA  
POLACKAL**

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Massachusetts



# NORTH AMERICAN IMMIGRATION AGENCY (NAIA)



## ABOUT

**NAIA** has developed Immigratio, a modular case management platform that leverages AI and proven immigration processes to streamline the preparation of business immigration applications for Canada and the U.S. We commercialize through B2B subscriptions to legal professionals in the immigration field.

## KEY FACTS

- Bootstrapped to \$500K ARR with zero external funding.
- 100+ cases managed by Immigratio in our first three months.
- In talks with two major law firms to become their primary platform.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors as we prepare for a \$2M seed round in late 2025 – ideally with experience in SaaS or legaltech.

## FOUNDER(S)



**PIERRE-OLIVIER  
CAMPAGNA**



**CARL-OLIVIER  
ROULEAU**

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

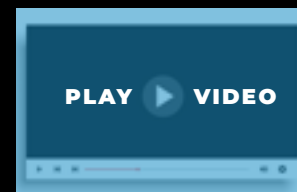
## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec





# OMVI SPORTS ANALYTICS

## ABOUT

**OMVI Sports Analytics** is building a B2C SaaS platform that delivers AI-powered, high-accuracy picks to sports bettors. Our solution removes guesswork, saves hours of data analysis and can double users' historical win rates.

## KEY FACTS

- Achieved 78% money-line accuracy during the 2024–2025 NBA season.
- Received positive feedback from social media followers.
- Reached 80% accuracy within the first month of the 2025 WNBA season.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with advisors in statistics, physics, or quantitative analysis to help strengthen our predictive models.

## FOUNDER(S)



**JOSE AGUILERA**



**MAHAN NIKNAFS KERMANI**

## INDUSTRY

Tourism & Culture

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Quebec



# OPEN MUSIC NETWORKS



## ABOUT

**Open Music Networks** uses machine learning to help artists co-create music and grow their fan base. Our system analyzes IP data, builds a digital record for licensing and monetization, and cuts transaction costs by up to 80%.

## KEY FACTS

- Bootstrapped to MVP.
- Partnerships in place with industry and academia.
- More than 100 beta testers.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors for our \$1.5M seed round.

## FOUNDER(S)



BELAL MOHSEN



DAVID SMITH

## INDUSTRY

Tourism & Culture

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Ontario





# PROINVEST ANALYTICS

## ABOUT

**ProInvest Analytics** helps NHL teams monetize untapped fan attention during games through AI-powered interactive experiences and career-inspired loyalty programs. We create new digital revenue streams while building lifetime fan relationships that span decades, not seasons.

## KEY FACTS

- Platform is ready to demo, with OGC gaming, Seventh Skater loyalty program, and ProInsight analytics all working.
- No other platform combines real-time gaming, career loyalty, and AI analytics in one solution.
- Exceptional capital efficiency – built the entire platform without outside funding.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with NHL team executives for co-development partnerships.

## FOUNDER(S)



**BLAKE  
NIELSEN**



**PHILIPPE  
TROP**



**SALVATORE  
PAPIA**

## INDUSTRY

Digital Media &  
Telecommunications

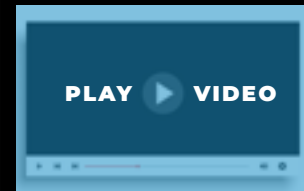
## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Ontario



# PULR TECHNOLOGIES



## ABOUT

**PULR Technologies** is reinventing food pricing using sustainable radio-frequency identification, cold chain sensors and AI to predict freshness. Our system adjusts prices in real time to cut waste and raise profits. Every scan makes the network smarter – building the data backbone for a fairer, more efficient food system.

## KEY FACTS

- First to combine sustainable RFID tags, cold-chain AI, and federated learning for ethical food pricing.
- Secured commercial pilots with major grocers and partnered with Zebra.
- Generating SaaS revenue with Cooldat.

## SUPPORT US

Introduce us to investors who see the opportunity to build deeptech infrastructure that transforms food pricing, waste, and access.

## FOUNDER(S)



FRANCOIS  
MENARD



JOEL VANDAL

## INDUSTRY

Agriculture

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec





# READY PLAN GO

## ABOUT

**Ready Plan Go** is building an AI-powered accounting firm, starting with personal tax filing (T1/1040s). With 75% of accountants retiring, we're solving the industry's labour crisis by acquiring firms and replacing manual work with AI. Our agents collect documents, extract data and file taxes with >99% accuracy – no human review needed.

## KEY FACTS

- First Tier 1 client book acquisition: \$29.3K ARR.
- \$175K (SAFE at \$8M post) from Mistral VC and founder, plus \$125K non-dilutive in progress – totaling \$300K pre-seed.
- OCR module and Tax Agent v1 complete; running internal tests before live demos for the seed pre-roadshow.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors as we're currently raising a \$1.5M seed round.

## FOUNDER(S)



**MARCELO PEDROZA HERNANDEZ**



**NIMA JALALVANDI**

## INDUSTRY

Financial Services

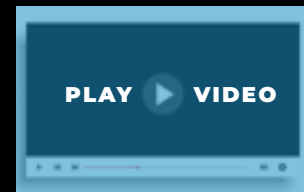
## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Quebec



# RETIDE



## ABOUT

**Retide** uses AI to track and fight ocean plastic pollution. Our platform maps plastic waste using satellite and marine data, helping governments, NGOs and researchers take smarter action on cleanup, policy and sustainability.

## KEY FACTS

- Uses satellite imagery and environmental data to train AI that predicts plastic and ghost gear hotspots before they escalate.
- Partnering with leading Canadian NGOs and government agencies to validate models and support real-world policy work.
- Developing the first open-source API of its kind for targeted cleanup, regulation, and ESG reporting.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with NGOs and research partners to validate our AI tools and expand coastal data coverage.

## FOUNDER(S)



**PARISA  
GOLCHOUBIAN**



**REZA FAZELI**

## INDUSTRY

Clean Technologies

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Ontario



# SEARCHLESS



## ABOUT

**Searchless** uses AI to interview job candidates for enterprise businesses. Our AI video interviews hold in-depth conversations with candidates on any topic – from Python to sales methodologies – and automatically analyze, score and evaluate their responses. Employers can then quickly identify top talent.

## KEY FACTS

- Onboarded a distributor in the UK.
- Secured a pilot agreement with a telecom company.
- Joined the Team Canada Trade Mission to Thailand, where we met with 10 major Thai corporations – all expressed interest in further discussions.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors – we're raising a \$1.2M pre-seed round.

## FOUNDER(S)



**JONATHAN MIRECKI**



**ELIJAH MIRECKI**

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Ontario



# SENTRI AI



## ABOUT

**Sentri AI** automates cybersecurity questionnaire responses for professional service firms, turning weeks of work into minutes. Our secure, AI-driven platform uses your internal knowledge base to generate accurate answers – accelerating deals and freeing up valuable security personnel.

## KEY FACTS

- Paid pilots with top 10 firms in Canada.
- Azure-optimized for enterprise clients.
- Eliminates 20-hour questionnaires.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with large law firms interested in joining our pilot program.

## FOUNDER(S)



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## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

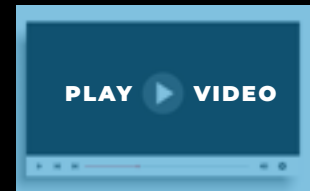
## STAGE

Efficiency



## LOCATION

Ontario





# SKINAPTIKS

## ABOUT

**Skinaptiks** is developing skin-like interfaces that can sense and adapt – just like real skin. Our first product enables a data-driven approach to prosthetic socket fitting, helping clinicians optimize the patient journey, starting with lower-limb amputees.

## KEY FACTS

- Piloting with clinical partners in France and Canada (2025).
- Developed proprietary sensor technology with over \$500K in non-dilutive R&D support.
- Advancing toward clinical-grade validation for medical device certification in 2026.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors in AI, medtech, and deeptech with strong networks in North America and Europe as we're raising a \$1.5M seed round.

## FOUNDER(S)



**CYRIL  
BOUNAKOFF**



**GUILLAUME  
DION**

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences &  
Advanced Health

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



# SOLARIA SENSE



## ABOUT

**Solaria Sense** is building a simple tool to help people with lung cancer track symptoms, get support and stay connected to their care team so they feel less alone and more in control throughout their journey.

## KEY FACTS

- Conducted interviews with nine healthcare professionals who confirmed the relevance of our solution.
- Finalist for a prestigious Pierre Péladeau Bursary.
- Initiated international expansion through partnership talks with CINERI in Senegal.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors and grant opportunities as we're raising funds to develop our first prototype in the lab.

## FOUNDER(S)



ERWAN  
HENRIOU



KATHEL  
DONGNANG



MOUHAMED  
ABDOUL  
AZIZ DIOP

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences &  
Advanced Health

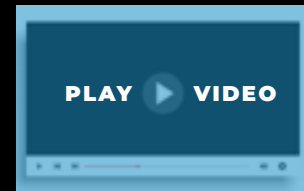
## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Quebec



# SOLIPSIST STUDIOS



## ABOUT

**Solipsist Studios'** platform, Memotar, enables face-to-face interaction with digital humans in mixed reality. Fans can get up close and personal with their favourite characters, while creators and brands build engagement with their audience and unlock new revenue streams.

## KEY FACTS

- Awarded a Quebec government grant (bon d'incubation) to develop the Memotar platform.
- Team has been building digital human technology since putting a digital Buzz Aldrin on Mars in 2016.
- Preparing for public launch at the end of summer 2025.

## SUPPORT US

Join the Memotar community by signing up for the waitlist at [memotar.app](https://memotar.app) or joining us at [discord.gg/rEJ7D78CXg](https://discord.gg/rEJ7D78CXg).

## FOUNDER



JEFFREY SIPKO

## INDUSTRY

Tourism & Culture

## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Quebec



# STUDIOUS

# Studios

## ABOUT

**Studios** transforms top academic research into short AI-generated podcasts and quizzes that help licensed professionals effortlessly earn and track their continuing education credits.

## KEY FACTS

- Secured \$150K in non-dilutive grants from the Province of Ontario, the Canadian Media Fund, and others.
- Accepted into Antler's international incubator program.
- Launched the Studios Knowledge in Practice (SKIP) Coalition, uniting academia, government, regulatory bodies, and professionals to close the research-to-practice gap.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with researchers to join as founding fellows, along with academic institutions, government ministries, and regulatory bodies.

## FOUNDER(S)



**EILYN MEDINA GONZALEZ**



**JASON SMALL**

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

## STAGE

Efficiency



## LOCATION

Ontario



# TRAILS (LEGISIMPLE)



## ABOUT

**trails** helps lawyers find cases using natural language, uncover case-winning insights and keep all their data secure – all in one intelligent workspace. On average, lawyers are finding critical cases and insights nearly 10× faster, delivering better outcomes for their clients.

## KEY FACTS

- Surpassed 1,200 users in less than three weeks.
- Filed a provisional patent on reducing model hallucinations from 17%–33% to 7%–11%.
- Finalist at LegalTechTalk LaunchPad, Europe's biggest law event.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors for our \$500K pre-seed round and with legal professionals in the U.S.

## FOUNDER



**ANTONIO  
SPEZIA**

## INDUSTRY

Financial Services

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



## ABOUT

**TRAQC** helps electronics manufacturers catch defects in real time. Our system scans printed circuits with light during production, reducing waste and inspection time by over 80%. Each press saves up to \$150,000 and 200,000 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per year – boosting quality while cutting costs and emissions.

## KEY FACTS

- Completed two successful industrial pilots with local manufacturers.
- Raised \$50K in pre-seed funding.
- Secured six letters of intent.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors as we raise \$1M, and with electronics and packaging manufacturers for pilot deployments and early adoption.

## FOUNDER(S)



**BENJAMIN  
DRINGOLI**



**MARIIA  
ZHULDYBINA**

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



# VLVT



## ABOUT

**VLVT** is a relationship well-ness app that helps individuals and couples build healthy, meaningful connections. Through guided conversations, personalized insights and interactive exercises, VLVT boosts emotional intelligence, improves communication and fosters lasting relationship satisfaction.

## KEY FACTS

- McGill Dobson Cup recipient (1st place).
- Received \$20K from National Bank of Canada.
- Users spent an average of 22 minutes per day on our MVP.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors for our \$1M pre-seed round, B2B2C partners in North America (therapy clinics, employee benefit programs, universities), and developers interested in joining our team.

## FOUNDER



CONNIE PERL

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

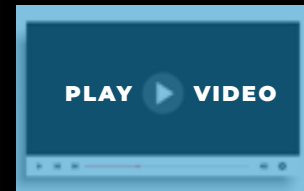
## STAGE

Discovery



## LOCATION

Quebec



# VOXEL HEALTHCARE



## ABOUT

**Voxel Healthcare** develops AI software that helps doctors plan radiation therapy for children with brain cancer. Our technology automatically maps critical brain regions and recommends optimal radiation paths – reducing treatment planning time by 75% and potentially saving families up to \$1M in healthcare costs.

## KEY FACTS

- Raised \$500K in non-dilutive pre-seed funding (SBIR Phase II grant from NIH).
- Built a network of over 300 potential users.
- Strong data partnerships with two children's hospitals.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors as we are currently raising a \$1M pre-seed round.

## FOUNDER(S)



**CAROLINE BRUN**



**NATASHA LEPORE**



**NIHARIKA GAJAWELLI**

## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

Quebec



# WHATIFI



## ABOUT

**whatifi** is "Moneyball for business." Decision-makers visually map multiple financial, strategic and operational scenarios. It's Excel meets decision trees – built for the Multiverse. Optimize dozens of real-time outcomes without formulas or spreadsheets.

## KEY FACTS

- Raised US\$187K.
- Powering scenario planning for 15+ startups, CFOs, and VFX studios.
- Ranked in the top 10 of the Vancouver Startup TNT competition.

## SUPPORT US

Connect us with companies struggling to plan and optimize complex scenarios – we're looking for partners ready to bring clarity to financial, operational, and strategic decisions at scale.

## FOUNDER(S)



JASON DEOL



JON COWLEY

## INDUSTRY

Enterprise software

## STAGE

Validation



## LOCATION

British Columbia



# NEXTAI

NEXTAI



Québec



SCALE AI





**NEXTFOUNDERS**

# INTRODUCTION TO NEXT FOUNDERS

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**NEXT FOUNDERS** is designed for growth-stage entrepreneurs who are leading revenue-generating companies and ready to scale their ventures nationally or internationally. This program supports experienced founders who are navigating the complexities of rapid growth — from building teams and refining business models to raising capital and expanding into new markets.

Participants gain access to a world-class academic curriculum, one-on-one mentorship from sector- and stage-specific advisors, and a powerful peer community. These advisors have firsthand experience with the challenges of scaling and provide tailored, practical guidance. While the program does not include a technical stream, it delivers deep strategic and operational support — all within the broader NEXT Network, a community of high-impact founders, investors, and business leaders that continues to support participants long after the program ends.



# APPETRONIX

## ABOUT

We have developed a fully autonomous robotic restaurant that cooks made-to-order meals with zero onsite employees.

## KEY FACTS

- In June 2025, Appetronix launched the world's first fully autonomous ai-robotic restaurant that cooks made-to-order meals with zero onsite employees. The machine was launched in the airport in Columbus, OH under the iconic Donatos brand.

## SUPPORT US

We are preparing for our Series A investment to allow us to globally scale up – and also looking for manufacturing partners, food equipment suppliers, facilities management companies and retail partners to deploy the units.

## FOUNDER



NIPUN SHARMA

## INDUSTRY

Robotics

## STAGE

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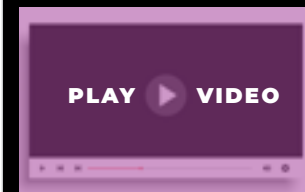


## LOCATION

London, ON

## CONTACT

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# ARUNA REVOLUTION



## ABOUT

**ARUNA REVOLUTION** is a fibertech company developing compostable absorbent materials from agricultural waste for the \$211B disposable hygiene market. We are launching Canada's first compostable menstrual pad and scaling our proprietary fibers into beauty, incontinence, and medical applications.

## KEY FACTS

- Developed revolutionary technology to extract cellulose fibers from a variety of plants, that are high performance, compostable and safer for the body.
- With these fibers, we've created the worlds first truly compostable menstrual pad that is high performance, the first menstrual pad to actually be designed by women that are engineers.
- Aruna has been recognized internationally, including in Monaco, for it's cleantech and the impact it can have.

## SUPPORT US

We're looking for support with the next steps, of taking this impact and scaling it into a global platform, where all products that need fibers are powered by Aruna fibers.

## FOUNDER



**RASHMI PRAKASH**

## MENTORED BY

Lauren Arnold

## INDUSTRY

Clean Technology

## STAGE

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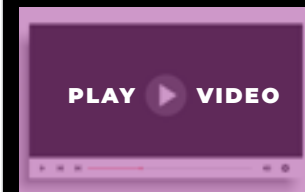


## LOCATION

Waverley

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revolution.com



# BUILDCHECK AI



## ABOUT

**BUILDCHECK™** is a venture-backed startup out of Stanford University that has built AI models to screen plans for real estate developers and general contractors, catching issues before they become change orders, RFIs or city comments. They have reviewed over 10,000 plans across the country with clients like Cressey, Wesgroup, and Beedie seeing a 20x to 40x ROI. See more at [www.buildcheck.ai](http://www.buildcheck.ai).

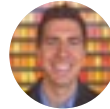
## KEY FACTS

- AI construction drawing review platform for real estate developers and general contractors to find design issues before they cost them
- 40+ customers throughout Canada and the USA, including Cressey Development Group, Axiom Builders, and the University of British Columbia
- \$8M CAD raised from VC investors in Silicon Valley, and experienced founders/executives from OpenAI, EvenUp Law, Opendoor and CBRE

## SUPPORT US

We are looking to expand to more customers in central/eastern Canada, and to speak with the most brilliant computer vision experts in the country.

## FOUNDER



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## INDUSTRY

Proptech

## STAGE

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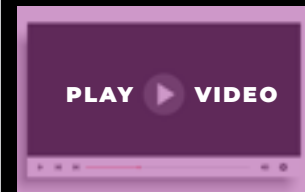


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# CLOUDAGENT



## ABOUT

AI agents to fully automate cloud & security workflows: Configuration, compliance & operations – handled automatically, 24/7

## KEY FACTS

- Manage a fleet of agents to automate cloud, security and devops tasks for your organization
- Deploy from your favourite AI development tools and services to your own cloud environment
- Start for free at <https://cloudagent.io>

## SUPPORT US

Looking for pre-seed/seed investors focusing on B2B, Cloud, Security & AI companies

## FOUNDER



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## INDUSTRY

Security

## STAGE

Efficiency

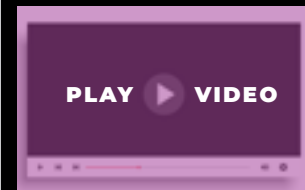


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# CYDER INC.



## ABOUT

**CYDER** is a loyalty platform for Credit Unions. All the major banks have a platform, RBC (Avion), Scotia (Scene), TD (Aeroplan), CIBC (Aventura), BMO (Airmiles), however Credit Unions across north america do not have the resources or capacity to stand up their own internal platform. Cyder allows CUs to spin up their own loyalty program and retain and grow membership.

## KEY FACTS

- We have secured \$600k contracted ARR in 7 months
- We are working with 15 credit unions across north america
- The platform will be servicing +1M customers by January 2026

## SUPPORT US

We are looking for investors to participate in our seed round.

## FOUNDER



**WILLIAM  
CHRISTODOULOU**

## MENTORED BY

Tom Lowden

## INDUSTRY

Financial Services

## STAGE

Scale

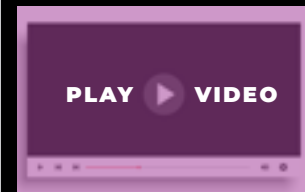


## LOCATION

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# EVOCO LTD



## ABOUT

**EVOCO** is a global innovation company creating scalable, plant-based chemistry and materials. Our mission is to help industry partners reduce toxins and carbon emissions in high-performance consumer and industrial products.

We've already commercialized a sustainable foam used in footwear, with applications expanding into seating, bedding, and other durable goods. Now, we're ready to commercialize a plant-based alternative to synthetic leather.

## KEY FACTS

- Evoco develops high performance plant-based chemistry and materials that enable decarbonization at scale and integrates seamlessly into global supply chains
- Evoco's solutions are used by major global brands and are expanding into new product categories such as automotive and furniture.
- With R&D in Canada and manufacturing in Vietnam, Evoco is built for scalable, international impact.

## SUPPORT US

We are looking for strategic partners to scale our technology and introduction to investors to support our Series B fundraise who are focused in sustainability, climate and materials.

## FOUNDER



**NATALIE  
ASHDOWN**

## MENTORED BY

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## INDUSTRY

Advanced Materials &  
Advanced Manufacturing

## STAGE

Scale

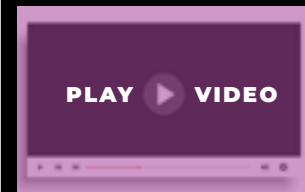


## LOCATION

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# MARLOW



## ABOUT

**MARLOW** is solving the gender pain gap starting with the first-ever lubricated tampon for smoother and more comfortable insertion.

It is the first-ever lubricated tampon, already received Health Canada/FDA approval, patented innovation.

## KEY FACTS

- \$1M+ in revenue from Amazon, DTC & retail including Whole Foods, Healthy Planet, and Sweat & Tonic
- Launching pilot into Shoppers Drug Mart this Fall
- Strong TikTok community of 135,000 through educational content strategy, allowing us to organically acquire customers
- \$2.5M raised to date from Dream Ventures, OCI, Rodeo Growth Partners, and leading consumer angel investors

## SUPPORT US

We're raising our next round of financing to support our retail expansion and would love to connect with consumer or women's health funds that are interested.

## FOUNDER



**NADIA LADAK**

## MENTORED BY

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## INDUSTRY

Retail

## STAGE

Scale

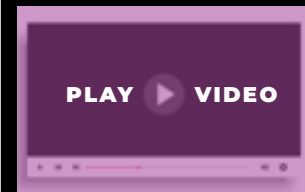


## LOCATION

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# MESH SCHEDULING INC.

## ABOUT

**MESH SCHEDULING INC.** is a healthcare software/ SaaS company based out of Kingston, Canada and San Francisco, USA. Built on a foundation of more than twenty years of academic and industrial research and development, thousands of healthcare providers in Canada, and the US.

Mesh AI is a powerful automated staff scheduling (SaaS) platform built for hospitals, clinics, and office practices. This rule- and template-based platform is designed to handle even the most complicated physician, resident, fellow, and preceptor call, clinic, and block scheduling tasks with ease using the latest progress in AI and gen-AI.

## KEY FACTS

- Powering clinician scheduling in hospitals, academic centers, and healthcare systems with fairness and transparency.
- Embedded AI-driven engine and workflows to help with i) implementation of and ii) day-to-day scheduling needs of the most complex use cases.
- To integrate with EMRs and other healthcare systems to streamline workflows and make sales and implementation as easy as possible.

## SUPPORT US

We are seeking partners and institutional customers to accelerate adoption, pilot new integrations, and support growth into broader enterprise and academic healthcare networks.

## FOUNDER



**SHAHRAM  
YOUSEFI**

## INDUSTRY

SaaS

## STAGE

Scale

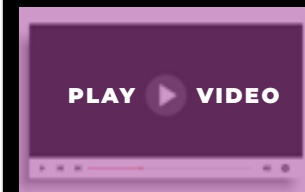


## LOCATION

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# MIMIC

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## ABOUT

**MIMIC** is the first industry-specific GenAI tool that cuts down the time-consuming work of ideation, mockups, and versioning by generating content that teams and clients can co-edit live, and for manual edits, creatives can export layered outputs directly to any editing tool. **mimic** helps creative teams produce safe, on-brand content faster, without risking client or proprietary data. It

## KEY FACTS

- Allows you to be the conductor of creative ideation with your brand's own private, on-brand AI image SLM, powered by our industry specific, and commercially safe foundational model
- We reduce the ideation process by ~80%, think of your **mimic** canvas like the cursor for creative teams
- Currently piloting with large enterprise clients like MediaOne, Wasserman, Republic Records, Sony Music, Roots, and launch early Fall to our waitlist

## SUPPORT US

Actively raising, 2M (USD) in SAFEs. And also looking to connect with agencies and brand creative teams.

## FOUNDER(S)



**ANDREW SACCHETTI**



**CARLY TRINIER**

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## INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software  
(includes AI/big data tools)

## STAGE

Validation

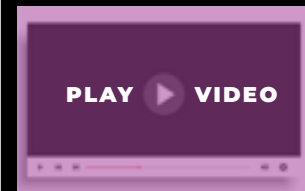


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# OPPOS



## ABOUT

**OPPOS** is an AI-powered compliance platform that helps businesses meet cybersecurity and privacy standards like SOC 2, ISO 27001, and HIPAA with less time and cost. We simplify regulatory audits through automation, serving digital media, SaaS, and real estate firms. Our U.S. arm, Tech-ComplyNexus, focuses on expansion into federal and enterprise markets.

## KEY FACTS

- Oppos is a Toronto-based cybersecurity assessment company offering penetration testing, risk assessments, and compliance services.
- Oppos helps SMEs protect against ransomware, secure data privacy, and meet regulatory/ISO standards.
- Founded in 2019, serving both public and private sectors.

## SUPPORT US

We seek strategic partnerships and funding to expand our service delivery, scale cloud-native compliance offerings, and grow our client base across industries.

## FOUNDER



**DARACE ROSE**

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## INDUSTRY

Security

## STAGE

Efficiency

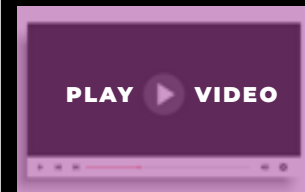


## LOCATION

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# OTTAWA INFOTAINMENT



## ABOUT

**OTTAWA INFOTAINMENT** delivers a modular, software-defined electronics platform that enables automakers to develop digital cockpits, instrument clusters, and infotainment systems at up to 90% lower cost compared to traditional automotive suppliers

## KEY FACTS

- Key customers include automotive Tier 1s (e.g., Yazaki, \$20B+) and OEMs like ULV, with growing traction in EVs, SDVs, and accessible mobility.
- Generated \$1.2M USD in revenue in 2024, with a strong pipeline projecting \$2.5M USD in 2025.
- Team includes former engineers and execs from Blackberry QNX, Subaru, Aston Martin, and McLaren, bringing deep automotive domain expertise.

## SUPPORT US

We're looking for strategic partners who can help us scale as we solve one of automotive's biggest challenges: modernizing vehicle software architecture.

## FOUNDER



SEAN HAZARAY

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## INDUSTRY

Transportation

## STAGE

Scale

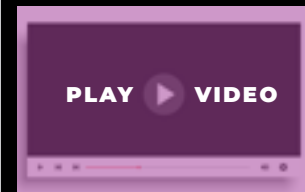


## LOCATION

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# RESONANCE



## ABOUT

**RESONANCE** is the leading provider of market intelligence across deep technology verticals such as quantum, space, immersive, climate and AI. The business serves hundreds of clients – ranging from startups to national governments – with its SaaS subscription intelligence, strategic advisory and marketing offerings.

## KEY FACTS

- Owns and operates The Quantum Insider, Space Impulse, and other leading deep tech intelligence platforms.
- Serves national governments, Big Tech, and startups with strategic insights and market activation.
- Grown 100% year-on-year through proprietary platforms and consulting work.

## SUPPORT US

We welcome collaboration with clients seeking deep tech market intelligence and strategic ecosystem support.

## FOUNDER



ALEX CHALLANS

## MENTORED BY

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## INDUSTRY

Enterprise Softwar

## STAGE

Scale

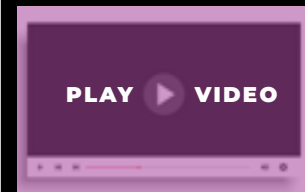


## LOCATION

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# SAMOS INSURANCE SOLUTIONS



## ABOUT

**SAMOS INSURANCE SOLUTIONS** is a VC-backed insurtech offering first-of-its-kind, digitally embedded insurance products that protect individuals undergoing surgery or childbirth: providing peace of mind for them and their loved ones when it matters most. Delivered directly, through employers, or via enterprise private-label partnerships with insurance companies and financial institutions, Samos Insurance Solutions' proprietary underwriting engine and seamless user experience platform make coverage accessible, affordable, and human without the complexity or bureaucracy of traditional insurance.

## KEY FACTS

- Award-winning, modern insurance powered by human-centred AI technology
- Launched the world's first surgical risk and birth coverage insurance
- Platform built to develop and scale modern, embedded, and accessible insurance solutions

## SUPPORT US

We're seeking distribution partners and warm introductions to financial advisors, employers, carrier partners and investors reshaping the future of customer-first insurance.

## FOUNDER



**LEON PUNAMBOLAM**

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## INDUSTRY

Financial Services

## STAGE

Efficiency

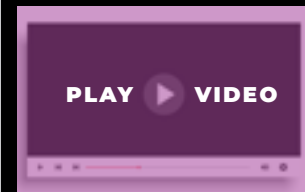


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# SELLIT9



## ABOUT

**SELLIT9** is the software layer for trade-ins. We turn used household items into instant liquidity, either as a direct payout or instant store credit redeemable with merchants, brands, or loyalty programs using the SELLIT9 Trade platform. It works out of the box via one-click Shopify install or as a custom white-label solution. Our fully managed programs help our merchant, brand, and loyalty partners unlock hidden value, boost conversions, and support sustainability without any operational lift or need to handle inventory.

## KEY FACTS

- Turning used household items into instant liquidity (cash, credit, or points)
- ~1.2M GMV annualized with ~17% MoM growth
- Approved Shopify App; already powering trade-ins across 5 live stores

## SUPPORT US

We are looking for intros to eCommerce, loyalty, and retail partners who want to grow revenue, build loyalty, and drive sustainability through trade-ins.

## FOUNDER



**JOSH GUTTMAN**

## MENTORED BY

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## INDUSTRY

E-Commerce

## STAGE

Scale

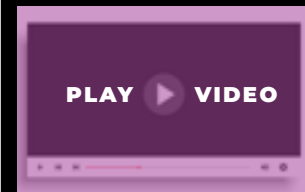


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# SPECTRA PLASMONICS



## ABOUT

**SPECTRA PLASMONICS** makes technology that enables lab grade chemical analysis by anyone, anywhere. Spectra's products are currently deployed across North America to help first responders combat the opioid crisis by accurately detecting dangerous substances like fentanyl. The company's technology is also being piloted for other high impact industrial use cases in food and natural resources.

## KEY FACTS

- Commercial sales across 5 provinces and 7 US states within industries of national importance: public safety (narcotics analysis), food, and mining.
- Solution comprised of patented hardware, and foundational AI models built from proprietary data
- On track to building the world's largest real-time chemical fingerprint dataset of illicit drugs to power breakthrough advancements in molecular spectroscopy

## SUPPORT US

We are looking to connect with strategic customers, channel partners, as well deep tech investors to help accelerate our next phase of growth.

## FOUNDER



**MALCOLM EADE**

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## INDUSTRY

Life Sciences and Advanced Health

## STAGE

Efficiency

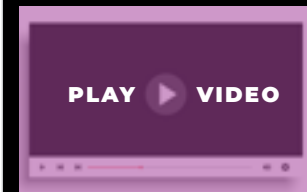


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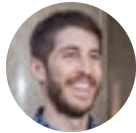
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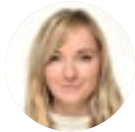
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