

# VIRTUAL ROCKET PITCH + POWER NETWORKING

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# **AGENDA**

11:00-11:05am | VIRTUAL NETWORKING (via Private Message)

11:05-11:20am | WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

- TIEN WONG, Founder and Host, CONNECTpreneur Community
- CHRIS NICOSIA, VP of Partnerships, Modus Create

11:20-12:20pm | ROCKET PITCH SESSION Companies will be introduced by:

- ANTHONY MILLIN, Founder and Chair, NEXT powered by Shulman Rogers
- LAUREN ZIEGLER, Of Counsel, Nemphos Braue

12:20-1:00pm | BREAKOUT ROOMS & NETWORKING (Breakout rooms hosted by presenting companies)

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## PRESENTING COMPANIES

**AGED Diagnostics - Rachel Zayas** 

Alyve Medical Inc. - Yvonne Bokelman

Plant Culture Systems - Sanjay Kumar Rajpoot

SolasAl Inc. - Larry Bradley

StackCare - Nigel Mould

Sunset Technologies, Inc dba Noni - Tom Ervin

Weavy - Rickard Hansson

# **SPEAKERS**



#### TIEN WONG, CEO, OPUS8, INC. @tienwong

Tien is CEO of Opus8, an investment and advisory firm which helps technology companies and alternative investment fund managers raise capital. He is also Chairman of Lumious, a leader in corporate tech training and learning analytics, as well as Chairman of Lore Systems, a provider of network engineering, cloud computing, and strategic IT consulting. In 1991, Tien co-founded and served as CEO of CyberRep, Inc. until its acquisition in 2003 by Affiliated Computer Services. CyberRep was one of the largest CRM outsourcing companies in the world with over 2,300 employees and \$80 million in revenue. Today, the CyberRep/ACS business unit is one of the world's largest call center operations, with nearly \$3 billion in revenue as divisions of Xerox, Conduent, and Continuum. CyberRep was ranked for 4 consecutive years in INC. Magazine's "Inc. 500" as one of the fastest-growing companies in the USA. CyberRep was profitable for 11 straight years and was backed by Allied Capital Corporation.

Tien is a recognized international expert in CRM, direct marketing, and BPO, having presented at dozens of industry events around the world on CRM and BPO topics. He has provided industry commentary on the ABC, Fox, NBC, CNBC, Maryland Public Television, and China's CCTV networks, as well as Time Magazine, The Washington Post, Inc. Magazine, and Success Magazine. He serves on several boards including the Montgomery County (MD) Economic Development Corp., Center for Innovation Technology GAP Fund's Investment Advisory Board, Junior Achievement, and Refraction. He was appointed by Governor Martin O'Malley to the 9-member Maryland Venture Fund Authority which allocates and manages over \$130 million of capital which is invested into top-tier venture funds and startups. He is an Entrepreneur in Residence at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, and a graduate of Dartmouth College.



#### CHRIS NICOSIA, VP OF PARTNERSHIPS, MODUS CREATE

Chris leads and manages all partnerships at Modus Create. Having spent his professional career in a variety of roles within software, IT, and consulting organizations, Chris is able to identify strategy opportunities within the broad partnership ecosystem and create relationships that drive value to our clients, team members, and each respective partner.



### **AGED Diagnostics Executive Summary**

AGED Diagnostics is using genomic innovation to develop the most accurate blood test for liver disease to help physicians keep patients in the monitoring program, reduce the financial burden for health insurers and improve patient outcomes through early detection and intervention.



#### Problem Statement

While 1 in 3 (100 million) Americans have liver disease, many are unaware until the disease has progressed to later stages at which time the disease is no longer curable, patient outcomes are poor and healthcare spending can cost up to \$1,000,000 per patient.



Healthcare spending per patient \$1,000,000 for late stage diagnosis



#### **Economic Burden**

Annually, US health insurers spend \$108 Billion on management for nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH, liver disease) and an additional \$184 Billion as a societal burden, calculated as the monetary value to quality of life-years lost due to liver disease.



#### **AGED Solution**

AGED is developing the most accurate blood test that can differentiate benign from advanced liver disease and simultaneously stage fibrosis (liver scarring) through a targeted genomic sequencing assessment.



#### Competition

The sole diagnostic tool for NASH is a liver biopsy, which is expensive, invasive, prone to sampling error, and bleeding. Imaging tools fail in nearly 60% of patients. There are few effective noninvasive & accurate tests that can diagnose NASH.



60%

Of the time imaging tools fail to diagnose NASH in patients who have the disease



#### Competitive Advantage

AGED methods is the first and only accurate, non-invasive tool that can diagnose NASH and stage fibrosis. Other serum tests target markers found in benign liver disease, our proprietary methods alleviate challenges by targeting markers highly specific to NASH and fibrosis.



#### Traction

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•	Q1, 2019	NSF Grant, NSF ICorp
•	Q3, 2020	Healthworx CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) Fellowship
	Q4, 2020	Filed full PCT (international) patent Presented work at Annual Liver Conference Published work in Hepatology
•	Q3, 2021	Closed Pre-Seed Round
•	Q3, 2022	Pilot Study, validated core technology in the lab in patient plasma samples

#### Path to Commercialization

• Q1, 2023		R&D test method verification, expand sample size
	Q1, 2024	Clinical Trial, Georgetown University
	Q3, 2024	CLIA Approval Acquire Codes & Coverage
•	Q1, 2025	Market Launch



\$3.5 million

Funding to Achieve Path to Market

#### Financial Projections

Target Market (TM) 25 million patients \$700 per unit

> Year 1 0.1% TM, 12 physicians, 25,000 patients, Revenue \$17.5M Year 3

1% TM, 120 physicians, 250,000 patients, Revenue \$175M

> 5% TM, 600 physicians, 1.25 million patients, Revenue \$875M

#### Team



#### Rachel Zayas

Geneticist, MBA, Founder/CEO



#### Dr. Justin Topp

Geneticist, Director of Scientific Innovation



#### Dr. Bongsoo Park

Bioinformaticst, Lead Bioinformaticist



#### Arun Sanyal, MD

Hepatologist, Virginia Commonwealth U. Clinical Collaborator



#### Naim Alkhouri, MD

Hepatologist, Director Fatty Liver Program Clinical Collaborator



#### Coleman Irving Smith, MD

Transplant Hepatologist, Georgetown Clinical Collaborator

Interested in learning more? Contact us at info@ageddiagnostics.com





#### **Investor Highlights**

**Value Proposition:** Through the deployment of innovative sensor-based tools and patented algorithms, Alyve Medical has brought to market revolutionary technologies that are changing the paradigm of musculoskeletal treatment. Focused on disrupting the standard of care to allow patients to achieve optimal motion.

Company Background: Alyve Medical's pioneering technologies are reimagining the standard for assessing and managing musculoskeletal motion and rehabilitation. Combining advanced sensor technology, biofeedback mechanisms and kinematic analysis in non-invasive and portable devices they are putting powerful new tools in the hands of healthcare professionals to assess, treat and monitor patients both in-person and remotely to facilitate optimal outcomes in musculoskeletal care.

**Leadership Team**: Our founders and leadership team have had over 200 years of medical device and orthopedic experience and in aggregate, 7 exits, raised >\$100M and 16 acquisitions.

**Products/Services:** No other existing therapy or device for shoulder rehabilitation and treatment "retrains the brain" and provides for a neuroplastic connection and sustained long term outcomes. Deploying patented algorithms and sensors in therapeutic and diagnostic device that provide for objective data, as well as through trimodal biofeedback, compliance is increased with physical therapy protocols.

**Technologies/Special Know-How:** Patents exist for both products in the US, several countries in the EU and Japan. For Neuralign S, the patented Motion Activated Stimulation (MAS) provides for dynamic personalized interaction that does not exist with any other stimulation product. An algorithm modulates the intensity which is dynamically controlled by device, and multi-sensor input afferences amplify the neuroplastic effect. With ShowMotion, we have a proprietary algorithm, exclusive WISE IMU sensors, and provides instant graphic results anywhere.

**Market:** Our target market is broadly almost any shoulder pathology (surgical and non-surgical), and shoulder rehabilitation patients/users around the globe. Orthopedic Shoulder CAGR is 8%. Over 700,000 shoulder surgeries are done in the US and more than 2x that globally. TAM >\$11B, SAM \$3B and SOM \$500M. Revenue model is transactional B2B model sold to Surgeons, Hospitals and Healthcare facilities and PT Clinics. A patient rental model rolls out in December 2022.

**Distribution Channels:** Direct reps (Clinical consultants), 1099 and distributor reps, and distributor entities.

**Quick Facts** 

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Industry: Life Sciences
Domain: Medical Device,

Orthopedics

Bank: Bank of America Law Firm: Alexius Solutions

Patent Estate: One issued and one pending in the US; multiple patents in the EU and Japan. More patents under draft.

Number of Employees: 8 Leadership Team: Noted Amount of Financing Sought:

\$1.6M in Seed (convertible note) and Series A to follow in early 2023

**Current Investors:** All qualified investors, HNW and Angels.

**Use of Funds: Sales &** 

Marketing, R&D, G&A, Clinical and Regulatory

**Competition:** Innovation and differentiation separate Alyve Medical's products. The most significant competitor is the prescription of the "gold standard" - physical therapy. Educating orthopedic surgeons and PTs as to the innovation and clinical data that shows statistically significant improvement and sustained outcomes makes the case for the Neuralign S product. There are other products in the remote PT space, and other stimulator and rehab devices used for pain, but none are exclusively focused on the shoulder and deliver the long term results.

**Financial Projections (Unaudited):** 

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	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025	
Revenue	\$605,000	\$4,825,000	\$13,825,000	\$22,260,000		
EBIT (dollars	(\$570,562)	(\$1,615,675)	\$3,188,259	\$7,463,682		
in thousands)						



Value Proposition: Best Value Climate Sustainable Hydroponic / Vertical Farming Company in America.

Company Background: Amidst climate and geopolitical driven food shocks, droughts are unprecedented, soil is degrading 20 times faster than it is replenishing, and food systems contribute up to 40% of total greenhouse gas emissions. Plant Culture Systems applies the most cutting edge innovations to agriculture to continuously redefine produce optimization from seed to fork anywhere, anytime. PCS makes fresh hydroponic produce locally accessible by financing, constructing, and operating decentralized vertical farm packs. As 60% of average vertical farm operational cost is energy and labor, PCS makes premium quality more economical than all hydroponic competitors using artificial intelligence, solar energy, and robotics. Growing with 100% less soil, 99% less water, 90% less waste, and 70% less carbon than field grown, PCS enables a sustainable food future.

Leadership Team: Sanjay Rajpoot has 10 years of AgTech experience across 4 companies and \$125M+ of value creation including FarmX (largest IoT / AI network helping farmers save water and increase yield across CA). Heiner Lieth, PhD is a world leading hydroponics expert and UC Davis professor emeritus who worked with every major hydroponics industry leader in the past 36 years. Kam Hosn scaled several startups in IoT in addition to his own supercar company. Andy Mutz led engineering for first \$1BN digital Ag Exit. We developed our company in collaboration with UC Davis and University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources professors, and participation in NVIDIA AI Inception Program, USC Marshall Greif School of Business Incubator, and Draper University.

**Products/Services:** We offer the most affordable premium microgreen produce service in the nation

**Technologies/Special Know-How:** Our design / usage of artificial intelligence networks to predict growth is proprietary. Our installed base with customers will be a key barrier to entry for any competitors. Our technology team has over \$1.2BN of Digital Ag Applied AI experience.

**Market:** There is \$10BN of annual total addressable market in America for hydroponic crops with microgreens, leafy greens, herbs, and fruiting veggies.

**Distribution Channels:** Plant Culture Systems relies on a direct sales force to customers who provide indirect distribution channels to end consumers. We look forward to 24/7 farmers market containers.

#### Quick Facts

**Plant Culture Systems** 

Sanjay Kumar Rajpoot, CEO

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plantculturesystems.com

**Industry**: Agriculture

Web: plantculturesystems.com

Bank: Grasshopper Bank Law Firm: Cooley

**Number of Employees: 7** 

**Leadership Team:** 

CEO, Sanjay Kumar Rajpoot CSO, Johann Heinrich Lieth PhD Current Round: \$5M >50% in

**Current Investors** 

\$375K Angel

Founders, Cooley Fund, Andy Mutz, Marcy Simon, Jacob Lovenskiold, Margaret Wong, Jerry Mix, Drew Schiff

**Use of Funds:** 

\$1.3M Farm Real Estate \$1.7M Vertical Farms \$1M Salesfronts \$500K Engineering \$500K Overhead

**Auditor: MyStartupCFO** 

#### Competition: We will beat EVERYONE in our market 😊



Financial Projections (Unaudited):

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025
Revenue	2000	\$6,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
EBIT (dollars in thousands)	0	1,800,000	10,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$400,000,000



We enable businesses to grow using artificial intelligence & machine learning without fear of regulators and lawsuits. We do this through software that detects, explains, and removes discrimination and bias from their AI & MI, models.

Company Background: SolasAI spun out of the leading algorithmic fairness consultancy BLDS, LLC in April 2022. SolasAI is the software development and AI consulting business. We provide software to the large banks, insurers, healthcare providers, and fintechs. We booked \$560K in licensing revenue since April 2022. One Fortune 100 health insurer and one large fintech are fully operational and using the software independently.

**Leadership Team**: Our chairman, Dr. Bernard Siskin, created the algorithmic fairness methodologies in the 1970s for employment, and then in the 1990s updated them for banking. He advises major corporations, law firms, and court systems. Our CEO, Nick Schmidt, figured out how to make this work in AI & ML models. Larry Bradley and Eric Peacock bring over 25 years in the software and analytics industries serving the payments, insurance, banking and healthcare industries. The team has been part of 5 exits.

**Products/Services:** We provide the only end-to-end, industry agnostic solution for detecting and removing discrimination and bias from customer models. We make it easy for the customer's modelling team to quickly test for and mitigate problems without disrupting their current processes. We also do not require use of proprietary or architectures or models.

**Technologies/Special Know-How:** No other company possesses the proven, court & regulator trusted methodology and 45 years of experience that is built into SolasAI. There are two key pieces of intellectual property built into the software. First is how we use Explainable AI to understand both the bias and quality of the customer's model, and then use that to jumpstart our search for fairer alternatives. The second is how we created our AI to optimize across multiple variables. We have a patent pending on our proxy detection method.

**Market:** Our market and category definitions are emerging, fragmented, and growing quickly. We cut across AI Governance, Explainable AI (XAI), ModelOps, and AutoML. Together these make up a \$19.2B market in 2025 with ModelOps and AutoML growing at 40% & 46%.

**Distribution Channels:** Our business model has three components:

- 1) Free tier of bias testing module.
- 2) Long-term subscription where the customer licenses seats or number of models for an extended period (i.e., 1 or more years.) sold either directly or through partners such as AWS.
- 3) Algorithmic Compliance as a Service (ACaaS) where software and experts are provided to the customer/partner. Often provide this through law firms under attorney-client privilege.

Quick Facts Company Name: SolasAI, Inc.

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Industry: Banking, Insurance, Healthcare

**Domain:** Artificial Intelligence / Algorithmic Fairness

Bank: JP Morgan Chase Law Firm: GrowthCounsel & Morgan Lewis

**Patent Estate:** 

**Number of Employees: 10** 

Leadership Team:
Dr. Bernard Siskin (Chairman)
Nicholas Schmidt (CEO)
Larry Bradley (COO)
Eric Peacock (CTO)

**Financing Sought: \$1M** 

**Current Investors: Friends &** 

**Family** 

**Use of Funds: Sales & Marketing Auditor: Rosenberg Chesnov** 

**Competition:** Currently Gartner and other analysts look at our market as very fragmented with no clear leaders. There are lots of plans and early products, but no clear product leadership. This includes areas of algorithmic fairness and adjacent technologies such as XAI, ModelOps, and AutoML. Key competitors include: Zest.ai, Fiddler, FairPlay, Stratyfy, DataRobot. Additionally, few of our competitors provide an end-to-end solution like we provide, or they provide this for a specific business function and trap the customer in a proprietary model.

Financial Projections (Unaudited): Fiscal Year begins July 1

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Revenue	\$282,264	\$3,393,969	\$14,509,564	\$31,462,173	\$59,596,208
EBIT (dollars	(\$122,426)	(\$820,487)	\$1,987,365	\$15,182,918	\$40,729,918
in thousands)					



Growing Market

- "Silver Tsunami" Senior care market increasing thru 2050
- · Ongoing caregiver shortage without solution
- · Increasing costs of care

Product

- Infrared motion sensors track and learn individual behavior and activity patterns
- Proprietary data science algorithms combine with push notifications providing real-time alerts of potential health and wellness issues
- · Innovative solution to caring for seniors aging in place

**Traction** 

- Multiple national partnerships building with Home Care Agency groups/providers
- Long-term contracts with Senior Living Communities
- Telehealth integrations

Starting To Scale

- · Product development complete, scales easily
- Subscription model (Hardware + SAAS)
- Sales/Service function needed to onboard incoming clients



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#### Sunset Technologies, Inc. dba Noni

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#### December 2022

**Management:** *CEO – Tom Ervin* 

**Industry:** LegalTech

**Current Team: 4** 

Bank: Bank of America

Law Firm: Wilmer Hale

**Amount of Financing Sought:** 

\$750k

Raised to Date: \$100k

**Use of Funds:** Customer Acquisition

& Success

**Business Description:** Noni is revolutionizing the convergence of Estate Planning and Digital Asset Management. We provide technologies and services to plan and manage Digital Assets of your Estate – the "Digital Estate".

Company Background: In the past 25 years, advancements in technology have spawned a new classification of estate assets - The Digital Asset. The inherent nature of digital assets, primarily their privacy, public anonymity, and sheer volume are creating problems for consumers in planning and managing digital assets for their estates. Noni solves these problems.

**Management**: Noni's team has over 100 years' experience in technology-based business, 3 exits (2 as founders) and is well balanced to scale the Company to the next level.

Tom Ervin leads a diverse team of professionals as CEO. Prior to founding Noni, he founded eAgree, a contract management platform which sold to SocialAtom.

**Products/Services:** You have thousands of digital assets (your phone, computer, electronic files & online accounts). What would happen to these assets if something happened to you? Noni allows you to plan and manage what should happen to your digital assets and who should manage them in case of your death or incapacity securely and privately. If a life event occurs, Noni verifies the event and then securely distributes your final instructions to one or more of your appointed fiduciaries to carry out your final wishes for your Digital Estate. Noni can also serve as your personal fiduciary for online accounts that you wish to have closed, relieving this burden from your loved ones. See overview video here.

#### Noni works with all existing Estate Plans

**Technologies/Special Know-how:** Recent legislation passed enables a user to direct what should happen to their digital assets if they die or become incapacitated via an online tool (RUFADAA). Noni is one of the first solutions to exploit this legislation. The Company has filed a provisional patent with the USPTO.

**Market:** Digital Estate Protection is a \$20b TAM in the US with over 100m users as the average consumer has over 100 online accounts and many other digital assets to manage. Targeted demographic is ages 25-54, parents, business owners - consumers who purchase life insurance. Noni is sold on a recurring subscription model.

**Distribution Channels:** Noni is distributed through insurance brokers who offer Digital Estate Protection as an addon to life and health insurance policies to consumers (BtoBtoC). The Company went to market in Q422 and has gained traction with all brokers engaged with reach a of over 10 million end-users.

**Competition:** Unlike planning tools for traditional estate assets, Noni is the only solution on the market today that is purpose-built to address Digital Assets of the Estate. Traditional Estate planning tools include GoodTrust, Trust&Will and many others.

Financial Projections (Thousands)								
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027			
EoY ARR	\$ 984	\$ 5,890	\$ 13,282	\$ 31,219	\$ 48,596			
Revenue	355	3,851	11,556	28,875	43,312			
EBITA:	(385)	(525)	1,762	9,858	15,159			



#### Value Proposition;

Weavy is poised to revolutionize the way developers and product teams innovate and build software.

**Company Background:** Weavy delivers a low-code API & SDK that helps developers and product teams (a \$600b market) to save time and resources by providing high-value productivity features that can be added up to 14x faster to any app.

#### **Leadership Team:**

**CEO & Co-Founder Rickard Hansson** - Leading product teams for over 25 years – founded 4 prior software companies with successful exits

Financial & Co-Founder Alex Grüner – Leading financial teams and companies for over 40 years, startup investor, etc.

**CTO – Linus Birgerstam –** Working as a CTO for 20+ years, been CTO for all of Rickard Hanssons' prior ventures

**CMO – Lydia Nicoll –** 10+ years of experience in B2B SaaS growth and acquisition strategies.

**Products/Services:** Weavy is the only API & SDK on the market that's cloudagnostic and cross-platform – allowing us to deliver to industries no one else can including fintech, medtech, government, military, and more.

Our low-code API & SDK is the fastest on the market – it enables developers of any skill level to add high value productivity features to any app, up to 14x faster.

**Technologies/Special Know-How:** Weavy's has a completely unique architecture with an agnostic backend that can be deployed anywhere — cloud or local - with a real-time layer connected to the frontend supporting several frameworks including JavaScript, Reach, Swift, and more delivered as Opensource repos to the product teams.

**Market:** Target market is the enterprise software industry (\$600bn in 2022) and developers (27m in 2022) – our business model is to charge per seat/month and product.

**Distribution Channels:** Inbound content marketing and CPC, GitHub, NPM, Nugets, and outbound enterprise sales – combined with marketplaces such as Atlassian Marketplace, and more.

Quick Facts
Company Name: Weavy
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**Industry**: Dev-tools

Bank: F&M

Law Firm: White & Summers

Number of Employees: 13 Leadership Team: 5

Amount of Financing Sought: \$3m (\$1.35m secured)

**Current Investors:** Atlassian Ventures and more

Use of Funds: Growth

**Competition:** Sendbird, Stream.io, PubNub – we focus on B2B and enterprise software with a complete suite of features – Chat/Messenger, Feeds, File Sharing and Document Collaboration – and we do so uniquely.

**Financial Projections (Unaudited):** 

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	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Revenue	\$320,000	\$2,669,296	\$15,278,389	\$81,926,342	\$324,104,510
EBIT (dollars in thousands)	-\$1,598,284	-\$1,683,952	-\$2,511,023	\$26,964,297	\$141,800,460



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#### PAT SHERIDAN, CO-FOUNDER & MANAGING PARTNER, MODUS CREATE

Pat is focused on the intersection of design, technology, and business. He saw the need for a high-end product consulting firm built with open-source team design and the concept for Modus was born. Pat helps clients see new ways to tackle challenges with emerging technology and brings his unmatched passion to work every day. As a serial entrepreneur and active startup mentor, he's a co-organizer of NoVa.JS and NYC.JS. He is a 2011 graduate of Mind Share, received his MBA from Georgetown University, where he is currently an Entrepreneur-in-Residence, and holds a BFA from the Corcoran College of Art and Design, where he currently serves as an advisory council member for the George Washington University Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.



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#### GEORGE NEMPHOS, CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGING MEMBER, NEMPHOS BRAUE

George Nemphos is a founding member of Nemphos Braue, a Mid-Atlantic boutique law firm representing entrepreneurs, start-ups, emerging and mature companies, as well as venture capital and private equity funds. He has extensive experience working with private equity to lead M&A deals including spin-offs, roll-ups, minority interest acquisitions and joint ventures, as well as advising in capital raising efforts, and supporting entrepreneurs to grow and scale their businesses. George holds an LLM from Georgetown and a J.D. from the University of Baltimore. He volunteers at St. Paul's School for Boys, was on the Executive Leadership Committee for the 2019 and 2021 American Heart Association Heart Ball and serves on the Board of Directors for Driving Force Group and the Maryland Business Innovation Association.



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#### **ANTHONY MILLIN, NEXT CHAIR & PARTNER, SHULMAN, ROGERS**

Anthony Millin is the Chair of NEXT and a trusted legal and business advisor to startup, early-stage, and emerging growth companies. As a corporate and securities attorney, a successful serial entrepreneur, and a venture capitalist, Anthony brings a unique legal and business perspective to advising his clients. Anthony understands firsthand what it takes to start, scale and manage a company, to successfully prepare for and run a fund-raising process, and to address the legal issues faced by a startup. Another specialized skill set Anthony brings to the table is his China-based experience, assisting early-stage and middle-market companies interested in conducting business in China or seeking direct foreign investment from China. Anthony also serves as a Venture Partner at Urban Us, a seed-stage VC firm. Contact Anthony at amillineshulmanrogers.com.



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#### ANGIE O'GRADY, COO, PARTNER, STELLAPOP @angieogrady

As soon as my feet hit the floor in the morning, I'm running full speed, and that's the way I like it. I spent 15 years as employee number one, the President and COO for Carr Workplaces, building it into a 30 location multimillion dollar business. Before Carr, I spent 14 years at HQ Global Workplaces, now known as Regus. I was coworking when coworking was executive suites, and now I'm leading the charge into 2021 as the industry innovates to a more flexible office concept. In January 2015, I decided to join my husband, Mike, as a partner and thought leader on the business management consulting side. StellaPop's primary focus is assisting client CEO's in improving their people, operations, brand, and bottom line.



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#### MARK HAAS, CEO, AEG @MarkHaas

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#### TRUIST WEALTH MANAGEMENT

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