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Dear selection committee,

I am writing to support **Simone Riccardi**'s application for the Graduate Studies Program at Singularity University during summer 2015.

As an external advisor for his company Ecobnb.com, I have known and interacted with Simone for more than 3 years.

Simone is passionate, driven, eclectic and very broad. His academic background is in architecture, but at the same time he worked for more than ten years in web technologies, information technologies and entrepreneurship. Besides his major academic achievements, Simone has been involved in the development of more than hundred web projects and cofounded three companies: Ecobnb, Bluescreenlab and SecondLifeLab. He has solid problem-solving skills and an inspiring vision that derive from his unusual blend of competences and interests. He is very talented and humble at the same time; most importantly he is extremely curious and loves to learn. He has been successfully working in a team, showing strong project management and team leading skills. His ideas are innovative and potentially disruptive. Many of his ideas aim to improve society by using modern technologies and the web: Ecobnb for example provides a portal to sustainable tourism and helps to increase awareness and respect for nature and local communities.

Thanks to his skills and mindset I believe Simone is a perfect match to the Graduate Program offered by Singularity University.

I warmly recommend the committee to accept his application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MC' or a stylized version of the name.

Matteo Cantiello