



**Big Idea**  
**CONNECTpreneur**

# Virtual Rocket Pitch + Power Networking

*September 25, 2025 | 11am - 12:30pm EDT*

***Join Us At***

***The World's LARGEST  
investor pitch event***

**CONNECTPRENEUR.ORG**



# AGENDA

**11:00 - 11:05 AM**

## VIRTUAL NETWORKING

**11:05 - 11:15 AM**

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- TIEN WONG, Founder and Host, CONNECTpreneur Community
- SKYLAR RALLISON, Community Manager, CONNECTpreneur

**11:15 - 11:45 PM**

## ROCKET PITCH SESSION

Companies will be introduced by:

- SARA CLASPER, Associate Attorney, NEXT powered by Shulman Rogers

**11:45 - 12:30 PM**

## PRESENTING COMPANY BREAKOUT ROOMS & VIRTUAL NETWORKING

# PRESENTING COMPANIES



**AIRLIFT**

**AirLift** - Alex Alexanian



**i-Lumen Scientific, Inc.** - John VeLure



**Intromune Therapeutics** - Michael Nelson

# 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.



## **SKYLAR RALLISON, COMMUNITY MANAGER, CONNECTPRENEUR**

Skylar Rallison is a dynamic professional who wears multiple hats as the Community Manager for CONNECTpreneur and Business Analyst for Opus8. She graduated from The Marriott School of Business at Brigham Young University with a degree in Entrepreneurial Management. She has many years of experience in Business Management, Social Media Marketing/Management, Data Analytics, Business Leadership, and Project Management. With a diverse skill set and a passion for facilitating connections and driving business growth, Skylar thrives in the intersection of Community Management and Strategic Analysis.

Skylar enjoys her current role at CONNECTpreneur, which hosts the world's largest monthly investor pitch events as well as 1/2-day Forums with upwards of 900 RSVPs, featuring VIP guests, speakers, exciting presenting companies, and the best CXO to CXO networking on the East Coast. Skylar is pivotal in fostering engagement and building relationships within the investor and entrepreneur community. She creates inclusive digital spaces where members can share insights, collaborate on opportunities, and build a supportive network. Her role includes but is not limited to, team management, event coordination, project management, and marketing.

She also enjoys her current role as a business analyst at Opus8. Opus8 assists companies and fund managers (private equity, VC, and hedge funds) raise private capital from family offices, UHNW individuals, and institutions. Skylar leverages her analytical mindset and attention to detail to provide valuable insights for Opus8. Through her meticulous analysis of investment opportunities and industry research, Skylar helps drive informed decision-making, enabling Opus8 to curate high-quality events that bring together investors and promising ventures.



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## Executive Summary

Sep, 2025

### About:

Incorporated: Delaware: 2019; California: 2021  
 Business Type: high-end consumer product manufacturer in vertical mobility  
 Business model: manufacturing, installation and maintenance of high-end residential and commercial elevators for low-rise homes, apartments, offices, business centers, hotels, malls, airports  
 Technology: uses vacuum forces to lift a glass-made cabin in a glass shaft – a disruptive vertical hyperloop technology, exceeds competition in aesthetics, footprint, safety and performance by 3-5x  
 IP: US patents granted, EU allowed, China and Japan pending, trademark allowed

### Leadership Team:

Alex Alexanian: Founder and CEO, BOD. Successful multiple exits in previous high-tech endeavors  
 Arra Yerganian: BOD. Executive positions with the largest homebuilders Lennar and Pulte Homes  
 Greg Porter: BOD. Gen partner, Porter Ventures, founder of PowerSchool (PWSC \$3.8B)  
 Dan Maydan: Strategic Advisor, built Applied Materials \$0-\$10B+ revenue (AMAT \$124.5B)  
 Sean Cross: Strategic Advisor, co-founder of Infinite Reality (\$15.5B market cap)

### Products/Services:

Products: Kilimanjaro – luxury residential series, 1000lb load, 4-stops, automated, ADA. Beta – Dec'2025  
 Montblanc – budget residential series, 450lb load, 2-stops, manual. Beta – Dec'2027  
 Everest and Olympus – commercial series, details to be released later  
 Product Price: \$40K – \$100K+ for residential models. Commercial models pricing TBD  
 Services: installation, maintenance – variable, mostly outsourced  
 Gross margins: 50-60%+ after all-inclusive manufacturing, distribution and installation costs  
 LPC: \$90K-\$120K lifetime profit per customer (incl. installation and maintenance over 20-year lifetime)

**Business:** preorders: 1000+ units worth \$100M+ in contract negotiations ahead of product release

**Market:** current home elevator market forecasted (by [Fortune Business Insights](#), by [Industry ARC](#)) to reach \$100B by 2031 with CAGR 7.5%. We intend to become a major home elevator vendor and untap into the hidden market of over \$1T – a personal elevator in every multi-story home

### Terms of financing:

Financing type: convertible notes, raising \$10M (contact the company for details)  
 Funds raised: \$2.6M raised, \$1.5M committed, \$MM in negotiations  
 QSBS offering: qualifies for QSBS and section 1244 of the tax code

### Use of Funds:

Product: Kilimanjaro – the luxury residential model scheduled for beta release in Dec'2025  
 Showrooms: Building showrooms in San Jose and Beverly Hills, CA. Launching in Q1'2026  
 Sales:

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Orders (#)	2	46	326	1,528	5,048	12,992	20,324
Revenue (\$K)	\$0	\$3,158	\$16,215	\$67,805	\$214,142	\$625,810	\$1,151,943
Gross Margins (%)	0.0%	54.6%	55.4%	57.9%	58.9%	59.7%	61.2%
EBITDA (\$K)	(\$779)	(\$2,816)	(\$1,546)	\$11,665	\$47,498	\$159,351	\$328,895
Projected Market Value (PMV, \$M)	\$41.2 M	\$213.7 M	\$378.8 M	\$610.8 M	\$1206.5 M	\$2539.5 M	\$4579.8 M

**VALUE PROPOSITION:**

**Restoring Vision, Not Just Managing Disease:** 50% of patients improve vision by 10+ letters within 90-days.

**Huge Market Opportunity:** 200.0 Million are afflicted with Dry-AMD and projected market value of \$68.5 Billion by 2029.

**Derisked Investment Opportunity:** Backed by US feasibility study and well-positioned for FDA clearance in 2028

**Ophthalmology Exit Potential:** Comparable transactions (Alcon acquiring LumiThera for \$850.0M) would yield >12x return in mid-2028 for investors.

**Company Background:** Ophthalmology company with device-based therapy to improve vision in 200.0M people with Dry Age-related Macular Degeneration.

**Leadership Team:** Senior Management team has led FDA clearance for 16 Class II and III technologies and held leadership roles in 5 companies that have been acquired and delivered \$850.0 million in shareholder value.

**Scientific/Medical Consultants:** Dr. Sophie Bakri, Chair of Ophthalmology at the Mayo Clinic, Prof. Tim Cackson, Head of Retinal Research at King's College UK, and Dr. Jason Slackter, Vitreous Retina Macula Consultants of New York, and Robert Warner (Former President of the Americas, Alcon).

**Products/Services:** Retina Bio-Stimulation is low level electrical pulses delivered through an electrode placed on the eyelid to improve cellular structure and function of key Retinal cells to improve vision and slow disease progression.

**Technologies/Special Know-How:** i-Lumen's proprietary dual waveform algorithm generates unprecedented vision improvement – Studies demonstrates that 50% of patients improve vision by 10+ letters within 90-days of initial treatment.

**Market:** The US market opportunity is valued at US\$86.5 Billion by 2029. AMD is the leading cause of blindness in those over age 60 and it affects 1 in 4 people. Globally, more than 200.0 million have AMD.

**Distribution Channels:** i-Lumen's highly scalable business model represents an incremental revenue stream for Ophthalmology offices. Medicare reimbursement for daily treatments is projected to be between \$1,000 to \$1,400. Coupled with clinical results, physician reimbursement will drive adoption and utilization.

i-Lumen will leverage a Lasic vision correction surgery revenue model – 'pay per click model'. The device system is capital equipment and has a gross margin of 90%.

**Competition:** The treatment solutions available today, including Syfovre (Apellis) and Izervay (Astellas), which only slow the progress of the disease while vision loss continues. LumiThera delivers light therapy to the eye but their therapeutic only stabilizes vision – it's inferior to i-Lumen's therapy which improves vision.

**Exit Strategy:** Alcon acquired LumiThera (pre-revenue) for \$850.0 Million. A similar transaction for i-Lumen would yield a 12-15x investor return. i-Lumen has initiated conversations with leading strategics (Glaukos, Johnson&Johnson, Carl Zeiss, and Bausch+Lomb) and there is a significant level of interest in acquiring i-Lumen's technology following the availability of Pivotal Study data (early to mid-2028).

**Quick Facts**

**Company Name:**  
i-Lumen Scientific, Inc.

**Contact:**  
John VeLure (CEO/President)

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**Industry:** Ophthalmology

**Domain:** Medical Device

**Bank:** Minnesota Bank & Trust

**Law Firm:** Fox Rothschild

**Patent Estate:**  
Fox & Rothschild  
29 US Patents, 3 CN Patent, 3 EU Patent, 2 AU Patent

**Auditor:** Baker Tilly US, LLP

**Number of Employees:** Ten (10)

**Leadership Team:**  
John VeLure (CEO/President)  
Meredith Mundy (Research)  
Tracey Henry (Regulatory)  
Thu-Ha Duncan (Manufacturing)

**Amount of Financing Sought:**  
\$16.0 M / \$35.0 M Series B Round

**Current Investors:**  
Bios Partners, MedFocus, and  
Alafi Capital

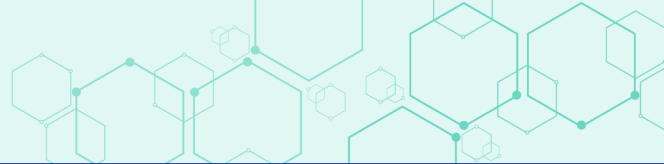
**Use of Funds:** Pivotal Study and  
FDA Market Clearance

**Deal Terms:**  
Series B Funding Round  
Convertible Preferred Stock  
8.0% Cumulative Dividend  
Liquidation Preferences  
Anti-Dilution Provision  
Share price: US\$1.35

**Valuation:**  
Pre-money: US\$31.5 Million  
Post-money: US\$69.3 Million

**Participation Options:**  
Direct Investment: US\$500K min.  
Bios SPV: US\$50K min.





## Prevent Food Allergies... EarliOn™

### Near-term consumer products launch into a new \$13 billion market, therapeutics provide blockbuster upside

#### Problem

**Prevalence of food allergies continues to rise unabated - Intrommune addresses food allergies before they manifest**

- **Growing epidemic:** Over 220 million people globally with food allergies, 33 million in the U.S.
- **Limited options:** Existing product offerings comprised solely of foods - inconsistent implementation, poor adherence
- **Significant unmet need:** Increased risk for severe health events and lifestyle impacts, with no cure

#### Our Solution

**EarliOn Food Exposure Toothpaste: Ending the food allergy epidemic using oral mucosal immunotherapy (OMIT)**

- **Novel approach:** Consumer products formulated with precise amount of food allergens provides consistent exposure when it matters
- **Broad application:** Exposure to multiple food allergens (peanut, cashew, walnut, hazelnut) occurs concurrently with toothbrushing
- **Extensive IP protection:** 51 patents to date covering multiple oral care formats and all food allergens

#### What Makes Us Different

**Delivers allergens during critical early-life window while removing impediments to early and consistent food exposure**

- **Benefits physicians:** 93% of physicians understand early introduction guidelines, but only 30% implement - by simplifying food introduction, care improves, time constraints are alleviated, and revenue streams expand
- **Enhanced usability:** Designed first-in-class oral mucosal delivery system embedded in a fully functional toothpaste
- **Reduces adoption barriers:** Saves time and effort while minimizing parental fears around ingestion, choking risk, and fussy eating
- **Builds healthy hygiene habits:** Encourages a consistent brushing routine

#### Opportunity

**Opportunity for early participation in a technology with an expected high ROI**

- **Accelerated go-to-market:** Based on FDA enforcement discretion around “early introduction” products for patients at risk of food allergy
- **Substantial market potential:** First product targets a serviceable obtainable market segment worth \$175 million of overall \$13 billion market
- **Minimal funding required:** Existing OMIT platform and previous formulation know-how significantly reduces time to market
- **FDA product pipeline:** Continuing developments of prescription therapeutics with next-gen product candidates including multi-food and orphan indication for red meat allergy
- **Partnerships:** Multiple discussions ongoing, potential to collect data and gamify with Bluetooth-enabled power toothbrushes

#### Backed by an Experienced Team

**Successful track record of bringing innovation to market, including biotech, pharma, and allergy markets**

### Intrommune is Seeking \$4 Million

Early exposure products drive near-term revenue, prove business case and ultimately scale our therapeutic pipeline

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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 [amillin@shulmanrogers.com](mailto:amillin@shulmanrogers.com).



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## DINGMAN CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND [@UMD\\_Dingman](#)

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## KEIRETSU FORUM [@KeiretsuAngels](#)

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## **THE BALTIMORE ANGELS @baltimoreangels**

The Baltimore Angels is an angel investor group based in Baltimore, MD. Founded in 2009, its mission is to invest profitably in the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem and advance early-stage innovators to the next stage of capital formation. Its vision is to be the most trusted resource for angel capital investment and entrepreneurial mentorship in the Greater Baltimore region. A new generation of angel investing comes to Baltimore. If you are a tech entrepreneur or community-minded investor, please be in touch with Baltimore Angels. This is not your father's (or your uncle's) investment group.



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## **ANGELS + LIFE.SCI INVESTORS**

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## **GEORGETOWN ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVE**

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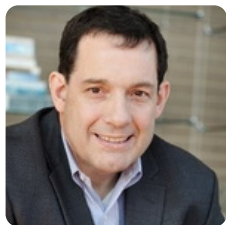
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Jeff Reid is the Founding Director of the Georgetown Entrepreneurship Initiative and Professor of the Practice of Entrepreneurship at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. Reid is a catalyst for entrepreneurship and a well-known leader in entrepreneurship education. In 2009, Reid launched the Georgetown Entrepreneurship Initiative to catalyze entrepreneurial thinking and activities across Georgetown University and impact the growing DMV startup community.



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**PETE RYAN, CO-FOUNDER & PARTNER, RYAN & WETMORE**

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Ines LeBow is the Founder and Principal Startup Consultant at Enterprise Transformation Solutions (ETS), which advises entrepreneurs on how to position themselves for funding. Over the course of her 30+ years in the industry, Ines has helped companies secure more than \$800M in funding, led start-ups and turnarounds for companies with up to \$500M in revenue, managed 11 M&A transactions, and guided 9 companies to a successful exit. With expertise spanning Operations, Executive Leadership, and Mentoring, Turnarounds, Revenue implementation, Engineering, as well as Communications, Ines has helped many companies prepare for VC and angel investment.



## September 25 Attendees

### As of 09 25 25

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Tien	Wong	Founder and Host	CONNECTpreneur
Skylar	Rallison	Community Manager	CONNECTpreneur
Sara	Clasper	Associate Attorney	NEXT powered by Shulman Rogers
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<b>AirLift</b>	Alex	Alexanian	CEO
<b>i-Lumen Scientific, Inc.</b>	John	VeLure	CEO & President
<b>Intromune Therapeutics</b>	Michael	Nelson	CEO
ATTENDEES			
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Vijay	A	Director	Instinctive Ventures Inc
Shehab	Abdelaziz	Co-Founder	LinkTalent
Rodrigo	Abreu	Principal Scientist	LifeArc
Michael	Adler	Managing Partner	Law Office of Michael E. Adler
Koloina	Adr	Manager	PPG
Gilles	Alexandre	CEO	GALAXWI
Asad	Ali	Founder	BookXChange
Badarinath	Ampolu	Director	BioMedha
Joseph	Anders	CEO	AI Data Sciences
Theresa	Anoje	Founder	Remotely Good
AJ	Attavar	Investor	NPS, Inc
Erik	Ayers	Founder and CEO	GoodSeeker
Meisam	Bahari	CTO	Quino Energy, Inc.
Naziya-parvin	Bala	COO	Whiz Optimum AI Inc.
Dan	Ballin	Chief Executive	Ideas Crucible
Pouya	Barrach-Yousefi	Chief Data & AI Officer	Human Rights Connected
Thomas	Bascom	President	
Jay	Beam	Managing Director	Adasel Global Partnets
Erick	Berglund	CSO	Intromune Therapeutics
Victor	Beshidze	CEO	VB Solutions
Marcyia	Betts	Trademark Attorney	Darden Betts
Michael	Blaiss	Consultant	MSB Medical
Larry	Boodin	Financial Planner	Prudential
Tim	Boucher		
Jan	Breukers	Founder-CEO	First Choice Bio, Inc.
Bruce	Burke	Founder and Chief Marketing Officer	My Instant AI
Alexius	Cabral	CEO	Matrihafa
Leondios Alexander	Caldis	Managing Director	Akron Capital Group
Anthony	Cammarata	Fractional CFO	Startupcannon
Gary	Campbell	Co-Founder and CEO	WineView
Joe	Carlin	Principal	JonXeone Capital
Hepzel	Castro	Independent Consultant	HCH Consulting
Nicole	Cevallos	Executive Assistant	EntreAdmin
Prasanna	Chalgeri	Solutions Architect	Siemens
Anusha Reddy	Challapalli	Pharmacist	NHPL
Andre	Chalonec	Founder	Cost Caddies
Manik	Chamarthy	Adminstrator	Advanced allergy and asthma care, PLLC
Latha	Chamarthy MD	md	Advanced allergy and asthma care, PLLC
Shailesh	Chavan	Managing Partner	Ingenious Global Venture Partners
Ryan	Chelton	Dir. of Dev. Services	TRP
Chris	Chen		
Sebright	Chen	CEO	Summer Atlantic Capital
Nelson Hyde	Chick	CAO	Foil Flyer
Andrew	Ciskanik	Lead Product Design	Booz Allen Hamilton
Regina	Cohen	CEO	Eagle Venture
Mahesh	Coimbatore	Founder	DefenseEye Corporation
Susan	Coles	CBO	Allero Therapeutics
Hannah	Cook	Executive Assistant	Shanahan Law Firm
Anca	Copaescu	CEO	Strategikon
Gloryvee	Cordero	CEO	Depth
Lawrence	Cottee	Founder	Amiara.ai
Albert	Crews	VP of Product Innovation and New Ventures	St Jude
Ray	Crowell	Founder	AGI Transformer
Jonas	Dallaire	Mortgage Agent	Citadel Mortgages
Janet	Dally	Managing Director	MaidStone Life Sciences
Ellen	Damaso	Venture Partner	Plus Ultra Capital Partners
Vincent	Darago	CIO	Trusted Boat AI
Anade	Davis	AI Data Scientist	KapitalGPT
Kayla	Davis	Technology Specialist	Wolf Greenfield & Sacks
S.E.	Day	CEO	For Small Business Only LLC
Todd	Dean	CEO	Todd Dean & Co.
Susan	D'Elia	Founder/CEO	TECHMarket PR Accelerator for Tech Innovators
Siddharth	Desai	President	Healthcare Evolution Inc.
LaShall	Dodson	CEO & Founder	Dedicated Virtual Professional Services LLC
Christie	Duncan	Project / Workforce Coordinator	Creative Management Solutions, LLC
Cherie	Edilson	CEO Founder	Member Marketplace Inc
Sam	Eichner	Senior Counsel	Norton Rose Fulbright
Maria	Ermolova	Investment Banking Managing Director	Weild & Co.
Alexander	Evans	Client Director/ Observability Strategist	Virtana Corp
Herb	Ezrin	CEO & President	Potomac Business Group

Sina	Faridimehr	Founder and CEO	Enerytics
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Jim	Frangenberg	Founder	VWP
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Yasmine	Gardiner	Founder, CEO	DataScrubber.AI
Ankita	Garg	Translational Immunologist	MC/UGA
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Michael	Gilley	Venture Partner	Mighty Capital
Peter	Gladis	President	Peter Gladis Consulting, LLC
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Kristin	Gross	Founder	Navdee
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Rick	Hermanto	Investor	Intrommune
Bennett	Hickey	Tenant Advisory	Lincoln Property Company
Dalibor	Hodko	CEO	Nexogen, Inc.
Laura	Hong	CEO	AlaR7
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