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A MESSAGE FROM JENNIFER REYNOLDS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NEXT CANADA

IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU to NEXT Canada's annual Venture Day – a celebration of Canadian entrepreneurship, innovation, and the bold ideas shaping our future.

At NEXT Canada, our mission is to identify and empower exceptional entrepreneurs who will drive Canada's economic growth and global competitiveness. For more than 15 years, our founders have transformed ambitious ideas into thriving companies, creating thousands of jobs, raising billions of dollars in investment, and delivering innovations that are strengthening industries and improving lives.

This year's national cohorts – NEXT 36, NEXT AI (Toronto and Montréal), and NEXT Founders – represent the very best of Canada's entrepreneurial talent. They embody the curiosity, resilience, and determination that define great founders, bringing forward breakthrough technologies and bold solutions to some of our world's most pressing challenges.

Venture Day offers a unique opportunity to meet these remarkable founders and discover the ventures they are building. I encourage you to explore their profiles, learn more about their companies, and connect directly with those whose vision inspires you. Following our Venture Day event in Montréal, we will refresh the virtual program on September 30 to include final updates from our NEXT AI Montréal and virtual cohorts. We invite you to return and follow the continued progress of these exceptional entrepreneurs.

NEXT Canada is more than an accelerator – it is a community. It is a place where founders challenge and inspire one another, where mentors generously share their experience, and where investors, partners, alumni, and supporters come together around a common belief that Canada can build world-class companies. It is this spirit of collaboration, generosity, and shared ambition that makes NEXT Canada so distinctive.

To our staff, mentors, advisors, alumni, partners, funders, and volunteers, thank you. Your commitment, expertise, and unwavering belief in the next generation of entrepreneurs make this work possible. Together, you are helping to build not only successful companies, but a stronger, more innovative, and more prosperous Canada.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the remarkable founders of this year's cohorts and the future they are creating. We are delighted to have you with us, and I hope you leave Venture Day inspired by the extraordinary talent, ingenuity, and optimism on display.

Welcome to Venture Day.

Warm regards,

Jennifer Reynolds
Chief Executive Officer
NEXT Canada

A MESSAGE FROM DOMINIQUE ANGLADE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HEC MONTRÉAL EXECUTIVE SCHOOL

AT HEC MONTRÉAL'S EXECUTIVE SCHOOL, we believe innovation thrives when exceptional people and organizations come together. Our partnership with NEXT Canada and NEXT AI Montréal reflects this ambition, bringing together entrepreneurial talent, academic excellence, industry expertise, investors, mentors, and the broader innovation ecosystem to help ambitious founders turn ideas into ventures with real impact.

Montréal has a unique place in this landscape. With its world-class AI research, entrepreneurial talent, leading institutions, and growing community of companies applying AI to real-world challenges, our city has become a powerful hub for innovation and commercialization. NEXT AI Montréal is proud to contribute to this momentum by connecting the people and organizations that make our ecosystem stronger.

We are equally proud of the collaboration between Montréal and Toronto. Each ecosystem brings its own strengths and perspectives, and connecting them creates opportunities to strengthen Canada's capacity to build ambitious, globally competitive companies.

This spirit of collaboration is at the heart of NEXT AI: creating a community where knowledge is shared, opportunities are created, and excellence is amplified through collective effort.

I would also like to thank our mentors, partners, faculty, investors, and the broader HEC Montréal and NEXT Canada communities. A special thank you to Jennifer Reynolds and the NEXT Canada team for their continued commitment to this shared vision.

And to Maud Razafindramboa, our Director of Operations, and the entire NEXT AI Montréal team: thank you for your leadership, dedication, and care in creating an experience where founders feel supported, empowered, and connected.

To all our founders: congratulations on what you have accomplished. Building a company takes vision, resilience, and courage, and we are proud to have supported you along the way. Welcome to the NEXT community, and we look forward to seeing what you build next.

Warm regards,

Dominique Anglade
Executive Director,
HEC Montréal Executive School

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Community Manager,
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Scientist in Residence,
PhD Student, GERAD

AXEL HAVARD
Scientist in Residence,
Co-founder & CTO, Uwear.ai

AVERY (HEE-WOON) RYOO
Scientist in Residence,
PhD Student, Mila

IMPACT TO DATE

1,400+
GRADUATES

800+
VENTURES LAUNCHED

$5.9B+
CAPITAL RAISED

30+
INDUSTRIES

6,000+
JOBS CREATED

VENTURE DAY AGENDA – 13 AUGUST 2026

8:30 AM	Registration, Networking & Light Refreshments
9:00 AM	Opening Remarks & Guest talk
9:30 AM	Venture Pitches & Panelist Feedback
11:00 AM	Networking & Refreshments
11:30 AM	Event Concludes

VENTURE DAY MODERATOR

JOHN KELLEHER IS A MANAGING PARTNER and Global Head of Operating team 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 &
Global Head of
Operating Team, CVC

VENTURE DAY PANELISTS

John Ruffolo is Founder and Managing Partner of Maverix Private Equity, where he leads investments in technology-enabled businesses driving growth and innovation. Previously, he founded OMERS Ventures, building one of North America's leading venture capital platforms and overseeing more than US$500 million in investments across high-growth technology companies. A passionate advocate for Canadian innovation, John is also Co-Founder and Vice Chair of the Council of Canadian Innovators, helping shape policy and strengthen Canada's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Michelle McBane is Co-Founder and Managing Director of StandUp Ventures, an early-stage venture capital fund investing in technology companies with women in leadership. With more than two decades of experience in venture capital and operations, Michelle has backed innovative companies across enterprise, health and consumer markets. Since co-founding StandUp Ventures in 2017, she has helped demonstrate the value of investing in diverse leadership teams. Michelle is also a NEXT Canada advisor, CVCA board member and active contributor to Canada's startup ecosystem.

Ali Asaria is a Canadian entrepreneur, technologist and founder of Transformer Lab, an open-source platform enabling advanced research on large language models. He is also the founder and Board Chair of Tulip, an enterprise software company serving some of the world's largest retailers. Previously, Ali founded and led Well.ca, which grew into one of Canada's leading e-commerce companies. A University of Waterloo Computer Engineering graduate, Ali has spent his career building and scaling technology companies across e-commerce, retail and artificial intelligence.

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PRESENTING VENTURES

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Acephalt Inc.

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Acephalt is the AI operating system for private investors. We believe every firm will soon run its deals on AI, and that an answer you can't verify isn't an answer. So we built Atoms: a self-verifying financial engine that turns weeks of due diligence into hours, with every number traceable to its source.

SALIM KANDEDI
Corvita Biomedical inc.

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Combatting newborn mortality by automating NICU care using Physical-AI

JAKOB SOL STROZBERG
Donna AI

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Imagine working 80 hours this week, getting paid for half, and waiting 3 months for the check, that's normal for lawyers. **Donna** watches lawyers work and bills their clients for them, recovering $100k+ per lawyer per year.

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SIMANE WARSAME
EneoLink

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EneoLink gives hospitals real-time visibility on the equipment they lose every day. Small sensors on wheelchairs, IV pumps, and beds report to battery-powered receivers on the walls (a plug and play system). Every deployment builds a utilization dataset that shows hospitals how much equipment they actually need.

BEN PETLACH
Enlyte

NEXT 36

Enlyte provides real-time technical sales guidance for sales reps. It helps reps answer, diagnose, or safely defer technical questions so more conversations move forward without pulling an engineer into every call.

JAKE ACKERMAN
Wade

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Wade generates short-form video for the businesses that depend on it to grow, from local restaurants to global brands. It learns from millions of top-performing videos to understand what earns attention on social media, then uses that to produce high-performing content in minutes instead of weeks.

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ANKITA SHARMA
Philer AI

NEXT AI

Philer AI is a B2B2C AI service platform that supports homeowners with their legal needs. We help homeowners close properties with a licensed lawyer virtually at a fixed fee while keeping their realtors & mortgage brokers in the loop.

BEN GAHTAN
Triple

NEXT AI

Triple helps fundraisers find and engage potential donors. Our AI platform is trusted by leading universities, hospitals, and charities.

LYLIA DJAIT-PAULIEN
Tyce

NEXT AI

Tyce is an AI-native platform for contractors to win large public infrastructure projects.

VENTURE DAY PRESENTING VENTURES

JOSH MARTOW
Chaser

NEXT FOUNDERS

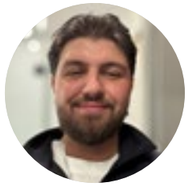
Project management software is too much of a hassle for most teams to use day-to-day. Adoption is often poor, resulting in a failure of its core function: creating accountability.

We are creating **Chaser** to build Project management tools to integrate into your team's existing communication tools (Slack, Teams, Email, etc), so work happens naturally.

ABA ANTON
MyRocky

NEXT FOUNDERS

MyRocky is a vertically integrated AI tele-health platform delivering seamless, affordable, end-to-end care across Canada, and now the US, through our proprietary AI and tech stack.



REZA AHMADI
Panda Hub

NEXT FOUNDERS

Panda Hub is a two sided marketplace connecting car owners with locally vetted service providers.

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AWARDS 2026

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.

FERNANDO YANEZ

Engrama

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WINNICENT ZUO

Acephalt Inc.

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LAUREN NUNZIATA

Tiny Laundry

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JOSH MARTOW
Chaser
NEXT FOUNDERS, 2026

MICHAEL WANG
PurelyBiome
NEXT AI, 2026

SABRINA DAMMHOLZ
LUCIHAUS
NEXT AI, 2026

THE SATCHU AWARD

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

AMMARA FAIYAZ
BIOTEQ Smartwear
NEXT 36, 2026

DANIEL MOSS
Padder
NEXT FOUNDERS, 2026

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.

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.

SALIM KANDEDI

Corvita Biomedical Inc.

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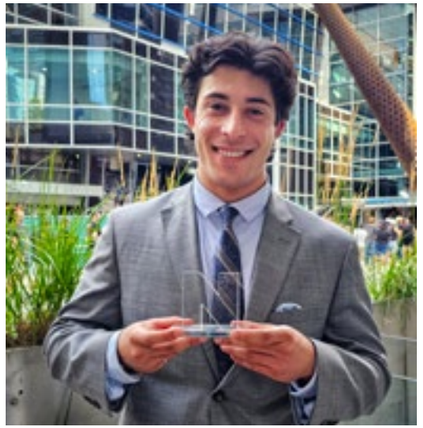
THE HEPBURN VALEDICTORIAN

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



NATHAN RUBERTO

Reflux

NEXT 36, 2026

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.

JAKE ACKERMAN

Wade

NEXT 36, 2026

HATCH NEXT AI TOP ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

HATCH

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.

MOHAN GULATI

Thinkrr.ai

NEXT AI, 2026

HATCH NEXT AI TOP VENTURE AWARD

HATCH

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.

BEN GAHTAN

Triple

NEXT AI, 2026

NEXT FOUNDERS TOP VENTURE AWARD

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

LUKE BEGLEY

CircuitIQ

NEXT FOUNDERS, 2026

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.

DANIEL MOSS

Padder

NEXT FOUNDERS, 2026

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.

CATALINA VASQUEZ

Nanostics

NEXT FOUNDERS, 2026

GEOFFREY TABER ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

OSLER
Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

This award recognizes the outstanding NEXT Canada alumnus' 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.

MORGAN WYATT

Fundspoke

NEXT Founders, 2015

TIM & FRANCES PRICE ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT AWARD

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

STEVEN WELLMAN

Fundspoke

NEXT 36, 2013

VALEDICTORIAN 2026

PENG A, *CEO*
TaskNow
NEXT AI Montréal, 2026

INNOVATION AWARD
Sponsored by the Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie (MEIE)

ALUMNI PRIZE
Sponsored by Kuma

OnGuardAI
Richard Gotlieb, *CEO* &
Zennet Wheatcroft, *CTO*
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ALUMNI PRIZE
Sponsored by Ready Plan Go (RPG)

SCIWIRE
Hannah Fronenberg, *CEO* &
Regan Ross, *CTO*
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COMMUNITY PARTNER PRIZE
Sponsored by AWS Startups and HubSpot

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INTRODUCTION TO NEXT 36

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.

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ABOUT

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THE NANJI INNOVATORS

KEY FACTS

- US$100K ARR in 3 months
- Self-built financial AI (Top 10 Globally on Benchmark)
- Raising US$2M pre-seed

SUPPORT US

We're raising a $2M pre-seed to hit $1M revenue by Q1 2027. If you invest in B2B AI/fintech or know PE investors drowning in manual diligence, we'd love an intro. Early adopters welcome: ask us at noon, it's shipped by dinner.

FOUNDER

WINNICENT ZUO

MENTORED BY

Darian Zigante and Will Ma

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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AIKO TRANSLATIONS

ABOUT

Aiko Translations provides AI-powered translation solutions purpose-built for healthcare care environements. Our dedicated translation devices and software enable real-time conversations in over 120 languages, helping staff overcome language barriers while improving resident experience, quality of care, and regulatory compliance. Aiko also supports hospitals, clinics, retirement homes, and other healthcare organizations.

KEY FACTS

- Translation with care context. Speech models made for diverse speech patterns and age impacted speech. Hardware designed with frontline staff to fit into care workflows.

SUPPORT US

Seeking healthcare organization leaders and industry partners looking to explore language translation solutions.

FOUNDER

CATHERINE XION

MENTORED BY

Ali Asaria and Richard Zuroff

INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Healthcare

STAGE

Validation

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ANCHOR

ABOUT

Anchor keeps mid-career engineers from falling behind on AI through small-sized cohorts with live sessions, applied projects relevant to their own job, and peer support.

KEY FACTS

- AI learning cohorts for mid-career engineers
- 10 paying customers, $1K MRR, under 3 months
- 90% re-enrollment, five paid pilots

SUPPORT US

We are looking for an introduction to employers willing to run AI up skilling program in their company.

FOUNDER

MOBINA MOBARAKI

MENTORED BY

Amar Varma and Michelle McBane

INDUSTRY

AI

STAGE

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LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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AUCTIONGOOSE

ABOUT

AuctionGoose is a marketplace that helps retailers clear hard-to-sell inventory through falling-price auctions. We give businesses a discreet channel to recover revenue from products that might otherwise go unsold, while giving shoppers access to deeply discounted products.

KEY FACTS

- Sellers tell us they avoid deep discounts on their own sites for fear of eroding brand value, so they liquidate to agencies that pay as little as 5-15% of retail.
- We run falling-price auctions: the price drops over time and the first buyer to commit wins, letting the market set the true clearing price.
- Built a Shopify-native Dutch auction mechanism that is live and has closed real purchases.

SUPPORT US

Looking for connections to sellers of time-sensitive inventory, anything that loses value on a deadline, like near-expiry goods, seasonal stock, or unsold event seats. Preferably sellers who set their own prices.

FOUNDER

GRACE NEVILLE

MENTORED BY

Tom Lowden

INDUSTRY

Marketplace

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

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CONTACT

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BASELINE NUTRITION

Baseline.

ABOUT

Baseline Nutrition is a longevity health food provider operating direct-to-consumer in the greater Toronto area. We deliver one frozen all-in-one meal replacement in monthly batches to consumers.

KEY FACTS

- Premium frozen whole-food "smoothie", 34 ingredients convering ~90% of an individuals daily nutrition.
- Revenue-generating, boot-strapped DTC brand with active repeat customers in GTA.
- This is the highest leverage thing a person can do for their longevity.

SUPPORT US

Introductions to nutritionists, or individuals who take a serious approach to their di-eting, health, and longevity.

FOUNDER

DILLAN WALKER

MENTORED BY

Elena Sahakyan and Colin Harding

INDUSTRY

Food & Beverage

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

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BIOTEQ SMARTWEAR

ABOUT

BIOTEQ builds muscle in-telligence into compression gymwear. Our physical AI reads muscle activation in real time and tells you whether you're working the muscle you think you're working, and when you've crossed your own fatigue threshold, personalized to your baseline. Train to your max without training into an injury.

THE SATCHU AWARD

KEY FACTS

- MVP in manufacturing, specs complete, buyers waiting
- $150 garment, $50/month muscle intelligence software
- Founder: biomedical engineer, neurotechnology specialist, 6x neuroscien-tist, TEDx speaker, Toronto Fashion Week designer

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Looking for warm intros to sports and performance apparel companies, Nike, Adidas, Lululemon, Under Armour, and their innovation or product teams. If you're a seasoned entrepreneur or passionate advisor (investor/directors), reach out, I'd love to learn from you. Angel investors welcome.

FOUNDER

AMMARA FAIYAZ

MENTORED BY

George Panopoulos and Filip Stoj

INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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BUNDLEBY

ABOUT

Bundleby is a local discovery marketplace that helps people find and book ready-made experiences by pairing nearby businesses together. Instead of forcing customers to plan every part of a day or night out themselves, Bundleby curates simple two-business bundles, like coffee and pottery, Pilates and smoothies, dinner and drinks, or beauty and dessert, so users can instantly discover local spots and enjoy a planned experience.

KEY FACTS

- We have 6 pilot businesses signed and a 500 person waitlist ligned up.

SUPPORT US

If you know any restaurants or activity based businesses (pottery, bowling...) that need more customers let us know. Send us an email and we would love to chat.

FOUNDER

FARRUKH SULTANOV

MENTORED BY

Jon Allwood

INDUSTRY

Marketplace

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

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CONTACT

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CAPSULE

ABOUT

Digital infrastructure for the collectibles market; authenticated grading, permanent provenance on blockchain, and a marketplace where trust drives value.

KEY FACTS

- We sell premium cardholders that creates financial infrastructure & market efficiency in the trading cards market (a $54b decentralized asset)
- Startup started during Next Canada, And completed early fundraise round ($100k)
- CMO has exited startup for $65m

SUPPORT US

Introductions to investors interested in Collectibles, marketplaces, and blockchain. For seed raise in January 2026.

FOUNDER

ADAM CHU

MENTORED BY

Filip Stoj

INDUSTRY

Retail Consumer

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

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CORVITA BIOMEDICAL INC.

ABOUT

Combatting newborn mortality by automating NICU care using Physical-AI

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

NEXT 36 OUTSTANDING ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

KEY FACTS

- We are mission driven (the founder is a premature baby survivor)
- We own our full machine learning stack and devices (patents)
- We pioneered neuro-symbolic newborn diagnostics algorithms on edge.

SUPPORT US

NEXT Canada was instrumental to the growth of Corvita from all the lecture, ecosystem support and exposure they gave us. Thanks a lot!

FOUNDER

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CRAFTXR

ABOUT

We help allied health programs build capacity through simulation training to graduate workforce-ready students. We focus on easy adaptation to changing curriculum needs and development of communication, critical thinking, and decision-making skills – existing skill gaps for workforce readiness.

KEY FACTS

- We are helping build next generation critical thinkers and decision makersof healthcare
- Till date, 1 fully paid contract signed; 4 LOIs verbally committed
- 100% of faculty testers rated scenario-building easy

SUPPORT US

As we reimagine how our health education system prepares next-generation healthcare professionals, I would welcome warm introductions to health education leaders: Deans, academic chairs, and simulation experts at Canadian polytechnics and colleges.

I'd also welcome intros to investors with genuine healthcare-education networks, we're looking for capital that arrives with creating value for our customers.

FOUNDER

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CUTTLEFISH

ABOUT

Cuttlefish is an AI coworker for institutional sales teams at broker-dealers. We connect fragmented client signals across trading activity, research engagement, conversations, and CRM data to identify timely revenue opportunities and help salespeople take action.

KEY FACTS

- Launching 3 pilots by end of month
- Raising pre-seed in the fall
- Clients are broker-dealers

SUPPORT US

- Looking for intros to pre-seed investors
- Looking for intros to more clients (broker-dealer professionals) to expand our growing pipeline

FOUNDER

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BEATRICE BENECIA SETIAWAN

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Financial Services

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DONNA

ABOUT

Imagine working 80 hours this week, getting paid for half, and waiting 3 months for the check, that's normal for lawyers. **Donna** watches lawyers work and bills their clients for them, recovering $100k+ per lawyer per year.

KEY FACTS

- Attorneys use Donna 6-14 hours per day and recover ~$50K/year in previously lost billable time.
- We're live with paying firms across the US and Canada.
- Founding team: Saumya scaled Fig, a personal lending platform, from $0 to $30M ARR as Director of Product. Shivam built a partnership channel at NorthOne, a mobile-first bank, that drove $250K ARR at 60% lower CAC than paid marketing. I'm a published AI researcher and repeat founder.

SUPPORT US

If you know a lawyer who hates docketing and the billing process, we'd love to meet them!

FOUNDER

JAKOB SOL STROZBERG

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Legal Tech

STAGE

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ENEOLINK

ABOUT

EneoLink gives hospitals real-time visibility on the equipment they lose every day. Small sensors on wheelchairs, IV pumps, and beds report to battery-powered receivers on the walls (a plug and play system). Every deployment builds a utilization dataset that shows hospitals how much equipment they actually need.

KEY FACTS

- Real-time equipment tracking for hospitals
- Tracking is the wedge and utilization intelligence is the company

SUPPORT US

We're looking for introductions to hospitals and any facility that loses equipment, one introduction is all it takes. We're also raising $500K for rollour and would welcome conversations with investors interested in healthcare infrastructure.

FOUNDER

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ENGRAMA

ABOUT

Where past generations of enterprise software built systems of record to answer "what information do we have?", Engrama is the system of reality: it answers "what is true right now?"

Every certificate, contract, and report your company currently holds is a snapshot: a copy of reality that started going stale the moment it was created. Engrama replaces those snapshots with living, continuously shared truth. Every certification, insurance policy, quality process, and contractual commitment exists as a continuously updated record that all parties share, verify, and reason over, with our intelligence layer keeping those records complete, current, and in agreement. Nothing is emailed, nothing is uploaded, nothing expires unnoticed.

KEY FACTS

- Launched June 15; 4 design partners; 2 PoC coming up
- Based on my family business's B2B SaaS currently serving 10 food manufacturers in LatAm; starting the migration process this quarter
- Beachhead: 13,000 food manufacturers in North America under FSMA's 2028 deadline

SUPPORT US

Two asks. First: an introduction to a quality or operations leader at a mid-market manufacturer (100–2,000 employees); Second: if you've built or sold into the regulated US mid-market, I'd genuinely value 30 minutes of your time: I'm a solo founder in Toronto selling into that market, and that experience is the one thing I can't manufacture on my own.

FOUNDER

FERNANDO YANEZ

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Jennifer Arnold and Daniel Mulet

THE NANJI INNOVATORS

INDUSTRY

SaaS

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

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ENLYTE

ABOUT

Enlyte provides real-time technical sales guidance for sales reps. It helps reps answer, diagnose, or safely defer technical questions so more conversations move forward without pulling an engineer into every call.

KEY FACTS

- Working proof of concept
- Active design partner
- 20+ customer conversations in two weeks

SUPPORT US

We're looking for introductions to sales leaders at North American electrical and industrial companies with 4-20 sales reps selling complex products to technical buyers.

FOUNDER

BEN PETLACH

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Ben Yoskovitz

INDUSTRY

SaaS

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FARMBRAIN AI

ABOUT

Messy, unstructured knowledge in dynamic environments are a thing of the past. **FarmBrain AI** is introducing structured tacit knowledge where we provide farmers with an AI knowledge platform that supports knowledge capture and transfer to the next generation of farmers.

KEY FACTS

- Reduced onboarding errors by 90% compared to competitors.
- Stanley learned how to farm for the very first time using only FarmBrain AI

SUPPORT US

We'd love to chat with you if your industry experiences friction around knowledge transfer and succession. Let's join forces to turn anyone into an expert operator!

FOUNDER

STANLEY LO

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INDUSTRY

Data Management

STAGE

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INQUANTIS

Inquantis

ABOUT

Inquantis builds AI survey analysis tools for market research and due-diligence teams. We help researchers and investors turn raw qualitative and quantitative data into client-ready slides with clear, defensible insights.

KEY FACTS

- Survey analytics for research and diligence teams
- One paid pilot live, several trials ongoing
- Built solo, self-funded, launched 2026

SUPPORT US

The best support: introductions to market research firms and commercial due-diligence teams that still build client decks from survey data by hand. I'll gladly run a live proof of concept on their own data, which is how both current engagements started.

FOUNDER

CHRISTOPHER NG

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INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

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IRL

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Reclaim your Time
Reframe your Life

ABOUT

IRL is a research-backed wellness companion that empowers individuals by understanding their digital patterns. It uses interventions and personalized redirection to restore the balance between technology and life.

KEY FACTS

- iOS app that redirects compulsive phone use toward meaningful real-life activities.
- Turns screen-time impulses into prompts for offline action.

SUPPORT US

I'm building IRL, an iOS app that redirects compulsive phone use toward meaningful real-life activities. At this stage, the support that would help most:

- Intros to early users: people who feel their phone use is out of sync with how they want to spend their time, and would test an early build and give honest feedback.
- Advice from anyone who's built in behavior change, habit, or digital-wellbeing: especially on retention.

FOUNDER

TANIA RIZWAN

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INDUSTRY

Wellness

STAGE

Validation

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LIFETECH CARE

ABOUT

LIFETECH CARE is a digital platform that connects older adults, caregivers, and clinicians with trusted AgeTech solutions. We simplify the search for practical, personalized technologies that support safety, independence, and quality of life at home.

KEY FACTS

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SUPPORT US

FOUNDER

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Medtech

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LIGHTSQUARED

ABOUT

LightSquared is in conversation with University of Toronto to license out IP around liquid windows. The liquid in the windows can alter its composition (either passively or actively) to more efficiently maintain internal temperature in buildings. This means HVAC energy consumption can be significantly reduced. LightSquared is currently undergoing due diligence with the Prof.

KEY FACTS

Multiple other tech such could be available for licensing

- Active shading device (TRL 4)
- Smart greenhouses (have an interested greenhouse developer)

SUPPORT US

I would like intros to decision makers in the building industry (architects, project developers, etc.) and greenhouse developers.

FOUNDER

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INDUSTRY

Cleantech

STAGE

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MAISIE HEALTH

ABOUT

Maisie Health is a period health navigation platform for teenage girls that identifies symptom patterns associated with period-related health conditions like PMOS and endometriosis, then routes them to the right clinician. Our goal is to give every girl the clarity and support she deserves from her very first period, reducing a 4-10 year diagnostic gap into weeks.

KEY FACTS

- 75 users within 2 weeks of launch, with 89% using our app daily
- Partnerships built with Femtech Canada and Mount Sinai Hospital
- Active discussions with 2 secondary schools in Toronto for pilots in the Fall

SUPPORT US

Maisie Health is currently looking for introductions to secondary schools and clinics to pilot our platform, and for clinical advisory commitments to help continue developing our product. We also welcome any introductions to healthtech/femtech mentors and resources. Thank you!

FOUNDER

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MOLINTEL CORP.

ABOUT

Molintel Corp. develops AI-powered software that predicts electrolyte performance for battery developers before laboratory testing. By narrowing the design space for candidate electrolyte formulations, the platform reduces experimental iterations, accelerates materials discovery, and lowers development time and cost. Its locally deployed AI enables secure analysis of proprietary data while ensuring customers retain full control of their intellectual property.

KEY FACTS

- We combine laboratory expertise with AI and software development to deliver locally deployable solutions that protect data privacy and intellectual property.

SUPPORT US

We are seeking warm introductions to battery startups and researchers that could benefit from tailored, domain-specific AI solutions to accelerate their technology development.

FOUNDER

AGNES KATAI

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Advanced Materials

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

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MIDDLE RING

ABOUT

Middle Ring gives every neighbourhood a community organizer. We do this by building infrastructure that consists of networks of human champions and give them an AI assistant that works inside iMessage and Whatsapp. This assistant will help the champion handle the small but constant work of organizing, following up, and remembering people so community groups keep meeting long after the excitement of starting them fades. We are able to monetize these trust networks by helping organizations connect with customers through trusted recommendations rather than by selling our users' attention.

KEY FACTS

- Launched in one neighbourhood with 40 active participants. Recruited 5 more champions in neighbourhoods across Toronto, preparing to launch.

SUPPORT US

We are currently searching for our next cohort of neighbourhood champions to build their local communities.

If you want to feel more connected to the place where you live and get to know the people who live next door but don't feel like you have the time or know where to start, please reach out so that we can build your neighbourhood together!

FOUNDER

ADITI PUNDIT

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Social Impact

STAGE

Discovery

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NERA SWIMWEAR

ABOUT

NERA Swimwear is redefining fit, function, and confidence for women aged 16–34. With bra-based sizing, tie-back bands, adjustable straps, and bottoms tailored with multiple coverage options, NERA solves the long-standing disconnect between style and true support. Designed for modern women and built to scale globally, NERA delivers precision fit and elevated design to make better swimwear accessible, starting in Canada and expanding worldwide.

KEY FACTS

- Market: $4.01B TAM (14–34 female swim purchasers), $1.1B SAM, $45M target market, 6%+ CAGR.
- Team: Two women founders who lived the problem – retail buying experience (Aritzia) plus 2x founder with P&G market research/sales background.
- Traction: 70-person waitlist in one month, pre-orders launching this week, fully bootstrapped to date.

SUPPORT US

- Introductions to influencer marketing agencies or swimwear/fashion influencers in the 14–34 demographic
- Spread the word : follow @neraswimwear, or tell a woman in your life about us
- Connections to angel investors who back early consumer brands who target underserved groups

FOUNDER

MIRANDA BADOVINAC

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Retail Consumer

STAGE

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NEUMENA

ABOUT

Neumena is a discreet, all-day brain wearable – a comfortable EEG that hides in your hair and continuously reads your mental states. Paired with personalized AI, it helps you understand your brain health and take control of your own focus, calm, and energy.

KEY FACTS

- First socially-acceptable, full-coverage brain wearable
- Building the richest naturalistic dataset for brain foundation models
- Already built hardware MVP

SUPPORT US

We're looking for early design partners to validate our hardware: epilepsy monitoring units, neuromodulation clinics, CROs, and academic or hospital EEG labs – anyone running EEG at volume. We have LOIs with a CAMH/UofT lab and a neuromodulation clinic, and capacity for two or three more. Intros to anyone in these settings would be hugely appreciated.

FOUNDER

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NOVEN

ABOUT

Noven is an AI-powered governance research platform that helps institutional investors evaluate portfolio companies independently. It analyzes corporate disclosure documents against governance frameworks and AI regulations, producing defensible research output in minutes.

KEY FACTS

- Built a working prototype that analyzes corporate disclosure documents against EU AI Act and OSFI E-23 governance frameworks, validated through 60+ conversations with institutional investors and governance professionals.
- JPMorgan and Wells Fargo have both moved away from the incumbent proxy advisors.
- AI governance is the defining theme of the 2027 proxy season with no structured research framework currently available to evaluate it.

SUPPORT US

Looking for introductions to stewardship professionals or responsible investment leads at Canadian institutional investors, and connections to pre-seed investors backing governance technology or regulated market disruption.

FOUNDE

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SaaS

STAGE

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OPERON LABS

ABOUT

Operon Labs connects bio-founders who need wet lab access with research institutions, universities, and private labs that have underutilized bench space – the Airbnb for life sciences infrastructure. By unlocking idle lab capacity across Toronto and beyond, we eliminate the single biggest barrier stopping pre-company founders from getting their first experiment done.

KEY FACTS

- AI operating system for life science R&D that connects fragmented experiments, datasets, protocols, and institutional knowledge.
- AI agents that understand and reason across research, helping scientists learn from past work and plan experiments faster.
- Goal: accelerate discovery, preserve institutional knowledge, and move ideas from concept to prototype faster.A

SUPPORT US

We'd love to connect with biotech founders, researchers, operators, and ecosystem partners who can help us better understand R&D workflows, share industry perspectives, and explore potential collaborations. Come find us – we'd love to meet you!

FOUNDER

SANTIAGO PLATA SALAZAR

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INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Healthcare

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

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RAYZOR ROBOTICS

ABOUT

Rayzor is building autonomous multi-robot systems for ice rinks, starting with a fleet of six compact robots that replace the ice resurfacer (Zamboni) used at nearly every rink today. Using LiDAR and coordinated path planning, our robots cut resurfacing time from 15 minutes to 5, unlocking additional sellable ice time and reducing rinks' exposure to breakdowns and driver shortages. Ice resurfacing is our entry point into a broader autonomous facility-operations platform.

KEY FACTS

- $480K–$1M additional annual revenue for rinks from reclaimed ice time
- Subscription model, fully autonomous, no driver required
- 6-robot fleet to resurface ice in 5 min.

SUPPORT US

We're opening our pre-seed round in the coming months. If you know robotics or hard-tech investors who back category-defining autonomous systems, we'd welcome the introduction.

FOUNDER

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Robotics

STAGE

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REFLUX

ABOUT

Reflux lets process and R&D engineers build, edit, and run their simulation flowsheets in plain language. It is simulator agnostic, so one instruction can drive several tools at once: process simulation, lifecycle analysis, and hazard review in a single workflow. An intelligent co-pilot for the industries under the chemical engineering umbrella: oil & gas, nuclear, mining, metallurgy.

THE HEPBURN VALEDICTORIAN

KEY FACTS

- 300+ customer discovery conversations
- One prompt orchestrates five separate engineering softwares
- $2.5B SAM running on 40-year-old software

SUPPORT US

Looking for our first design partners: firms whose engineers use process simulation software daily. The right person is whoever owns engineering throughput, usually a VP of Engineering, COO, or Chief Innovation Officer. Smaller firms are ideal, since one person can say yes. Also keen to meet anyone senior at a process simulation software vendor, and pre-seed investors in deep tech or industrial software.

FOUNDER

NATHAN RUBERTO

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Mining, Oil & Gas

STAGE

Discovery

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ROOT

ABOUT

ROOT is an AI-powered health companion for mothers that helps make sustainable health behaviour change possible within the realities of everyday life. Using behavioural science and adaptive AI, ROOT provides personalized, actionable support that helps mothers prioritize their health, follow through on small changes, and build lasting habits, advancing preventive health for mothers and creating a ripple effect toward healthier families.

KEY FACTS

- AI-powered preventive health companion for mothers
- 90+ discovery conversations
- Personalized behaviour change for healthier families

SUPPORT US

We're looking for introductions to advisors and experts in AI, behaviour change, preventive health, and women's health, as well as connections to communities of mothers who could participate in our pilot. If you know someone who could help us build, validate, or expand ROOT, we'd love to connect.

FOUNDER

PAIGE McFARLAND

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Digital Health & Wellness

STAGE

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SKILLFULLY

ABOUT

Monetization & Analytics for Agent Skills

KEY FACTS

- First paid expert skill live: Rob Snyder's sales playbook
- Revenue up 152% in the last two weeks
- 12 paying customers from the closed beta

SUPPORT US

Intro me to any expert with an audience and a repeatable method (a mentor, operator, or past NEXT speaker who already runs a course, newsletter, or advisory) who'd want to turn it into a paid AI product.

If you're a B2B founder struggling to close deals (or know one), try Rob's skill and tell me the one task you'd pay an expert's AI to handle. That tells me which expert to bring on next.

FOUNDER

EREN SUNER

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AI

STAGE

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WADE

ABOUT

Wade generates short-form video for the businesses that depend on it to grow, from local restaurants to global brands. It learns from millions of top-performing videos to understand what earns attention on social media, then uses that to produce high-performing content in minutes instead of weeks.

NEXT 36 OUTSTANDING VENTURE AWARD

KEY FACTS

- Launched one month ago: 3 paying customers including Higgsfield, a billion-dollar AI company
- Drove 600,000+ views for our first customer
- Solo founder, 23M+ TikTok views built personally

SUPPORT US

Looking for intros to consumer app founders/ growth teams

FOUNDER

JAKE ACKERMAN

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Marketing

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YOUWO

ABOUT

YouWo is a self learning agent that automates business workflow using company context for traditional business. We work with manufacturings, finances and consulting companies to connect to their system of records to automate production workflows that doesn't break overtime.

KEY FACTS

- Sota Memory Benchmark, better than mem0
- We are working with a 100M ARR manufacturing firm to become their company brain to automate workflows within them

SUPPORT US

Intros to companies that are looking for AI adoptions

Connections to Investors with matching thesis, looking to raise venture capital soon.

FOUNDER

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INTRODUCTION TO NEXT AI

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.

AUGMENTIFAI

ABOUT

Augmentifai is building the end-to-end reliability platform for Physical AI – the equivalent of Datadog or Sentry for robots. Its flagship product, Synapse Debugger, automates root-cause analysis of robot, drone, and autonomous-vehicle failures across the hardware, software, firmware, and environment layers, turning a debugging process that takes engineers days into one that takes hours. Founded by Selcuk Cavdar and Saimir Baci – who led AI and perception teams at Volvo, GM, and Avidbots – the company is defining the Autonomous Systems Reliability & Observability (ASRO) category so the robotics industry can scale without scaling its debugging teams.

KEY FACTS

- Datadog/Sentry for robots – automated root-cause analysis for Physical AI failures across hardware, software, and environment.
- Flagship Synapse Debugger live in beta; founded by ex-Volvo/GM/Avidbots AI leaders.

SUPPORT US

We are looking to raise our first fund and appreciate the following:

- Capital: intros to pre-seed investors backing Physical AI, robotics, or AI-infrastructure.
- Design partners: warm intros to robotics fleet operators – logistics AMRs, manufacturing cobots, drones, or AVs.
- Talent & expertise: connections to senior robotics/perception engineers, and advisors who've scaled deployed autonomous fleets.

FOUNDER(S)

SAIMIR BACI

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CARDEA HEALTH INC.

ABOUT

Cardea Health uses Agentic AI to transform structured and unstructured EMR data into real-time insights for clinical research, operating across Canada and the United States. Its platform supports Phase II–III trials and extends into Phase IV and Real-World Evidence (RWE), enabling continuous patient identification and outcomes analysis across routine care.

KEY FACTS

- AI-powered outpatient clinical research platform
- 250K+ patients, 100+ clinical trials
- Transforming EMR data into real-world evidence

SUPPORT US

Introduction to Health tech Angel and Pre-Seed and Seed investors

FOUNDER(S)

NAVEED AHMAD

SRI GOWRISHANKAR

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Life Sciences & Advanced Health

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Mississauga, ON

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CEANA

ABOUT

Discovery Infrastructure for Search

KEY FACTS

- Trusted by YC and NEXT startups

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If you're a startup and looking to scale you inbounds – reach out at founders@ceana.ai and we would love to chat!

FOUNDER(S)

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GEOSIMPLE

ABOUT

Geosimple is an AI-powered real estate intelligence platform that transforms how professionals find, analyze, and act on property data. Using agentic AI and proprietary data pipelines, we deliver instant market insights across residential rental, commercial, and development sectors.

KEY FACTS

- Real Estate AI Technology for Real Estate Stakeholder Due Diligence

SUPPORT US

Looking for Real Estate Developers or Asset Managers

FOUNDER(S)

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LAWVO

ABOUT

Make legal support accessible to everyone. **LawVo** combines lawyer-built AI answers, 24/7 access to legal experts, and essential legal tools, all in one platform.

KEY FACTS

- Lawyer-built AI turns legal complexity into instant clarity.
- On-demand legal experts, available 24/7.
- One platform built for confident growth.

SUPPORT US

We're looking for introductions to individuals, organizations, strategic partners, legal innovators, and investors who share our vision of making legal support accessible to everyone. If you can help us pilot, partner, or scale, we'd love to connect.

FOUNDER(S)

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LENA VARTANIAN

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INDUSTRY

Legal Tech

STAGE

Scale

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LIGHTGRID ENERGY

ABOUT

Lightgrid is building an AI control platform that makes data centers grid-friendly, by coordinating AI workloads with renewables, batteries, and real-time grid conditions to cut data center electricity costs by 5% and relieve stress on the power system.

KEY FACTS

- Our software cuts data center peak power draw 25%, energy costs 5%+, and carbon 10%, while making grid systems more stable.
- Signed a $100K six-month paid pilot with an Ontario data center operator.
- We're actively Deploying into university labs to validate our results independently.

SUPPORT US

We're looking for three things: intros to data center operators open to a low-risk pilot, conversations with anyone who has run a facility floor, and investors with real energy or grid infrastructure experience. Find me after, or ping me at mujtaba@lightgrid.energy

FOUNDER

MUJTABA MURAD KHAN

MENTORED BY

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INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (includes AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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LUCID MODEL

ABOUT

Every PE firm has the same AI: a smart intern on its first day. **Lucid Model** structures what your firm knows: past deals, decisions, why you made them, and every new deal that comes in. So Claude or ChatGPT works like a senior associate, and your edge compounds with every deal

KEY FACTS

- Founders: ex-Scotiabank IB and mid-market PE investor; Harvard CS engineer (Intuit Knowledge Engine, Google Cloud Security Command Center)

SUPPORT US

We're looking for intros to deal teams at mid-market PE firms who want early access as design partners. We ship working prototypes in days, so partners shape the product and see value within weeks, not quarters.

FOUNDER(S)

HOSSEIN BAKHTIARI

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INDUSTRY

AI

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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LUCIHAUS

ABOUT

Give **LUCIHAUS** an address and an objective – a home for my parents, maximum rental income, four homes without selling the property – and it reads the rules, understands the parcel, draws what fits, and calculates whether it makes economic sense. What took weeks of calls and thousands in professional fees is answered in minutes. Neighbourhoods were once built by citizens. Our job is to make that possible again.

THE NANJI INNOVATORS

KEY FACTS

- What owners think they can build is "on a different planet" from what they can; they don't know who to ask, or how to assemble the answer.
- 42% of BC owners with eligible lots say they'd add a unit if the process were simpler and cheaper.

SUPPORT US

Intros to landlords holding single-family rental lots in Toronto or Vancouver

FOUNDER

SABRINA DAMMHOLZ

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INDUSTRY

Proptech

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

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OXLEY AI

ABOUT

Oxley is building the ecosystem for women's intimacy, starting with a private space where women explore intimacy through fantasy on her terms. Through original stories, characters, immersive experiences, and community, we create a world where women feel pursued, pampered, seen, chosen, and understood, alongside women on the same journey.

KEY FACTS

- iOS app live on the App Store
- Building the ecosystem for women's intimacy
- Community-first product discovery and validation

SUPPORT US

We're building the ecosystem for women's intimacy, and we're looking for the people who want to help shape it. Seeking introductions to BookTok creators, women's communities, strategic partners, media, investors, and romance authors.

FOUNDER(S)

CAITLIN KNIGHT

NATALIE PAUL

MENTORED BY

Shonezi Noor-Kenney

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (includes AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

PHILER AI

ABOUT

Philer AI is a B2B2C AI service platform that supports homeowners with their legal needs. We help homeowners close properties with a licensed lawyer virtually at a fixed fee while keeping their realtors & mortgage brokers in the loop.

KEY FACTS

- B2B Distribution through 200+ Realtors & mortgage brokers as channel partners.
- Approved by Law Society of Ontario & Alberta under Innovation Sandbox to deliver legal services using AI.
- 370+ Homeowners served. 4.9 Star Google Rating.

SUPPORT US

Warm Intros with Investors, Strategic Partners (Lenders, Insurance, Fintech)

FOUNDER

ANKITA SHARMA

MENTORED BY

Danielle Graham

INDUSTRY

Legal Tech

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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PRANA LABS INC.

ABOUT

Our venture is building an AI-driven breathwork and physiological regulation platform that uses wearable data to deliver real-time, adaptive guidance. By translating raw biosignals into actionable interventions, we help individuals and organizations improve sleep, mental health, focus, and long-term health outcomes. The platform is designed to scale across consumer wellness, therapeutic support, and enterprise applications.

KEY FACTS

- Patent-pending AI-powered breathwork app that adapts sessions in real time using wearable biometrics (HRV, heart rate) from Apple Watch and Wear OS
- 70,000+ downloads, 360+ paying subscribers, ~$72K CAD ARR across 15+ countries
- $350K raised to date, raising $1.2M CAD pre-seed at $8.5M post-money

SUPPORT US

Looking for introductions to corporate wellness buyers (HR/benefits leaders at companies investing in employee mental health), health-tech investors familiar with wearable-driven interventions, and clinical research partners interested in co-publishing on breathwork and HRV outcomes. We're raising $1.2M CAD pre-seed, $350K closed.

FOUNDER(S)

DEEPALI RAITHTHA

DHRUV ADHIA

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INDUSTRY

Medtech

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

New Westminster, BC

CONTACT

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PRESTAR

ABOUT

Prestar helps credit-invisible Canadians access fair credit through financial education, credit building, and interest-free micro-loans. We're building the financial infrastructure that helps working families avoid predatory lending and achieve long-term financial stability.

KEY FACTS

- 1,000+ loans issued with strong credit performance
- 160K-user distribution pipeline
- Strategic partnership with a multinational financial institution

SUPPORT US

We're actively raising our $1M Seed round and would love to connect with investors, financial institutions, and strategic distribution partners who share our vision of expanding access to fair financial services for credit-invisible Canadians.

FOUNDER

THELEEPAN MARCANDU

MENTORED BY

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INDUSTRY

Financial Services

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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PURELYBIOME

PurelyBiome

ABOUT

We're building a microbiome-driven skincare platform that analyzes an individual's facial microbiome to recommend clinically-backed ingredients and routines. By mapping skin bacteria to functional product categories, we replace one-size-fits-all skincare with truly personalized care.

THE NANJI INNOVATORS

KEY FACTS

- At-Home Microbiome Testing: Analyzes skin DNA via simple swabs to uncover root causes of skin concerns.
- Personalized Skincare Solution: Translates biological data into custom formulated products tailored to your unique microbiome.

SUPPORT US

Retail & Brand Partners: Connect with innovative skincare brands and retail groups interested in data-driven personalization and distribution partnerships.
Biotech & Clinical Advisors: Introductions to advisors with expertise in microbiome research, regulatory pathways, and scaling direct-to-consumer health products.
Investors & Growth Strategic Support: Engage with investors who share our vision.

FOUNDER

MICHAEL WANG

MENTORED BY

Arron Lin

INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Healthcare

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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THINKRR.AI

thinkrr.ai

ABOUT

Independent pharmacies lose patients to calls they cannot answer. **Thinkrr** is the conversation layer that answers them: refills, prescription status, and patient questions handled 24/7, resolved directly inside the pharmacy's management system through native PioneerRx and Liberty integrations. Live in 15+ pharmacies, built on infrastructure that has already processed 3.2M+ conversations. HIPAA compliant and SOC 2 Type I certified.

HATCH NEXT AI TOP ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

KEY FACTS

- Thinkrr is the conversation layer for independent pharmacy: every patient call answered, every time
- Live in 15+ pharmacies, integrated directly into PioneerRx and Liberty
- 3.2M+ conversations processed, HIPAA compliant, SOC 2 Type I certified

SUPPORT US

We are raising a seed round on an open SAFE and are looking for connections to healthcare and vertical AI investors. Also, warm introductions to independent pharmacy groups, banner networks, and buying cooperatives across Canada and the US, and to pharmacy management system vendors open to integration partnerships. If you know an independent pharmacy owner drowning in phone calls, please introduce us.

FOUNDER

MOHAN GULATI

MENTORED BY

Lexi Kaplin

INDUSTRY

Medtech

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

White Rock, BC

CONTACT

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TRIPLE

triple

ABOUT

Triple helps fundraisers find and engage potential donors. Our AI platform is trusted by leading universities, hospitals, and charities.

HATCH NEXT AI TOP VENTURE AWARD

KEY FACTS

- Find the best donors for your specific cause.
- See donor capacity, affinity and propensity to give.
- Contact donors via email or mutual connections.

SUPPORT US

Intros to fundraisers at universities, hospitals, or charities.

FOUNDER

BEN GAHTAN

MENTORED BY

Omer Dor

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (includes AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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TYCE

Tyce

ABOUT

Tyce is an AI-native platform for contractors to win large public infrastructure projects.

KEY FACTS

- Live with 5 contractors, 50 users
- Generated > $100K ARR
- USD $1.25M comited to our USD $2M round

SUPPORT US

Investment

FOUNDER(S)

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STAGE

Efficiency

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ADS TO CASH

AdsToCash

ABOUT

AdsToCash runs paid advertising across Meta, Google and more with AI agents that optimize for the advertiser's return, not each platform's metrics. Unlike platform tools, we stay neutral across channels, and we only get paid when we beat the client's baseline

KEY FACTS

- Live today on real accounts with a partner agency
- Built cross-platform from day one, enabling new ad platforms to plug into a shared infrastructure
- Unifies fragmented ad data into a single, owned, actionable dataset per client

SUPPORT US

Looking for a strategic investor with capital and access to advertisers, ideally an agency network, media group or brand portfolio, so we can deploy from day one.

FOUNDER(S)

FAYÇAL HAJJI

ZAKARIA SASSIOUI

INDUSTRY

Retail Consumer

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

AGENQ

ABOUT

AgenQ acts like a GPS for enterprise software. Users simply state their goal, and our AI guides or executes the right workflow inside existing products. Enterprise software remains unnecessarily complex, costing organizations up to $20,000 per user annually in lost productivity. Built for humans today, ready for AI agents tomorrow.

KEY FACTS

- MVP deployed in live enterprise private cloud environment, $50K ARR
- Three active pilots ~$60K ARR opportunity, with top 20/200 qualified pipeline identified
- Three founders: CEO with 15+ years in enterprise product management, COO with 25+ years in enterprise sales, CTO from a leading Toronto AI research lab with experience delivering 50+ AI projects

SUPPORT US

Raising US$750K to onboard 10 B2B enterprise customers and reach $40K MRR in 12 months.

FOUNDER(S)

NICHOLAS CHAN

VARUN MISHRA

VATSAL THAKKAR

INDUSTRY

Data & Knowledge Management

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Outside Canada

AI VIBE

ABOUT

AI Vibe helps companies create more value from the teams, tools, and data they already have. Our platform maps AI opportunities inside existing workflows, prioritizes what to act on, and gives teams playbooks to implement and track measurable impact.

KEY FACTS

- A dozen clients including GardaWorld, with active deployments across fintech, renewable energy and productivity SaaS
- Example of impact: One use case surfaced for a client's support team reclaimed the equivalent of a full FTE
- Built on proprietary research: A study of 1,000+ professionals on how AI adoption actually happens, powering the GenAI Vibe Index and TaskMap methodology

SUPPORT US

We're looking for an AI platform partner, a model lab or cloud provider, to co-sell into the Quebec and Canadian market.

FOUNDER(S)

JEROME PASQUERO

VANESSA DREIFUSS

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

AIVSIA

ABOUT

AIVSIA is sales execution intelligence built for industrial distributors. Integrated natively into their ERP and CRM, it surfaces the untapped products, buyers and margin hidden in existing accounts. Offering sales teams a clear roadmap to growth from the customers they already have.

KEY FACTS

- Paid pilot with the North American arm of a multinational distribution group
- ~$1T MRO market; access to 1,200+ distributors via industry associations
- Emerging category, no vertical incumbent in North America – first to move, built to lead it

SUPPORT US

Introductions to investors for our pre-seed round to accelerate our U.S. expansion and establish us as the dominant player in Sales Execution Intelligence for CRM and ERP.

FOUNDER(S)

MARC-ANTOINE FAVREAU

MAXIMILIAN LEGER

INDUSTRY

Data & Knowledge Management

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

ALOE

ABOUT

Aloe is the frontier AI lab for high-stakes decisions. The AI agent market is blocked by a lack of trust. Aloe trains AI models with justified belief – to understand what they know and don't know, and assess credibility and risk before taking action, enabling reliable autonomous decisions.

COMMUNITY PARTNER PRIZE

KEY FACTS

- Our agent models are state-of-the-art on the HalluHard benchmark: 3x more reliable than Claude Fable 5 and GPT 5.5 at a fraction of the compute
- Raised pre-seed from highly respected founders in Silicon Valley
- Inbound demand from AI-native companies building high-trust applications in science, legal and healthcare

SUPPORT US

Our founding team returned from Silicon Valley to build in Canada. We welcome connections to top multidisciplinary talent.

FOUNDER(S)

ARUN BAHL

JM JOHNSON

INDUSTRY

Data & Knowledge Management

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

British Columbia

ATLIS AI

Atlis

ABOUT

Atlis eliminates the inefficiencies of slow, manual claims operations that cost insurance carriers over $6B annually during disasters. Our AI agents orchestrate the entire claims workflow, reducing cost leakage by approximately 80% and accelerating claims processing by up to 60%.

KEY FACTS

- Growing sales pipeline: executive-level discussions with three of Canada's top seven P&C insurers, plus 30+ insurance adjusters already on our waiting list
- Coast-to-coast coverage: LOIs with Canada's largest housing provider, largest logistics and storage company
- Funding traction: Commitment of $250K from institutional investor – one-third of goal

SUPPORT US

Investor to lead angel/ pre-seed round.

FOUNDER(S)

ANA CUERVO

DAN LAWRENCE

MARK CONN

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Ontario

BUCKY AI

bucky

ABOUT

Bucky is the AI-native development platform that simplifies local bylaws, codes and regulations for real estate developers. We turn property ideas into buildable projects. Our platform gives the building industry a shared, local context memory it has always needed.

KEY FACTS

- Live in 10 major cities with 100+ feasibility reports, supporting $100M+ in developments and 30 weekly active users
- Partnering with AEC leaders, exhibiting at HUD's Innovative Housing Showcase (Sept. 2026), with a pipeline including Now City Labs, Prologis, City of Albany, Stanford, NYU and others
- 50,000+ city-specific data points per city, updated daily with municipal data

SUPPORT US

We're raising a $500K pre-seed to validate our beachhead, secure strategic partnerships, secure our engineering team and scale through 2027.

FOUNDER(S)

MARK SAVIC

MASON MCINTOSH

INDUSTRY

Construction

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

CHRONHR

CHRONHR

ABOUT

Chronhr eliminates the manual data-gathering bottleneck slowing AML and financial crime investigations. Our AI multi-agent platform unifies fragmented sources into a single, ready-to-act case file, cutting investigation time and sharpening every decision.

KEY FACTS

- Developed a functional MVP that covers the end-to-end workflow of a compliance analyst
- Engaged in discussions with industry leaders, including KPMG and PwC, to validate market needs and gather product feedback
- Conducted over 50 interviews with compliance and financial crime analysts to validate pain points, workflows and product requirements

SUPPORT US

We are actively seeking pilot partners in compliance, financial crime to accelerate market adoption and demonstrate the value of Chronhr in real-world operations.

FOUNDER(S)

AZIZ DIOP

YANIS OULD MAHAMMED

INDUSTRY

Financial Services

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

CLASSWISE AI

Classwise AI

ABOUT

Classwise AI is an all-in-one assessment platform that helps schools turn grading into actionable learning support. The platform automates grading across subjects, gives teachers real-time insights into class and student performance, and provides students with instant, personalized feedback and tutoring based on their results.

KEY FACTS

- Evaluated 6,500+ assessments across multiple subjects, saving teachers 500+ hours and generating $41K in revenue and bookings (Jan–Jun 2026)
- Seven active school pilots, a $75K+ qualified 12-month pipeline across schools and districts, plus $17K in non-dilutive funding
- Team combines enterprise product leadership, scalable engineering and applied AI expertise

SUPPORT US

Seeking introductions to K–12 school district superintendents and university provosts across Canada and the U.S. to deploy paid pilots and rapidly grow recurring enterprise revenue.

FOUNDER(S)

ADETOMIWA LEKAN-FADEYI

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SAIKOU CEESAY

INDUSTRY

Education

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Manitoba

CODESIGNAI

ABOUT

CoDesignAI accelerates analogue circuit design by compressing months of manual iterations into hours through AI-assisted optimization.

KEY FACTS

- Customer-validated impact: optimized a commercial analogue circuit in under one week vs. 3.5 months manually during an active pilot
- Strong commercial momentum, with semiconductor providers, chip design houses and OEMs actively exploring pilots
- Patent-backed, simulator-agnostic AI engine deploying on premises and integrating seamlessly into analogue design workflows

SUPPORT US

Seeking introductions to deep-tech investors in semiconductor and EDA as we prepare our pre-seed round toward parasitic-aware analogue design optimization.

FOUNDER(S)

AHMED ABUELNASR

LY BAO PHAN

MOSTAFA AMER

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

DATAPACE

ABOUT

Built for teams shipping agent-generated code into real systems, **Datapace** is the control plane for AI agents operating on production databases. When agents read, write and modify live data, our solution provides the context, performance metrics and safety gateways that prevent database regressions before they reach production.

KEY FACTS

- Established a channel partnership with DBA MSP, extending our reach into enterprise database operations
- Selected for the Vector Institute DaRMoD research program (summer 2026), advancing applied research on safe agent operations
- Three pilots in active discussion with ERP vendors and integrators

SUPPORT US

We are looking for warm introductions to CTOs and engineering leads at tech-forward ERP and MSP companies running production databases, where AI agents are starting to be deployed against live customer data.

FOUNDER(S)

MAXIME DALESSANDRO

NICOLAS FARES

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

DEVOILE.AI

Devoile.ai

ABOUT

You can't protect what you can't see. **Devoile.ai** delivers complete visibility into your external risk posture, mapping your public attack surface exactly how an attacker does. By connecting disparate data points, we expose the hidden blueprints actors use to target your employees and breach accounts, giving you the comprehensive insights required to eliminate your blind spots.

KEY FACTS

- Impersonation is a vulnerability vector that is only increasing in complexity. In 2025, the FTC got more than 1M reports about imposter scams, with reported losses increasing by nearly 20% to $3.5B
- Following great initial traction with a group of paid pilot users, the startup is undergoing M&A

SUPPORT US

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FOUNDER

PHILIPPE MAISONNEUVE

INDUSTRY

Data & Knowledge Management

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Outside Canada

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FLOW BEACON AI

ABOUT

FlowBeacon is the governance layer for workflow automation. Enterprises run hundreds of automations moving sensitive data, payments and decisions with no way to prove they're safe or compliant. Our AI Agents inventory, evaluate and fix them, producing audit-ready evidence in minutes.

KEY FACTS

- Live beta with six design partners across the U.S. and Europe; 78% of 250+ production workflows analyzed failed a security or compliance check
- Invited by a global automation platform (400,000+ organizations) to embed our governance layer into its enterprise product
- Founders bring enterprise governance experience from TD Securities, BMO and global banking

SUPPORT US

Raising a $500K–$750K pre-seed SAFE ($5M cap) to expand cross-platform coverage (n8n/Zapier) and convert our enterprise pipeline.

FOUNDER(S)

JUSTIN JAVOREK

KRISHNA CHAITHANYA BACHALA

INDUSTRY

Data & Knowledge Management

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

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GRASPR AI

ABOUT

Graspr AI is a collaborative, personalized AI learning workspace that helps students turn PDFs, lectures and videos into interactive study tools. The solution's dynamic study environment helps learners study faster and retain more.

KEY FACTS

- Strong user traction: 136,000+ registered users across Graspr AI's learning platform
- Revenue validation: Generated over $230,000 in revenue, proving learner willingness to pay for AI-powered learning tools
- Organic growth: Reached 30M organic impressions, showing strong demand and brand momentum without relying on paid acquisition

SUPPORT US

We are seeking a strategic CMO/growth partner to help us scale Graspr AI to over 1M users by leading our brand, creator partnerships, acquisition strategy and go-to-market execution.

FOUNDER

YANN SAAH

INDUSTRY

Education

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Quebec

GROUPE CARVI

ABOUT

CARVI builds the AI-powered operating layer for machines in complex extreme environments. We connect equipment, operators and field data to improve safety, reduce downtime and make remote operations scalable.

KEY FACTS

- 2026–2027 field pilot with Chantiers Chibougamau, backed by $900K in secured non-dilutive funding, to validate CARVI on several forestry machines
- Core prototype developed to connect machine sensing, operator interface and real-time remote operation workflows
- Ongoing operator feedback helping refine priority use cases, field requirements and deployment strategy

SUPPORT US

We are seeking introductions to OEMs, industrial integrators and operators of mission-critical machines interested in validating remote operations in real-world environments.

FOUNDER(S)

MAXIME VAIDIS

VINCENT ROY

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

IMONLINE TECHNOLOGIES

ABOUT

IMOnline is an agentic AI platform that helps businesses build, optimize and operate multilingual, SEO-ready websites with CMS, CRM, analytics, on-demand services and done-for-you support for complex cases.

KEY FACTS

- Bootstrapped to six-figure revenue with validated demand from SMBs, startups, game studios and consultants; self-serve launch and Asia expansion within three months
- Building a channel GTM with accelerators, ecosystem partners, and payment, content and data platforms
- Built by founders with 30+ years' combined experience across unicorn startups; alumni of Alberta Accelerator by 500 Global and Platform Calgary, and presenters at InnoVEX 2026

SUPPORT US

Raising US$500K and seeking investor and strategic partner introductions to scale product, operations and global distribution.

FOUNDER(S)

HARSHAD ROTITHOR

MANSI BHARGAVA

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Alberta

KAROID

ABOUT

Fleets lose over $50,000 per truck annually to fuel waste and insurance costs. **Karoid** is an AI driving coach using smartphone sensors (no hardware required) to improve safety and efficiency. Fleets cut fuel costs by up to 10% while reducing accident risk.

KEY FACTS

- Signed a pilot generating real-world data, with conversion to a paid deployment based on proven ROI
- Live product deployed with a real fleet – no hardware installation required

SUPPORT US

Raising funding to accelerate customer acquisition, expand pilots and strengthen analytics to prove ROI, convert customers and scale recurring revenue.

FOUNDER(S)

CARL ARAMOUNI

HAMZA KAROUI

INDUSTRY

Data & Knowledge Management

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

KONPANION

ABOUT

Konpanion is building the interface layer for the agentic AI era. We transform AI agents into embodied, human-centred companions through expressive avatars, dedicated devices and an open platform that enables organizations to deploy AI concierges, guides, trainers and assistants in the real world.

KEY FACTS

- Unique real-time protocol and architecture combining edge AI, cloud orchestration, real-time avatars and dedicated hardware
- 10+ pilot deployments and commercial discussions underway across tourism, culture, hospitality and enterprise sectors
- Seed round in progress with strong interest from a wide range of local players, corporate partners and international stakeholders (France and Japan)

SUPPORT US

Introduce us to visionary enterprise partners willing to deploy embodied AI, and to a lead investor to deploy Konpanion at scale.

FOUNDER(S)

DAVID ROUXEL

YANNIK HARPIN

INDUSTRY

Retail Consumer

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

LABGIANT

ABOUT

After onboarding **LabGiant**, one McGill facility saw bookings grow 10x. We're the system research institutions run on: where bookings, protocols and data live, made provable to funders. Our AI matches researchers to the right resource in seconds.

KEY FACTS

- One McGill core facility saw a 5x increase in booked hours and 10x in total bookings after onboarding LabGiant
- 300+ labs and 50+ service platforms across Quebec's major institutions now run on LabGiant
- iSMART (University of Alberta) is our first paying facility outside Quebec, won from an incumbent platform

SUPPORT US

Warm introductions to Vice-Presidents of Research and Core Facility Directors at Canadian universities outside Quebec. One facility champion opens an entire institution. Open the door and we close it.

FOUNDER(S)

ANDREW WU

CHEN LI

JOSHUA XU

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

LUMO

ABOUT

Lumo helps health practitioners turn care plans into daily client support between appointments. Starting with nutrition, Lumo uses each practitioner's rules and each client's real-life context to suggest meals, substitutes, coaching and answers the practitioner can see and control.

KEY FACTS

- Lumo is ready for the market: Built upon scalable agentic infrastructure, tailored to nutrition health professionals and validated through direct conversations with practitioners
- Early pilot traction: Three registered dietitians have verbally confirmed as pilot partners, with more conversations in progress
- Clear path to scale: Targeting 10 signed clinics by the end of 2026, growing to $100K–$200K in monthly recurring revenue by 2028

SUPPORT US

We are looking to secure pre-seed funding with investors who have expertise in health tech.

FOUNDER(S)

ADHAY VRAICH

SIMON ROTZER

USMAN KHAN

INDUSTRY

Wellness

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

MARKETFLUX.IO

ABOUT

Market Flux centralizes financial news headlines and market data into one real-time platform and MCP server. We replace fragmented and noisy workflows with a curated signal that wires directly into AI clients or agents. We are becoming the high-fidelity data layer augmenting conversational finance for active retail investors.

KEY FACTS

- 42 paying customers, $2K MRR and 1,000 weekly active users within eight months; cash-flow positive with 80% organic growth
- 33M+ financial news articles from 500+ trusted sources powering real-time sentiment analysis and 54+ research tools
- MCP server live across eight AI clients, including Claude, Cursor and Windsurf; first to market among direct competitors

SUPPORT US

Seeking introductions to brokerages, fintech platforms, proprietary trading firms and retail investing communities interested in institutional-grade financial news data, licensing or integration.

FOUNDER(S)

JOSEPH FALVO

MICHAEL PUCCI

ZACHARY BARILLARO

INDUSTRY

Financial Services

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

MASTER ED

Master Ed

ABOUT

Master Ed is voice AI for sales readiness. We turn how your best reps sell into realistic practice, so leaders know every rep is ready before the high-stakes conversation that drives revenue.

KEY FACTS

- Paid pilot live with Zomato, India's largest food delivery and dining platform, training new hires and key account managers for conversations across the funnel
- A Fortune 500 payments company is taking Master Ed through vendor onboarding
- Our approach has already delivered 1,500+ voice AI training sessions, with measurable performance gains

SUPPORT US

Introductions to sales leaders ramping a new team, launching a product or entering a new market who need their team ready fast and have the budget to get started.

FOUNDER

MAHTAB SOIN

INDUSTRY

Education

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

MENTOR AI NOTAIRE

ABOUT

Losing one senior partner forces a Quebec notary to turn away 10 cases a month, which adds up to $240,000/year in lost revenue. **Mentor AI Notaire** is the virtual senior colleague that delivers expert work from the first file, so practices can grow without depending on hiring.

KEY FACTS

- 10 Quebec notaries signed as paid pilots (seven active), with 50+ live demos completed
- ~4,000 Quebec notaries process ~100,000 annual transactions; expandable to 30,000+ notaries across civil-law markets, with France ~20× Quebec's market
- Founding team: practising Quebec notary (22 years) and Google Developer Expert in Cloud & AI
- Privacy-compliant by design, with strategic partnerships under discussion, including a leading provincial player

SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors for our $1M funding round to expand into business and family law while converting paid pilots into recurring revenue.

FOUNDER(S)

BORIS-WILFRIED NYASSE

STÉPHANIE GEMMAR

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

MIDDLE GROUND

MIDDLE GROUND

ABOUT

Advancing big ideas like major capital projects depends on consultation, but that work is slowed by manual data entry and outdated tools. **Middle Ground** uses AI to improve stakeholder relationships, reduce risk and accelerate project approvals.

KEY FACTS

- Three paid pilots are underway with a BC regulatory agency and two mining companies, representing $200K in contracted revenue
- Large, underserved North American market exceeding $2B, with software adoption below 5% and no established AI-native leader
- Government-backed innovation funding supports one mining pilot, while five observer organizations provide validation and future adoption pathways

SUPPORT US

Seeking a lead investor with vertical AI expertise to support our pre-seed raise and potentially lead our seed round later this year.

FOUNDER(S)

JULIAN WHIKE

TONY THOMSON

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

British Columbia

MINDKIT

Mindkit

ABOUT

MindKit is a clinical platform that enables personalized mental health support between therapy sessions. Using a no-code builder and AI-assisted adaptation, it helps clinicians create tailored micro-interventions, turning weekly appointments into continuous, adaptive care.

KEY FACTS

- 40+ partner organizations informed the need; prototype built with clinical collaborators at CHUM
- $85K in non-dilutive grants, including OBVIA
- Early demand confirmed for MVP from partner organizations

SUPPORT US

We are raising US$200K to complete our MVP, run a second clinical study with CHUM, and secure our first paying clients by Q4 2026. Connect us with angels and digital health investors ready to move on an early-mover market.

FOUNDER(S)

MARC-OLIVIER SCHULE

MARISE BONENFANT

INDUSTRY

Education

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

MOVE PLNR

ABOUT

MovePlnr is the operating system for residential moving companies. We help movers manage bookings, crews and customer payments in one place, reducing admin time and unlocking revenue streams like financing, insurance and storage. Built by operators, for operators.

KEY FACTS

- Proven before product: Co-founder Sam Grinshpon scaled his company to 63 trucks, five cities and $5M+ revenue using MovePlnr; now opening it to the industry
- Bootstrapped to nine paying customers and $3K+ MRR
- $240M software TAM in a $20B+ industry with <10% AI penetration and no coordination layer built yet

SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors: We are raising $1.5M pre-seed to accelerate customer growth and drive transaction adoption across our existing base.

FOUNDER(S)

ARKADY EIDELBERG

NIR EIDELBERG

SAM GRINSHPON

INDUSTRY

Data & Knowledge Management

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Alberta

NANOFACILE

ABOUT

RNA therapies need lipid nanoparticles, normally made on costly, specialized equipment few labs can access. **Nanofacile**'s Symphony kit produces them in minutes on standard lab gear, and our AI, Maestro, learns from every run to make each formulation faster and more precise.

KEY FACTS

- Revenue-generating pilots with RNA T&T and McGill University. Symphony is already in paid use developing real RNA formulations
- $350K raised in non-dilutive funding. Capital and external validation secured
- Version 2.0 currently in development to further accelerate LNP development

SUPPORT US

We are raising a $500K pre-seed round to expand Symphony into more laboratories and convert active pilots into long-term customers. We welcome introductions to deep-tech and life-sciences investors.

FOUNDER

RUBEN LOPEZ

INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

NEBULA BLOCK

NEBULA BLOCK

ABOUT

Nebula OS is an all-in-one sovereign AI platform for regulated enterprises, enabling secure in-house AI with fully Canadian infrastructure.

KEY FACTS

- Two paid Nebula OS enterprise customers secured within five months across LegalTech and data centre colocation
- Nebula OS is well ranked on Stanford's LegalBench, with the only published AI Firewall validation score in market (84.6% F1)
- Nebula OS complements our AI infrastructure business, generating US$12M revenue (2024) and serving 67,000+ users

SUPPORT US

Seeking introductions to regulated enterprises in legal, insurance, finance, healthcare and government needing sovereign AI deployments with data residency.

FOUNDER(S)

CHARLES CAO

JAROD ZHAO

INDUSTRY

Data & Knowledge Management

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

NEXAID

NEXAID™

ABOUT

Community pharmacies lose hundreds of millions annually to manual prescription entry. **Nexaid** uses AI to automate prescription workflows, freeing pharmacy teams to focus on patient care.

KEY FACTS

- $300K pre-seed funding secured
- 5,000+ real prescriptions processed in pharmacy environments
- 95%+ prescription processing success rate in live testing

SUPPORT US

Connect us with investors for our $2M seed round, as well as pharmacy chains, groups and software providers ready to scale AI-powered prescription workflow automation.

FOUNDER

REZA KALFANE

INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

ONGUARDAI

ABOUT

41% of American seniors were scammed last year, losing $80B. **OnGuardAI** detects scam calls in real time and intervenes directly: putting the scammer on hold, alerting banks, notifying family and speaking to the senior before money is lost. Our AI doesn't guess at risk. It hears the scam.

INNOVATION AWARD

ALUMNI PRIZE

KEY FACTS

- In active talks with a large credit union on our first institutional pilot, with validation meetings completed across four banks and two telcos
- Beta underway with senior users. Version 1 submitted to the Apple App Store for consumer sale
- Strong Meta advertising performance and high website-to-waitlist conversion, signalling urgent market demand

SUPPORT US

Warm introductions to angel investors and pre-seed VCs who believe financial crimes against seniors are solvable and want to be part of building the solution.

FOUNDER(S)

RICHARD GOTLIEB

ZENNET WHEATCROFT

INDUSTRY

Retail Consumer

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

PALCONF

PALCONF

ABOUT

Sales reps at B2B companies who rely on conferences as a revenue channel either spend weeks prepping for each or walk in unprepared hoping for luck and capture only a fraction of deals that were on the conference floor. **Palconf** helps sales teams turn conferences into pipeline. Palconf runs the whole conference workflow end-to-end. Our AI handles pre-event prep in 10 minutes instead of a month, with an SMS copilot on the floor and follow-ups drafted automatically and linked to your CRM.

KEY FACTS

- 700+ waitlisted plus 100+ sales leader/event organizer interviews
- Dogfooded: We've tracked 1,000+ leads through Palconf at conferences ourselves
- 10 pilot programs and five paid programs with exhibitors across our next trade shows

SUPPORT US

We are looking for intros to B2B sales teams who attend conferences as a revenue channel.

FOUNDER(S)

DELAL TOMRUK

LAURENT MALTAIS

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

PROJECT LOGISTICS: SITESNAP

PROJECT LOGISTICS
ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS
We make engineering accessible.

ABOUT

SiteSnap helps over-dimensional transportation and logistics teams capture, organize and analyze field data in real time. Our platform reduces delays in infrastructure project execution by partially automating workflows (like route surveys, inspections and documentation) while improving compliance and increasing operational visibility.

KEY FACTS

- Founded by a domain professional, SiteSnap embodies 10+ years in civil and logistics engineering
- Early pilot results are promising, with double-digit percentages in productivity gains

SUPPORT US

Our top priority is growing our engineering team. We are seeking introductions to software engineers, AI/ML specialists and technical leaders with expertise in computer vision, multimodal AI, geospatial data, 3D reconstruction, photogrammetry and large-scale data platforms. Their expertise will help us advance SiteSnap's abilities in spatial data intelligence.

FOUNDER

KEVIN KWATENG

INDUSTRY

Construction

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

PROPILOT

ABOUT

Propilot is the AI property manager for small property managers and independent rental operators, starting with leasing. Our AI runs renter inquiries, showings, screening and approvals across existing tools, so lean teams fill vacancies faster without adding headcount.

KEY FACTS

- Live pilots: Two property managers + three DIY landlords
- Last active pilot month: 200+ renter inquiries answered, 50 showings scheduled, three vacancies filled
- Operators report 15–20 hours saved per filled vacancy
- Next: Convert Property Managers pilots to paid and build toward a $2M–$3M ARR path

SUPPORT US

Introduce us to small property managers managing up to 300 long-term rental units to run a paid pilot this quarter.

FOUNDER(S)

ALI ZINSAZ

AMIRSALAR SOJOUDI

INDUSTRY

Property Tech

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

British Columbia

PULSEAI

ABOUT

PulseAI is an AI dispatch platform for freight carriers and delivery fleets. The AI-accelerated optimization engine turns complex orders, constraints and last-minute changes into lower-cost route plans, helping reduce truck count, empty miles, fuel use, emissions and dispatcher workload.

KEY FACTS

- Working AI dispatch prototype with routing optimization and dispatcher interface
- Benchmark-tested to generate high-quality route plans in under 60 seconds
- Customer discovery underway with 25 freight and logistics operators across Quebec and Ontario

SUPPORT US

Introduce us to Canadian freight carriers, LTL operators or private fleets running complex daily routes and open to a historical-data pilot using one terminal, region or delivery program.

FOUNDER

SOHEYL KHALILPOURAZARI

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

REFI TRADING

ABOUT

ReFi.Trading gives active investors and advisory firms AI trading agents linked to their own brokerage accounts. The platform turns profile and market data into risk-bounded signals and automated execution, with non-custodial controls, audit trails and patent-filed RL models.

KEY FACTS

- Three-year walk-forward benchmark across 322 U.S. equities: 28% CAGR, 7.5% max drawdown, Sharpe ratio above 2
- Patent in progress for non-custodial, zero-knowledge verified reinforcement-learning automated trading
- Supported by NEXT AI 2026, AMII, ventureLAB, Scale AI and Google for Startups, with Alpaca integration underway

SUPPORT US

We are raising $2.45M to complete U.S. broker and compliance integrations, hire AI and quant talent, and secure first paid pilots with RIAs, family offices and fintech platforms.

FOUNDER(S)

DANIEL OOSTHUYZEN

ZESHAN AHMAD

INDUSTRY

Financial Services

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Alberta

SCIWIRE

ABOUT

Every day, thousands of new papers are published, and scientists have to sift through email alerts, Google Scholar and scattered PDFs just to find the work that matters most to them. **Sciwire** is a personalized research feed powered by cutting-edge transformer-based embedding models that enable researchers to discover the work that truly resonates. Our integrated platform lets researchers discover, save and read all in one place so they can spend less time searching and more time thinking.

ALUMNI PRIZE

KEY FACTS

- 50+ researcher interviews across all career stages and scientific disciplines; information overload emerged as a universal pain point
- 100% of interviewed researchers opted in as beta testers, spanning North America and Europe
- Launching our first multi-institution pilot across eight research institutions in summer 2026

SUPPORT US

This fall, we are raising $500K to launch Sciwire across North America and reach 10,000+ daily active researchers in Canada and the United States.

FOUNDER(S)

HANNAH FRONENBERG

REGAN ROSS

INDUSTRY

Education

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

Quebec

SERANA AI

ABOUT

Serana AI is an agentic planning platform for satellite operators. As satellite and cellular networks merge into one connectivity layer, Serana is building the AI to run it. Capacity questions that take engineering teams days are answered by Serana in minutes, with transparent reasoning.

KEY FACTS

- Patent-pending, peer-reviewed IP delivering transparent AI reasoning
- Working prototype: AI-run mobile network delivered over satellite, autonomously controlled by Serana
- Planning capabilities demonstrated to a tier-1 satellite operator using public fleet parameters

SUPPORT US

Seeking introductions to decision-makers at satellite operators, mobile operators, and space & defence primes exploring autonomous network planning.

FOUNDER

NAJEEB KHAN

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Discovery

LOCATION

British Columbia

SIMAVAI

Simavai

ABOUT

Simavai is an AI-powered simulation platform for engineers and researchers to build real-time digital twins. It uses generative AI and physics-informed neural networks (PINNs) to reduce data needs and speed up modelling for faster, better decisions.

KEY FACTS

- One-year $40K contract with ArcelorMittal for AI-driven simulation deployment
- Platform adopted by two University of Toronto departments (Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Materials Science)
- Early traction validating Simavai across both industrial and academic environments

SUPPORT US

Raising $1M in strategic pre-seed funding to scale Simavai's AI-driven digital twin platform, accelerate product development and expand industrial and academic deployments.

FOUNDER(S)

FARHAD KERAMATI

MORTEZA JAVID

INDUSTRY

Education

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Ontario

SPECTRAI

SpectrAI

ABOUT

SpectrAI is a B2B SaaS platform that solves the high cost and data scarcity of traditional soil sampling for regenerative agriculture developers, co-ops and agrifood companies. We enable these stakeholders to confidently design, finance and monitor carbon projects by delivering scalable, MRV-grade soil organic carbon maps. Our proprietary, AI-native algorithm makes the difference by fusing multi-sensor satellite imagery with field data to replace expensive physical sampling with high-resolution, near-real-time change monitoring and predictive scenario modelling.

KEY FACTS

- One active pilot
- 2M acres analyzed with 28K in situ measures
- 25K non dilutive raised (CanExport Innovation and OVHcloud credits)

SUPPORT US

We will be raising a pre-seed round of $500K this fall.

FOUNDER(S)

ABÏGAËLLE DUSSOL

ILIASS LAMRINI

INDUSTRY

Agriculture

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

SYLVIA SANTÉ

ABOUT

Sylvia is building the AI-native front door for primary care. Through the Intake Assistant, our AI collects and understands the patient story before the visit, identifies care needs and generates a structured pre-visit summary that saves clinicians time and improves triage. We start with clinician-adopted products (Intake and Scribe) and expand into Flow, our clinic-wide care coordination platform connecting the entire patient journey.

KEY FACTS

- Built by a practising family physician and a repeat entrepreneur
- Our platform has already supported over 3,000 patient encounters across real-world clinical workflows
- Growing clinician waitlist ahead of the commercial launch of Intake and Scribe

SUPPORT US

We are looking for introductions to healthcare and AI investors as we raise a $1.5M seed round to scale Sylvia across Canada.

FOUNDER(S)

AURELIA NGUYEN GOUEZ

YANNICK GOUEZ

INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

TASKNOW

ABOUT

TaskNow is an evidence-based hiring platform for fast-growing technical teams. As AI makes résumés, interviews and assessments easier to optimize, TaskNow helps employers distinguish candidates who interview well from those who can actually build. Candidates complete a short, business-grounded work trial, producing clear evidence of judgment, ownership and decision-making.

VALEDICTORIAN 2026

KEY FACTS

- Backed by Canada's start-up ecosystem: McGill's Dobson Validation Lab, X-1 Accelerator and Vector Institute in three months
- Built on more than 300 discovery conversations with hiring leaders and engineers over eight months
- Five companies committed early-access pilots since joining 2026 cohort and secured one letter of intent

SUPPORT US

Introductions to Series A–C technical companies hiring software engineers in fintech, AI-native software, robotics and deep tech.
We are currently onboarding a select group of paid design partners.

FOUNDER(S)

JEAN NIETO

PENG A

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

TENSOAI

ABOUT

TensoAI is a climate-resilience platform for farmers to thrive despite the materializing risks of climate change. Through our decision-support platform, we utilize AI to orchestrate sensor, climate and forecast data and transform it into the best yields possible.

KEY FACTS

- Deployed in over 70 hops farms in operation within Czechia and Slovakia
- Secured a contract with a large global food and beverage producer driving sustainable growth
- Healthy pipeline leading into with major U.S. hops farm in the 2027 season

SUPPORT US

We are looking to get connected with hops farm owners or production managers within North America, to help expand our business.

FOUNDER

RAMEN DUTTA

INDUSTRY

Agriculture

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

THEIAPATH

ABOUT

TheiaPath is developing an AI-powered co-pilot that automates cancer tissue examination in pathology labs. Our mission is to revolutionize the upstream workflow by transforming manual tasks into an automated, high-precision gateway that accelerates diagnostics and elevates patient safety.

KEY FACTS

- Founded by a team of pathology professionals and an AI expert with combined experience in laboratory workflow optimization and digital solution deployments
- Successfully completed problem/solution validation with frontline lab professionals and advanced into active clinical pilot dialogues with two major pathology centre networks in Canada
- Developed a functional, small-scale prototype achieving high accuracy under real laboratory conditions, with our final MVP set to launch next

SUPPORT US

Connect us with early-stage healthtech investors with a strong network in North America as we raise our pre-seed financing round.

FOUNDER(S)

ALI SABAGHPOURFARD

MAJED MUNAZZIT

INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Quebec

VIGILANT AI

ABOUT

Vigilant AI cleans, organizes and validates financial data, enabling surprising productivity gains for auditors and accountants. Our unique AI extracts data from documents with <1% error rate while minimizing token usage. This generates a high-trust data warehouse enabling 100% data review.

KEY FACTS

- $300K pilot, converting to $2M licensing deal in Q3 2026
- Strong pipeline of pilot sales with top 100 accounting firms
- Winner Toronto TiEQuest 2026, Winner Silicon Valley TiE50, Winner The Ottawa Network Bootstrap Award: AI in Action, Finalist Hong Kong FinTech Week 1min Pitch Competition

SUPPORT US

We need your support to raising $4M to achieve two targets: 1) Recruiting forward deployed engineers to meet the demands of our audit clients; and 2) Continue building our brand in the industry.

FOUNDER(S)

DAN WILLIS

JOHN CRAIG

INDUSTRY

Data & Knowledge Management

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Ontario

WAYSIGHTS INC.

ABOUT

Waysights helps municipalities reduce nighttime crashes and liability claims by automating mandatory traffic sign inspections with AI. Unlike traditional manual methods, it cuts costs by 60%, scales to any municipality without extra staff and delivers compliant, objective results 50% faster.

KEY FACTS

- Two deployments in only six months: Calgary saw immediate impact, stating Waysights is "significantly improving our team's productivity"
- Real revenue generated with a $2M active pipeline from municipalities across Canada and the U.S.
- First automated AI sign inspection solution that meets legislative compliance

SUPPORT US

Seeking to secure $1.5M in pre-seed funding to scale to more municipalities and reach our $9M three-year ARR target.

FOUNDER(S)

CHRISTOPHER SA'D

JOSEPH ANTHONY QUARESIMA

JULIO VILLALTA

INDUSTRY

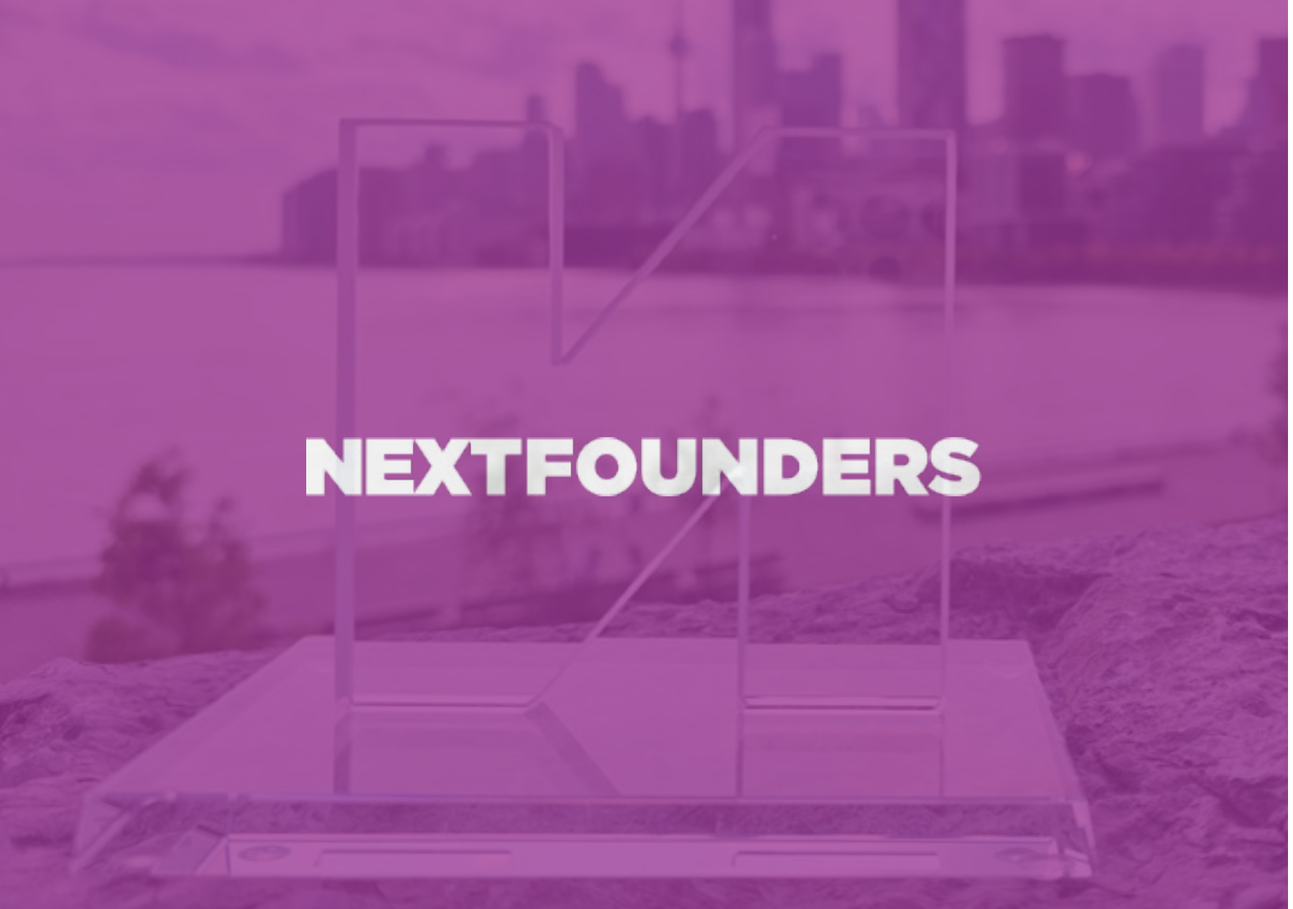
Transportation

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Ontario



INTRODUCTION TO NEXT FOUNDERS

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.

ATOME BAKERY

ABOUT

Atome Bakery is a Vancouver-based frozen DTC bakery delivering ready-to-bake artisan sourdough bread and pastries to customers across Canada. Using a bake-from-proof method borrowed from French bakeries, we allow anyone to bake professional-quality bread at home directly from frozen, with no additives and no compromise on quality. We have grown coast to coast within three years of launch, building frozen DTC fulfillment infrastructure along the way.

KEY FACTS

- $2.7M trailing 12-month revenue; 2.5× year-over-year growth
- Majority subscription revenue with strong unit economics
- National delivery from Vancouver and Québec fulfillment

SUPPORT US

Looking for warm intros to (1) DTC operators strong on subscription retention and acquisition, and (2) frozen brands or manufacturers interested in a DTC channel in Western Canada via F2C. Alice : alice@atomebakery.com.

FOUNDER

ALICE COUDERC

INDUSTRY

Food & Beverage

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Vancouver, BC

CONTACT

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BINTA

ABOUT

Binta Financial helps immigrants bring their financial identity with them when they move countries. Instead of starting from zero, we make their past financial history visible and usable from day one; unlocking faster access to housing, banking, and everyday essentials. We turn invisible newcomers into recognized, trusted customers.

KEY FACTS

- Infrastructure for serving globally mobile customers.
- Cross-border financial intelligence for enterprises.
- Banks, housing providers, and fintechs use Binta to make better decisions.

SUPPORT US

We're seeking introductions to banks, credit unions, insurers, telecom providers, housing organizations, credit bureaus, and strategic investors interested in building the future of global financial mobility.

FOUNDER

PASCHAL OKWUNDU

INDUSTRY

Financial Services

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Vancouver, BC

CONTACT

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CHASER

ABOUT

Problem
Project management software is too much of a hassle for most teams to use day-to-day. Adoption is often poor, resulting in a failure of its core function: creating accountability.

Solution
Project management built into your team's existing communication tools (Slack, Teams, Email, etc), so work happens naturally.

THE NANJI INNOVATORS

KEY FACTS

- $392k ARR
- 1,236 Daily Active Users

SUPPORT US

Watch our Product Tour to see how Chaser brings project management into Slack: https://www.trychaser.com/product-tour

FOUNDER

JOSH MARTOW

INDUSTRY

SaaS

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

https://calendly.com/josh-martow/30min

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CIRCUITIQ INC.

ABOUT

CircuitIQ is the Electrical System of Record for mission-critical facilities. Its patented Live Mapping technology verifies what powers what in a fully energized building, no shutdowns, no downtime, turning outdated drawings and tribal knowledge into a living digital map. Building owners and operators use CircuitIQ to recover capacity, reduce risk, and keep records accurate as facilities change, with 250+ facilities and 174,000+ circuits verified to date.

NEXT FOUNDERS TOP VENTURE AWARD

KEY FACTS

- Electrical System of Record for mission-critical facilities
- Patented hardware maps energized systems, zero downtime
- 250+ facilities, 174K+ circuits verified

SUPPORT US

CircuitIQ is raising a round in September to scale Live Mapping, our patented zero-downtime technology for verifying electrical systems in facilities that can't go dark. We'd welcome introductions to investors in industrial and infrastructure software, and to operators of data centres, hospitals, and cold-storage facilities interested in piloting Live Mapping. We're also growing our Authorized Service Provider network of electrical contractors across Canada and the US.

FOUNDER

LUKE BEGLEY

INDUSTRY

Property tech (Building)

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Kitchener, ON

CONTACT

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FERN KIDS

fern kids

ABOUT

FERN KIDS is a commercial kids furniture brand,

KEY FACTS

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SUPPORT US

FOUNDER

PRESTON STRINGER

INDUSTRY

Advanced Materials & Advanced Manufacturing

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

CONTACT

calendly.com/preston-fern-kids

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HEALTHKIND

Healthkind

ABOUT

Healthkind is an AI platform for clinical operations, built for enterprise health organizations. We drive the behaviours that determine clinic economics – patients showing up, taking the next right step, and care teams following protocol. We do it by tailoring every communication to the individual.

KEY FACTS

- Outcome-based pricing – customers pay for results
- Live enterprise deployments across Canada
- Founders built Akira Health, now TELUS Health Virtual Care

SUPPORT US

We'd welcome introductions to enterprise health organizations looking to deploy AI to move the KPIs that matter most to their business. Insurers, pharma, and clinic networks, physical and virtual.

FOUNDER

KATIE HERBERT

INDUSTRY

Medtech

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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HUTSY

ABOUT

Hutsy is an AI-powered financial advisor for the 300 million adults across the Americas who don't have one, delivering personalized financial guidance through text message.

KEY FACTS

- Techstars NYC '25 alumni.
- AI-powered financial advisor delivered entirely through SMS.
- Growing recurring subscription revenue across Canada and the U.S.

SUPPORT US

We're looking for introductions to lenders, banks, credit unions, and fintech companies interested in improving the experience for declined applicants through AI-powered financial guidance. We'd also love to connect with operators who've built and scaled consumer AI products.

FOUNDER

TEFARI BAILEY

INDUSTRY

Financial Services

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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KOTHAR COMPUTING

ABOUT

Quantum electronic design automation company. Building tools to model, optimize and verify designs of frontier computing technologies.

KEY FACTS

- Building for the future of compute.
- Customer and partnership discovery underway.
- Product built and demoing already.

FOUNDER

JONATHON RIDDELL

INDUSTRY

Semiconductors

STAGE

Validation

LOCATION

Montréal, QC

CONTACT

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LOCAL LAUNDRY

ABOUT

Local Laundry builds custom apparel and merch programmes for companies across Canada. We handle design, production, warehousing, drop shipping, pre sales and Shopify management, with Canadian made options when the budget allows. Every client also gets their story told to our community through our social channels and email newsletters.

KEY FACTS

- Custom B2B merch programmes are the core of the business. Design, warehousing, drop shipping and Shopify management in house. Canadian made options available.

SUPPORT US

We are looking for warm intros to companies that buy branded apparel. Think HR, marketing, ops and events leads who run swag for their teams, clients or conferences. If your company has a merch budget, or you know someone who owns that budget, that is the introduction we want. Happy to return the favour with intros of our own.

FOUNDER

CONNOR CURRAN

INDUSTRY

Sustainable Fashion

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Calgary, AB

CONTACT

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LOON

ABOUT

Loon builds the global AI infrastructure for drug coverage and commercialization, helping biopharma and regulators model drug access decisions faster and more accurately.

KEY FACTS

- Patent-pending neurosymbolic Loon AI®
- Peer-reviewed and independently validated
- Serving regulators and biopharma clients across North America and Europe.
- Developing products for the entire drug-development-to-access continuum

SUPPORT US

Introductions to senior leaders at biopharma companies, CROs, and payer organisations overseeing evidence synthesis, HEOR, or market access are appreciated.

We're interested in organisations planning systematic reviews, evidence-generation programs, or payer/HTA submissions in the next 6–12 months. Introductions to decision-makers with authority to commission a pilot would be very valuable.

FOUNDER(S)

GHAYATH JANOUDI

MARA RADA

INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Ottawa, ON

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MAPFLOW INC.

ABOUT

MAPflow is the clinical infrastructure powering pharmacist-led services across Canada: a cloud-based platform that guides pharmacy teams through patient assessment, prescribing, documentation, and follow-up, with provincial regulations and evidence-based algorithms built into every workflow. We serve 2,200+ pharmacy locations across nine provinces, have supported 300,000+ patient consultations, and consistently deliver a 97.8% symptom resolution rate, well above the 80.8% national average. No other platform combines jurisdiction-specific clinical decision support, individualized care plans, audit-ready documentation, real-time outcomes tracking, and data intelligence in a single solution.

KEY FACTS

- 2,300+ pharmacies, 3,500+ pharmacy professionals across Canada
- 98% patient symptom resolution; saves ~15 min per consultation
- Up to 10X clinical service revenue for pharmacies

SUPPORT US

Support I would like to receive is on data commercialization and US market sequencing. If there are mentors or operators in the network with depth in either, I'd really value the introductions.

FOUNDER

NARDINE NAKHLA

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (includes AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

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MYROCKY

ABOUT

MyRocky is a vertically integrated AI tele-health platform delivering seamless, affordable, end-to-end care across Canada, and now the US, through our proprietary AI and tech stack.

KEY FACTS

- Canada's leading vertically integrated AI tele-health platform
- Profitable, high-retention consumer business across GLP1s, sexual health, and longevity. Profitable Enterprise Business comprising 25% of revenue.
- Product Road Map Q3: MyRocky app and Rocko AI launch; Expansion into the US

SUPPORT US

Introductions to growth-stage health tech investors and partners as we scale our US expansion.

FOUNDER

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INDUSTRY

Medtech

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

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NANOSTICS

ABOUT

Nanostics is building the AI decision layer for healthcare. Our ClarityDX® platform integrates validated artificial intelligence directly into laboratory and clinical workflows, transforming routine healthcare data into actionable insights that help physicians make better decisions. Our first commercial application, ClarityDX Prostate®, improves the identification of clinically significant prostate cancer, reducing unnecessary procedures while enabling earlier intervention for patients who need it most. As our platform expands into active surveillance, bladder cancer, cardiology, and beyond, we are creating the software infrastructure that will enable AI-assisted clinical decision-making across healthcare.

KEY FACTS

- AI platform for clinical decision support.
- Commercialized ClarityDX Prostate® in Canada; U.S. expansion underway.
- Building AI-enabled healthcare workflows across multiple diseases.

SUPPORT US

We are raising a $15M USD Series A to accelerate U.S. commercialization of our AI platform for clinical decision support. We would welcome introductions to healthcare AI investors, strategic health system or laboratory partners, and commercial leaders with experience scaling enterprise healthcare software.

FOUNDER

CATALINA VASQUEZ

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INDUSTRY

Medtech

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

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ORIGIN NORTH

ABOUT

Origin North is building The Productivity Layer for Modern Supply Chains™ – a new category of supply chain infrastructure designed to turn intelligence into action. Our integrated ecosystem connects execution, intelligence, financial, and governance productivity, helping organizations consistently make better business decisions and turn them into measurable results.

KEY FACTS

- 6 enterprise customers and growing
- ~$70K in monthly recurring revenue
- 4 integrated productivity modules across one ecosystem

SUPPORT US

As Origin North enters its next stage of growth, we are looking to connect with investors, strategic partners, and enterprise leaders who share our belief that productivity will define the next generation of supply chain performance. We welcome conversations with those interested in helping us scale our platform, expand our market reach, and build the category.

FOUNDER

BRIAN WARE

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (incl. AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

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PADDER

ABOUT

Padder is Canada's insurance-backed lease guarantee. We stand in as the guarantor for qualified renters who lack a Canadian credit history or a co-signer, while giving landlords and operators insurance-grade protection against missed rent, backed by A.M. Best A–rated coverage.

THE SATCHU AWARD

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KEY FACTS

- Tripled GWP quarter over quarter; Q3 already approaching Q2's full total
- Currently in Ontario, now expanding to British Columbia and Alberta

SUPPORT US

We are raising a seed round and already have ~30% committed. We are looking for a lead investor on the round; feel free to reach out!

FOUNDER

DANIEL MOSS

INDUSTRY

Proptech

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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PANDA HUB

ABOUT

Panda Hub is a two sided marketplace connecting car owners with locally vetted service providers.

KEY FACTS

- Fastest growing car care platform in North America.
- Deloitte Fast50 winner companies to watch 2025

SUPPORT US

To connect with great investors and great engineers.

FOUNDER

REZA AHMADI

INDUSTRY

Marketplace

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

calendly.com/pandareza

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PEERSUPPORT.IO

ABOUT

Voice-based web browser that automates paperwork for doctors.

KEY FACTS

- Grew from $60k ARR to $2.5m in the last 20 months
- Our ICP is rural health systems in US and Canada
- Cashflow positive and growing

SUPPORT US

Any introductions to potential customers.

FOUNDER

CHIRAG JADHWANI

INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory

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PICSUME

ABOUT

Picsume is a hiring and workforce platform designed to power modern recruitment and workforce networks. We help employers move beyond traditional resumes by structuring candidate data, improving applicant flow, and enabling smarter, faster hiring decisions. Our technology also powers network-based hiring ecosystems, connecting employers, partners, and talent at scale. Our patent-pending AI tools empower human decision making rather than replacing it, putting the Human back in Human Resources.

KEY FACTS

- Picsume builds the Talent Identity Layer – structured, candidate-owned profiles that fix hiring's broken front door, pre-ATS.
- Network-first model: partners with associations, franchises, and workforce orgs to power hiring across their employer base.

SUPPORT US

Know a franchise operator or organization managing hiring across many locations? Make the introduction – Picsume already powers hiring networks across hospitality, healthcare, retail, manufacturing, and municipal sectors, spanning 12,000+ locations.

FOUNDER

JORDAN GOURE

INDUSTRY

Enterprise Software (includes AI/big data tools)

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Amherstburg, ON (Windsor-Essex)

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PONYBACK INC.

ABOUT

PONYBACK is a revolutionary headwear brand featuring a patent-pending magnetic seam designed to accommodate any hairstyle, from high ponytails to messy buns. By merging functional innovation with high-quality, inclusive design, we have scaled into a global e-commerce brand with a loyal community across North America and Australia.

KEY FACTS

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SUPPORT US

FOUNDER

STACEY KELLER

INDUSTRY

Retail Consumer

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

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PULSEFX

ABOUT

PulseFX is a FX and international payments firm that helps businesses move money globally while managing currency risk more effectively. We combine an advisory-led approach with a modern, secure tech platform that gives founders and finance teams visibility, control, and efficient execution across cross-border payments, FX, and hedging.

KEY FACTS

- Advisory-led FX and global payments provider helping businesses save an average of 1-3% on currency conversions, reduce risk, and move funds internationally.
- Serves 600+ clients with competitive exchange rates, multi-currency accounts, and cross-border payment solutions, with payment volume approaching $550M this year.
- Human expertise combined with a digital platform, direct bank integrations, and currency risk management services.

SUPPORT US

Introductions to businesses managing FX, cross-border payments, or currency risk – and to strategic partners, fintech leaders, and investors in global payments – would be greatly appreciated.

FOUNDER

MARC RACETTE

INDUSTRY

Financial Services

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

CONTACT

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PURCHS

ABOUT

Purchs is an AI-enabled ordering platform and marketplace that lets grocery retailers order from all their suppliers in seconds, not steps – simply by sending a text. Purchs converts each request into a clean purchase order and automatically adds the supplier and products to the retailer's marketplace, reducing order-management time by more than 50%.

KEY FACTS

- 3× founder with 8+ years' food distribution experience
- 360+ retailers; 57 suppliers
- 50%+ reduction in order-management time

SUPPORT US

We're seeking introductions to small-chain grocery retailers and grocery suppliers interested in automating wholesale ordering and participating in our predictive replenishment pilot. We're also connecting with strategic investors who understand retail technology, supply chain or artificial intelligence and are interested in our current seed round.

FOUNDER

MARCIA WOODS

INDUSTRY

Marketplace

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Tiny, ON

CONTACT

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SIMMUNOME INC.

ABOUT

Simmunome is a Montreal-based TechBio company building biology-native foundation models and mechanistic disease simulation tools to predict clinical trial outcomes. Our platform powers two products, focused on target validation and biomarker discovery that help pharmaceutical partners de-risk target selection and patient stratification, with validated performance across 15+ disease models.

KEY FACTS

- Build biology-native foundation models
- Address 2 of the 3 key problems challenging clinical trials: right patient and right target
- Validated performance across 15+ disease models.

SUPPORT US

Support us through introductions to clinical research groups ranging from Pharma, small biotech to academia

FOUNDER

ARMSTRONG MURIRA

INDUSTRY

Life Sciences & Advanced Health

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

Montréal, QC

CONTACT

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SUNDAY GLOW

ABOUT

Sunday Glow is a skincare brand combining Traditional Chinese Medicine with modern science to create results-driven products for breakout-prone skin. Bootstrapped with $200, it has grown organically into a profitable seven-figure brand, serving over 30,000 customers across 100+ countries. TCM will be beauty's next global category, and Sunday Glow is positioned to lead it.

KEY FACTS

- 7-figure revenue & profitable since launch
- 43% return customer rate
- 700,000+ social media followers

SUPPORT US

I'm seeking mentorship in growth or introductions to experienced founders who have scaled a DTC brand from seven to eight figures, particularly across growth strategy, channel expansion, and team building.

FOUNDER

CELINE GUO

INDUSTRY

Retail Consumer

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Toronto, ON

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THE LOW CARB CO

ABOUT

The Low Carb Co is building the blood sugar-friendly food company for the modern consumer. We develop clean, functional products that support stable blood sugar and metabolic health, starting with our flagship seed-based crackers. Positioned at the intersection of food and health, we are creating a category-defining brand in the rapidly growing metabolic wellness market.

KEY FACTS

- Canadian-made, blood-sugar-friendly seed crackers with 20g protein, 18g fibre and 0g sugar.
- Growing across Canadian and U.S. retail and e-commerce.

FOUNDER

JACK PRICE PROVENCHER

INDUSTRY

Food & Beverage

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

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TINY LAUNDRY

ABOUT

Tiny Laundry creates developmental babywear designed around how babies actually move – starting with premium crawling pants featuring silicone knee grips for traction on slippery floors. We're building the category nobody else owns: sustainable,"grow-with-me" essentials for every physical milestone from swaddling to walking.

THE NANJI INNOVATORS

KEY FACTS

- $40K+ in sales in 7 months, bootstrapped. Dragon's Den Canada airs Fall 2026. 30% net margins on hero product.

SUPPORT US

I'm opening a small fund-raise Fall 2026, timed to our Dragon's Den Canada air date. Looking to connect with consumer-focused investors, and would love intros to retail buyers in the baby/gifting space.

FOUNDER

LAUREN NUNZIATA

INDUSTRY

E-commerce

STAGE

Efficiency

LOCATION

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UPSIDE DRINKS

ABOUT

Canada's largest alcohol-free marketplace – offering world's largest non-alcoholic beverages (wines, beers, spirits, mocktails) accross Canada.

KEY FACTS

- Canada's largest non-alcoholic drinks marketplace
- $100K to $6M in three years
- Top 10 fastest-growing in Canada, top 2 in Quebec

SUPPORT US

We're building Canada's route to market for non-alcoholic drinks.
Retailers: One relationship for assortment, shipping, and category expertise – not 100 suppliers.
Brands: Enter Canada on consignment, with no up-front cost or inventory risk.
Bars & restaurants: Building your non-alcoholic list? Let's talk.
Investors: We're raising our next round.
Shipping coast to coast from two warehouses. Introductions always welcome.

FOUNDER

SIMON POULIN

INDUSTRY

E-Commerce

STAGE

Scale

LOCATION

Montréal, QC

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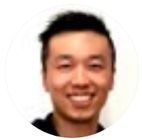
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