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Agenda

Monday, June 16, 2025

5:00 - 6:00pm - REGISTRATION / NETWORKING

6:00 - 6:30 pm - WELCOME REMARKS

Opus8 and CONNECTpreneur

6:30 - 7:00 pm - NETWORKING

Speakers



TIEN WONG, CEO, OPUS8, INC.

Tien is Founder and Host of the Big Idea CONNECTpreneur Community, a global community of 315,000 investors, entrepreneurs, business leaders and service professionals. He is CEO of Opus8, an investment and advisory firm which invests in high potential private technology companies, and also helps tech companies and alternative investment fund managers (PE, VC and hedge funds) raise capital. He is a Venture Partner in IronGate Capital, a leading dual-use venture capital fund, and an Investment Advisory Board member of Virginia Venture Partners, one of the nation's most prolific early and seed stage investors. He was a Member of the Maryland Venture Fund Authority, and advises several emerging and established VC and PE fund managers. Tien co-founded and served as CEO of CyberRep, Inc. until its acquisition by Xerox. CyberRep was one of the largest CRM companies in the world with over 2,300 employees and \$80 million in revenue. Today, the legacy CyberRep business units generate \$3+ billion in revenue as divisions of Xerox, Conduent, and Continuum. He serves on the boards of Austin Venture Association, The Washington Institute for Business, Government & Society; Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc. (FITCI); Junior Achievement; and Association for Enterprise Growth. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College.

Partners



CONNECTPRENEUR

Founded in 2012, the Big Idea CONNECTpreneur Forum is a global community of over 315,000 CEOs, Entrepreneurs, VCs and angels, CXOs and other business leaders. CONNECTpreneur's RocketPitch is the world's largest virtual investor pitch event, mashing up 600 - 800+ top founders, investors and business leaders featuring awesome networking, newsmaking speakers, and a "Rocket Pitch" showcase of exciting early stage companies. CONNECTpreneur also hosts or co-hosts 11 in-person Forums annually in the Mid Atlantic region, LA, and Las Vegas, as well as private investor receptions and meetups at the JP Morgan, BIO, Advamed, SXSW, and CES conferences. CONNECTpreneur events are like none other due to the high quality of our attendees and participants, as well as our programming and unprecedented networking, which maximizes the experience for all of our attendees and sponsors. The CONNECTpreneur team also provides capital raising, mentorship and support to hundreds of entrepreneurs as well as investors and VC funds around the world.



OPUS8

Opus8 is a private investment firm. We invest in well-run companies in life sciences and tech-enabled services, and also provide high-level fundraising, strategy and business advisory services to clients on a select basis. Clients include leading technology and healthcare companies, as well as alternative investment managers such as Blackstone, Morgan Stanley, TPG, Ares Capital, Mitsubishi UFJ, Stepstone, HarbourVest, and several others. In addition, Opus8 seeks to acquire well-run companies servicing the healthcare and life sciences industries in BPO, CRM, contact center, and marketing services.

Exhibitors



AQUILLIUS

Aquillius Ventures is a venture firm based in San Diego, CA focused on catalyzing innovation in life sciences, biotech, and medtech. Led by seasoned scientists, entrepreneurs, and investors the firm invests in startups with strong intellectual property, regulatory advantages, and scalable solutions. Central to its strategy is the Aquillius Innovation Hub, a cutting-edge facility offering lab space, cleanrooms, and equipment to support portfolio companies. Aquillius ensures a steady pipeline of high-potential startups while actively de-risking early-stage investments with deep strategic and operational support. With a mission of "Healthy People, Healthy Planet," Aquillius Ventures bridges science and capital to build impactful, high-growth companies.



INTROMMUNE

Intromune is a New York City-based biotechnology company dedicated to simplifying allergy immunotherapy. Intromune's core technology enables immunotherapeutic agents to be delivered in a specially formulated toothpaste designed to incorporate and stabilize allergenic proteins, representing a new therapeutic approach for the treatment of peanut and other food allergies. Conducting allergy immunotherapy via teeth brushing is referred to as oral mucosal immunotherapy (OMIT). OMIT delivers allergenic proteins to the areas of the oral cavity, potentially driving the immune system toward tolerance without ingestion of the allergen. OMIT may address a significant health care need in the industrialized world, where the spread of food allergies has been characterized as an "epidemic." Intromune's mission is to develop safe, effective, and easy-to-use health solutions for individuals suffering with food allergy so that they and their loved ones can live their lives without fear.



SEN-JAM PHARMACEUTICAL

Sen-Jam Pharmaceutical is a clinical-stage company pioneering PAIR™—a dual-mechanism platform that repurposes two decades-proven small molecules to calm mast-cell-driven inflammation before tissue damage or disease denigration begins. This single, preemptive, upstream approach powers an 11-asset pipeline spanning eight large unmet therapeutic need areas from OTC metabolic-recovery products to hospital-grade critical-care rescue, aiming to turn trillion-dollar disease burdens into rapid, affordable relief.



REGE NEPHRO

Rege Nephro is a clinical-stage biotech company. Our lead product, RN-014, is small molecule therapeutics for autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD). We are currently conducting a Phase 2 clinical trial and have obtained early data suggesting both efficacy and safety. Aiming to initiate a Phase 3 trial early next year, we are currently engaged in Series C fundraising. Leveraging iPS cell technology invented by Professor Shinya Yamanaka, we have built a broad pipeline of cell therapy and iPS cell-derived drug discovery programs in the fields of kidney, liver, and pancreas.

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