Experienced founder with strong network

Tendermint
SVP of Engineering of Top-tier VC funded startup.

Founded Top-tier VC funded company that was acquired.
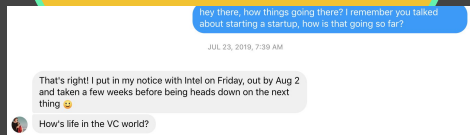
MESOSPHERE
Early employee at a unicorn company.

THE APACHE SOFTWARE FOUNDATION
Active open source maintainer.

Unique deal flow from a variety of high quality sources

Early employees / coworkers in cloud-native startups: Docker, Mesosphere, CoreOS, VMWare, Cloudera, etc.

VCs referrals / Accelerators / Angels: BVP, Accomplice, Madrona, Workbench, Redpoint, 11.2 capital, YC, Techstars, etc.
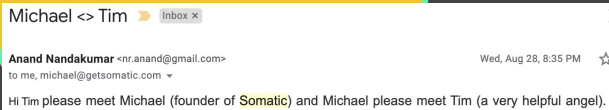
In bound from Blogging, Twitter and Linkedin.

OSS and Research communities: Apache, CNCF, Stanford, Berkeley, University of Washington

Founder friends / Portfolio network referrals / Angels intro

hey there, how things going there? I remember you talked about starting a startup, how is that going so far?

JUL 23, 2019, 7:39 AM

That's right! I put in my notice with Intel on Friday, out by Aug 2 and taken a few weeks before being heads down on the next thing 😊

How's life in the VC world?

Arjun Iyer • 8:27 PM
Hi Tim, your work at HyperPilot really piqued my interest and I wanted to know if you are available for a chat. Thanks

Michael <> Tim 📁 Inbox ×

Anand Nandakumar <nr.anand@gmail.com>   Wed, Aug 28, 8:35 PM ⭐
to me, michael@getsomatic.com ▾

Hi Tim please meet Michael (founder of Somatic) and Michael please meet Tim (a very helpful angel).

A technical expert that brings critical value add early on

Stage: Pre-seed and seed-stage teams that focus on enterprise.

Areas: Data infrastructure, Cloud, DevOps, Developer & Data scientist tooling, AI/ML systems and applications.

Geography: Primarily Pacific Northwest (Vancouver, Seattle, etc) and Bay Area.

An active partner to help founders get to series A

Be the founder's active partner at the beginning of the startup journey, helping to refine raw ideas and directions to shape the core essence of the venture.

Specific areas of help with early founders include fundraising, open source strategy, product / go-to market iteration, hiring and Data/ML strategies.

Xiaoyun Zhu <xiaoyun@neurops.io>   Mon, Feb 25, 8:21 PM

to me, Pradeep

Hi Tim,

It was great meeting up earlier today and discussing our ideas for the new venture. Not sure if I had mentioned this earlier, but our new company's name is NeurOps - AI Ops as a service to reduce mean time to remediation (MTTR). I've attached the investor deck for your reference.

It'd be great if you could consider angle-investing in our company. Given your rich experience in this industry and wide connections in the community, both Pradeep and I will also appreciate it if you could take on an advisor role, to give us early feedback on our ideas, product designs and market fit, as well as connecting us to potential customers.

Unique ability to get early customers leads to access.

Help introduce early customers and investors based on existing customers relationship during Hyperpilot, Mesosphere, Cloudera, etc.

Also receive recommendations and referrals from top VCs and angels for allocation.

Timothy Chen <tim@hyperpilot.io>
Tue, Jan 15, 10:00
to Barr, sofmac ▾

Hi Barr,

I want to introduce Sofus Macskássy to you, who is currently the VP of Data Science at HackerRank. We met when I data team at Branch Metrics.

I already forwarded your blurb and info to Sofus and he's interested to learn more.

Thanks!

Tim

Timothy Chen <tim@hyperpilot.io>
Fri, Sep 27, 8:39 AM (8 days ago)
to Somik, Vishakha ▾

Hi all,

Want to introduce both of you here, Vishakha is ex-Intel engineer and now CEO of ApertureData, Somik is the head of products at D2IQ.

Already gave both of you context, I'll let you two connect from here.

Tim

Rob (Polychain) / Seb & Mat (Opstrace) [Inbox ×]

Timothy Chen <tim@hyperpilot.io>
Tue, Aug 6, 3:40 PM
to Mat, Rob, Sebastien ▾

Hi Rob/Seb/Mat,

Want to introduce you guys to each other, Rob was the head of infra at Coinbase and currently CTO of Polychain Capital. Seb/May are cofounders of Opstrace and we all used to be coworkers at Mesosphere.

Rob already read the blurb is open to chat.

Thanks!

Tim

Sudip Chakrabarti
Fri, Oct 4, 1:15 PM (11 hours ago)
to me ▾

I met the two founders yesterday and liked them a lot. They mentioned that they had met you – we were talking about mesosphere – and that you might invest. I of course encouraged them to find a way to work with you.

Engineering talent

Leverage network and talent sources that was established when hiring for Hyperpilot (both in US and Taiwan) and Tendermint (globally) to help develop engineering pipeline and distributed teams practices. Strong engineering talent sources in the data, devops, cloud, AI/ML, hardware space from both the US and Taiwan.

High quality pipeline for Fund I is ready to go

Mentoring and tracking 20+ early promising teams that are still in founding and idea validation mode.
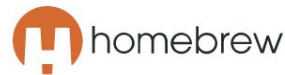
Teams include ex-Docker founder, Founding engineers at Mesosphere, ex-CTO of Cloudera ML, Senior director at AppDynamics, Early Kubernetes Committer, Uber Engineer Managers, Computer science Professors, etc.

Investments with top-tier VC and Angels
2x more likely to get follow-on compared to industry average

Company	Invested Stage	Co-invested / Follow-ons
Iterative.ai	Pre-seed (currently Seed)	True Ventures, Afore Capital, Florian Leibert, Tobi Knaup, Andrew Lee, etc
Elotl	Pre-seed	Angels
marionet	Pre-seed (currently Seed)	Initialized, Founder Collective, Angellist Spearhead
NeurOps	Seed	Mango Capital, 8VC, Point72
XOR	Seed (currently Post-Seed)	SignalFire
mobikit	Pre-seed	Angels
Mogul	Series A	Hearst Corporation and Founders & Heads of Comcast, Match.com, LinkedIn, McGraw Hill Education, MTV, NPR, Gary Vaynerchuk, and Diane Von Furstenberg
flatfile	Pre-Seed	Afore Capital, Gradient Ventures, Liquid 2, Founder Collective, Designer Fund, CEO of Kaggle,
kubecost	Seed	Afore Capital, Unusual Ventures, Andrew Lee, etc.
OPSTRACE	Seed	Kleiner Perkins, Liquid 2, Florian Leibert, etc.
MONOGRAPH	Pre-Seed (currently Seed)	Homebrew, Index Ventures, Parade.vc, Designer Fund, Hustle Fund, Brick & Mortar

Top funds value my unique value add and invite me into deals

Fund Summary

Sector: Enterprise (Infrastructure, SaaS, AI/ML, Cloud-native)

Stage: Pre-seed and Seed

Number of investments: 10-20

Investment period: 1-2 years

Check size: $50-100K per company

Follow ons can be done with SPV.

Fund Terms

Size: 1M

GP Commit: $50,000

Carry: 20%

Management fees: None*

Minimum investment: $50,000**

Back-office: Hosted on AngelList

* Tim does not charge any management fees. AngelList charges 1% admin fee per year, for up to 10 years for fund administration services.

** Exception is possible based on circumstances

Current Limited partners

VC recommendations

BainCapital
Anchor LP

Tristan Zajonc
ex-CTO of ML at Cloudera

Jonathan Swanson
Thumbtack Founder

Pradeep Padela
ex-CEO at ContainerX

Jake Zeller
Partner at Angellist

Jesse Proudman
ex-CEO of Bluebox

Sofus Macskássy
Director of Data Science
at Linkedin

Anamitra Banerji
Founding Partner at
Afore Capital

Sudip Chakrabarti
Partner at Madrona
Venture Partners

Muzzammil Zaveri
Partner at Gradient
Ventures

Mike Miller
General Partner at
Liquid 2 Ventures

Appendix - Example investments

Summary: Collaboration for ML

Category: Machine learning (B2B)

Invested: Pre-seed @ 4m valuation, lead by Afore Capital

Valuation today: 18m (Seed), lead by True Ventures

Sourced: Inbound

flatfile

Summary: Customer data management

Category: Data infrastructure (B2B)

Invested: Pre-seed @ 8m valuation, lead by Afore Capital. 2-3x oversubscribed. Participated in due diligence calls from Gradient Ventures, Story Ventures, Designer Fund, Afore Capital.

Sourced: Developer network

OPSTRACE

Summary: Monitoring / Logging at scale for Enterprises

Category: Monitoring (B2B)

Invested: Pre-seed @ 20m valuation, lead by Kleiner Perkins.

Highly competitive round that closed before YC

demo day.

Sourced: Ex-colleagues at Mesosphere

hey:-)

so we are closing our round.

we have Kleiner Perkins and a few angels

we would love to have you on board

Appendix - Example investments

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Summary: HR recruiting automation

Category: HR (B2B)

Invested: Seed @ 10m valuation, lead by Signalfire. Hit 1m ARR before round closed.

Valuation today: ~20m (Seed 2), lead by Signalfire. Hit 2m+ ARR

Sourced: Introduced by Iterative.ai founders

Appendix - Founder events

Create high quality founder events to help foster PNW startup community, and foster the culture of helping each other.

Example enterprise dinner includes:

Bessemer investor, CEO of Algorithmia, CEO of Togethar, CEO of Rubica, CEO of Hyperproof, ex-CEO of Glimpzit, CEO of Kaskada