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## The Cleantech Café: Meet the RBC Women in Cleantech Founders (invite-only)

 December 2, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

**About the Session**  
If you're a corporate or ecosystem partner looking to engage with Canada's most promising cleantech startups — whether through customer leads, pilot projects or business development collaborations — this event is for you.



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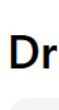
## Opening remarks

 December 2, 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM  MaRS Auditorium


### About the Session

Welcome to MaRS Climate Impact 2025 — two days exploring how policy, capital, innovation and adaptation are driving Canada's climate economy forward.

### Speakers



Grace Lee Reynolds  
CEO, MaRS Discovery District



Tyler Hamilton  
Senior Director, Climate, MaRS Discovery District

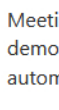
## The shifting landscape of the climate tech market

 December 2, 9:50 AM - 10:20 AM  MaRS Auditorium

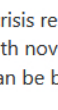
### About the Session

Which cleantech sectors are poised for the greatest growth in 2026? How are investment priorities shifting across the global climate economy? Join Kim Zou, co-founder and CEO of Slightline, as she shares insights from one of the world's leading climate market intelligence platforms. This keynote will be followed by a conversation with Nelson Switzer, managing partner and co-founder of Climate Innovation Capital and author of *The Gigacorn Hunter*.

### Speakers





Kim Zou  
CEO and Co-Founder, Slightline Climate



Nelson Switzer  
Managing Partner, Climate Innovation Capital

## Driven to extraction

 December 2, 10:25 AM - 10:45 AM  MaRS Auditorium

### About the Session

Learn about the future of carbon removal through the innovative work of two startups. Arca, which specializes in rock mineralization, and Skytree, which transforms excess CO2 into everything from e-fuels to soda, share how they're forging the partnerships required to scale their solutions and speed up global decarbonization.

### Speakers



Janie Kearns  
Partner, Evolv Innovations



Elena Nikonova  
Vice President, Strategy, North America and APAC, Skytree



Sean Lowrie  
Head of External Affairs, Arca Climate Technologies

## Three solutions: Solving for housing, sustainably

 December 2, 10:50 AM - 11:30 AM  MaRS Auditorium

### About the Session

Meeting housing demand while tackling the climate crisis requires radical approaches and the ability to scale fast. In this rapid-fire session, three ventures will demonstrate how innovation is rewriting the rules. With novel approaches that include prefabricated mass timber, AI-powered construction and robotics-driven automation, these leaders are proving that housing can be built faster, greener and smarter.

### Speakers



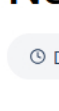
Ramtin Attar  
Co-Founder and CEO, Promise Robotics




Oliver David Krieg  
President, Intelligent City



Nhung Nguyen  
Managing Partner, Spring Impact Capital Management





Ria Perrault  
Manager, Climate Programs, MaRS Discovery District



Matt Stanley  
Partner, Climate Tech, BDC Capital


## Food and Agtech Mission launch

 December 2, 11:30 AM - 11:35 AM  MaRS Auditorium

### About the Session



As MaRS launches its new Food and Agtech Mission, this session outlines the project's goals, accelerator program and corporate adoption cohort.

### Speakers



Katherine Festeryga  
Lead, Mission from MaRS: Food & Agtech, MaRS Discovery District

## A diet for Canada's food systems

 December 2, 11:35 AM - 12:00 PM  MaRS Auditorium

### About the Session

There is an urgent need to transform the way we produce, process and distribute food. This session features leaders working across sustainable food and agriculture technology on what it will take to better support resilient food supply chains.

### Speakers



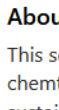
Lisa Ashton  
Director of Agriculture Policy, RBC Thought Leadership



Katherine Festeryga  
Lead, Mission from MaRS: Food & Agtech, MaRS Discovery District




Joshua Goodman  
Head of Corporate Sustainability, Sobeys



Marlise Hunter  
Director, Ecosystem Partnerships, Farm Credit Canada

## Networking lunch

 December 2, 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

## Pitch session: Seed-stage ventures

 December 2, 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM  MaRS Auditorium

### About the Session

Hear from Canada's most promising early-stage ventures as they pitch their solutions to investors and industry leaders.

### Speakers




Jason Blumberg  
Managing Director, Earth Foundry




Brendan MacDonald  
CEO, Founder, and President, Ekstera




Olivia Hornby  
Member / Chair, Sustainable Energy & Infrastructure Practice, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo



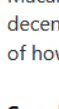
Pooya Saberi  
Co-Founder, TinyBox Systems



Vida Gabriel  
Co-Founder and CEO, TerraFixing



Alicia Lemis  
Vice President, Chrysalis Venture Capital

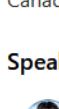


Tatiana Estevez  
Founder and CEO, Permalution


## Border crossings: Investor perspectives on where cleantech dollars are flowing

 December 2, 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM  MaRS Auditorium


### Speakers




Jeanette Jackson  
National Director, CleanTech, RBCx



Kyle McEneaney  
Director, The Schmidt Family Foundation



Sahir Surrmeli  
Member / Chair, Sustainable Energy & Infrastructure Practice, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo



Nate Lowbeer-Lewis  
Principal, Spring Lane Capital

## Catalyst for change: Addressing Canada's scale-up gap with national infrastructure

 December 2, 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM  MaRS Auditorium

### About the Session

This session explores how leading innovation hubs from across Canada are working to streamline the path from research to revenue. Experts from across the chemtech ecosystem discuss what changes — future funding models, partnerships or policies — will be necessary to help the homegrown ventures bring their sustainable materials, next-gen batteries, novel carbon removal methods and other cleantech solutions to the global market. Celebrate how the country has progressed and explore what could further empower homegrown innovators to scale and compete globally.

### Speakers



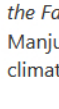
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Executive Director, RYN HUB



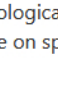
Beth Mason  
Executive Chair, Verschuren Center



Bradley Wamboldt  
Senior Advisor in Residence, The ETC Foundation





Brendan Skiffington  
Manager, NORCAT Innovation



Alexandru Iordan  
Executive Director, Polytechnique Montreal - Centre for innovation in clean technologies

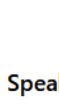
## Situation critical: Creating a circular mineral supply chain

 December 2, 3:00 PM - 3:25 PM  MaRS Auditorium


### About the Session

Critical minerals are the backbone of clean technologies — from EVs to wind turbines. Hear how ventures are scaling recycled and recovered rare earths, and how urban mining can help Canada create resilient, domestic supply chains.


### Speakers



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Executive Director, RYN HUB




Hooman Reza Nezhad  
Co-Founder, CEO, Solcoo Industries





Alex Forstner  
CTO, Cyclic Materials

## Networking break

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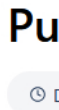
## Downstream effects: How Viridis is reinventing water treatment

 December 2, 3:50 PM - 4:05 PM  MaRS Auditorium


### About the Session

Macarena Cataldo, co-founder and CEO of Viridis Research, explains how her company is using advanced electrochemical oxidation to develop a novel decentralized approach to water treatment. Viridis's technology can tackle toxic dyes, forever chemicals, microplastics and other pollutants, providing a vision of how communities around the world can have reliable access to a clean and secure supply of water.

### Speakers





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CEO, Viridis



Alex Zakreski  
Senior Manager, Cleantech Ecosystem, MaRS Discovery District

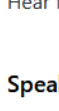
## Giving the green light: How national sovereignty can drive climate impact

 December 2, 4:05 PM - 4:35 PM  MaRS Auditorium


### About the Session

Canadians are more likely to support infrastructure when it's framed as strengthening our nation and energy independence. How can climate leaders harness this momentum to ensure new projects are sustainable, community-driven and built to last? This panel explores the impact of nation-building efforts on Canada's climate transition and new solutions.


### Speakers




Sarah Petrevan  
Vice President, Industrial Decarbonization and Sustainability, Cement Association of Canada




Hayden Smith  
CEO, Fox Energy



Kibby Pollak  
CEO, Enurgen





Andrew Murray  
Founder and CEO, Adan Renewables



Alex Sadvari  
Environmental Lawyer and Partner, Gowling WLG

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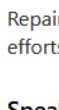
## More Everything Forever

 December 3, 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM  MaRS Auditorium


### About the Session

Acclaimed astrophysicist Adam Becker talks about his latest book, *More Everything Forever: AI Overlords, Space Empires, and Silicon Valley's Crusade to Control the Face of Humanity*, and the tension between technological ambition and practical climate action. In his keynote presentation and in conversation with Manjula Selvarajah, Becker challenges the overreliance on speculative technologies to solve the climate crisis, emphasizing the need for realistic, ready-now climate solutions.

### Speakers





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Author and Astrophysicist



Manjula Selvarajah  
Journalist, Solve for X

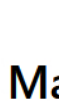
## Adaptech accelerator launch

 December 3, 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM  MaRS Auditorium

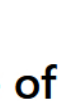
### About the Session

Earlier this fall the European Investment Bank decided to double-down on funding for climate adaptation, another sign that increasing wildfires, flooding, extreme heat and biodiversity loss are focusing more attention on the need for adaptation and resilience. But how is Canada responding to this reality? Drawing on our Canadian Adaptation & Resilience Innovation Playbook, this session explores how emerging technologies, ventures and investors are shaping a growing adaptation economy. Learn where innovation activity is strongest (and weakest) and what's needed to better connect solutions to real-world climate resilience needs. Finally, get a sneak peak at a new program that will help Canada become an Adaptech leader.

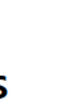
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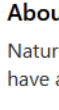
Paul MacDonald  
EVP, Personal Insurance and Digital Channels, Definity



Lori Collins  
Strategic Advisor, Global Adaptation and Resilience Investment (GAR) Group





Ana Gonzalez Guerrero  
Senior Manager, Climate and Cities, MaRS Discovery District



Darya Jalali  
Associate Principal, Climate Tech Fund, BDC Capital

## Before lightning strikes: How Skyward Wildfire stops wildfires before they start

 December 3, 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM  MaRS Auditorium

### About the Session

Lightning causes more than half of North America's wildfires. Ron Dizio, chair at Skyward, joins us to discuss how the company is developing technology to neutralize strikes over high-risk areas, preventing catastrophic blazes and emissions before they happen.

### Speakers



Ron Dizio  
Chair, Skyward Wildfire Technologies



Marcius Extavour  
Senior Partner, Ode

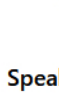
## Purchasing power

 December 3, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM  MaRS Auditorium


### About the Session

Public procurement can make or break the scale-up of climate technologies. This panel explores how outcomes-based procurement models can accelerate climate action, strengthen Canadian supply chains and bring cutting-edge solutions to market faster.


### Speakers



Tyler Hamilton  
Senior Director, Climate, MaRS Discovery District



Bruce Johnson  
Executive Vice President, Martineau Innovation Development, Martineau International





Hugo Navarro  
COO and CFO, Morgan Solar



Abi Thomas  
General Manager, Fleet Services, City of Toronto

## Pitch session: Series A stage ventures

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
### Speakers



Hanif Montazeri  
CEO, Enersion



Anna Pipin  
Global Accounts Director, Export Development Canada



Nivatha Balendra  
CEO and Founder, Dispersa



Gillian Holcroft  
CEO and Co-Founder, Green Graphite Technologies



Amy Ng  
Vice President, Banking, RBCx



Evelyn Allen  
CEO and Co-founder, Everloak



Kevin Albert  
Associate Principal, BDC Capital - Climate Tech Fund

## Networking lunch

 December 3, 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

## Shelter from the storm: Securing capital to build resilient communities

 December 3, 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM  MaRS Auditorium

### About the Session

As climate risks intensify across Canada, communities urgently need investment to strengthen local resilience. Yet capital flows into adaptation remain limited, particularly for projects that sit between public funding and private market returns. This session explores how investors and insurers are redefining what it means to finance resilience through new instruments, partnerships and models that bridge the gap between community needs and capital.

### Speakers



Paul Manias  
Partner and Co-Head, ClimateTech Fund; Special Advisor to Co-operators on Climate Resilient Infrastructure, Diagram Ventures



Sonam Velani  
Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Streetlife Ventures



Ryan Ness  
Director, Adaptation, Canadian Climate Institute



Chris Goddall  
CEO and Founder, NOAA Intelligence

## Wild idea: How tech can help restore our ecosystems

 December 3, 1:45 PM - 2:00 PM  MaRS Auditorium

### About the Session

Repairing ecosystems is not as simple as planting seeds. Blaine Pearson, CEO of Seedark, explains how innovative platforms can optimize ecological restoration efforts and help address the global seed shortage.

### Speakers



Blaine Pearson  
Co-Founder, Seedark



Leah Perry  
Senior Associate - Innovation Fund, Wittington Ventures

## Take the heat: Thermal tech solutions for meeting climate targets

 December 3, 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM  MaRS Auditorium

### About the Session

Heat is abundant, yet too often wasted or simply untapped. As heavy industry seeks new pathways to decarbonization and efforts intensify to reduce fossil fuel dependence for heating buildings, we need to get better at capturing, storing and using heat to meet the needs of a low-carbon economy. This session explores the technologies and approaches that are meeting the challenge head on and turning heat into a valuable resource.

### Speakers



Nan Ge  
Co-Founder and CEO, Cardinal Volta



Shahzad Ahsan  
Vice President, Extract Energy



Ross King  
Founder and CEO, ThermoCity Energy Group



Erin Madro  
Principal, Head of Energy, Evolv Innovations

## Make it better: The rise of bio-based materials

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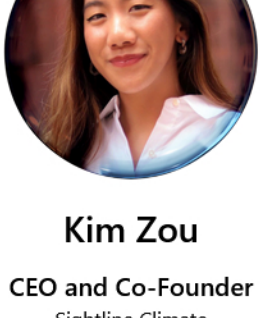
Nature-based materials are moving from niche to mainstream in construction. As Canada ramps up its building endeavours, these advanced materials could have a transformative impact. Hear how seaweed cork,



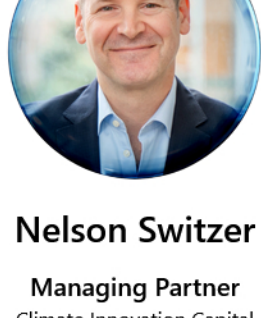
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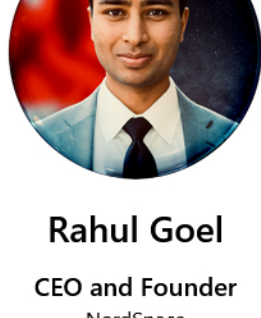
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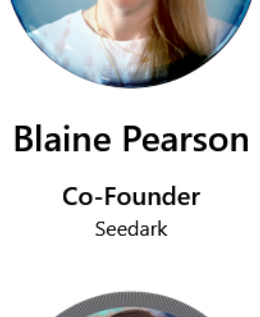
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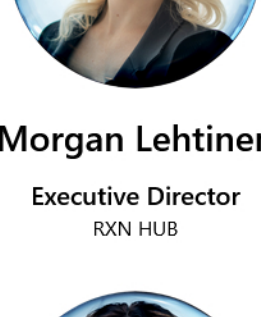
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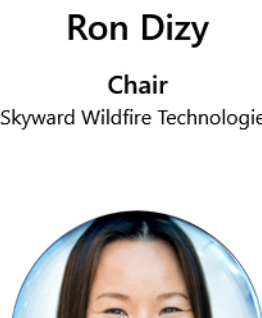
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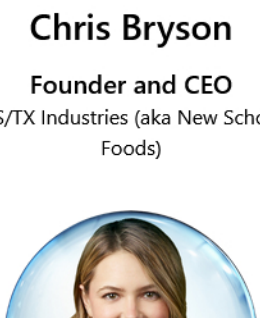
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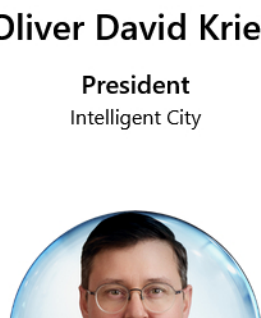
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**Chris Bryson**  
Founder and CEO  
NS/TX Industries (aka New School  
Foods)



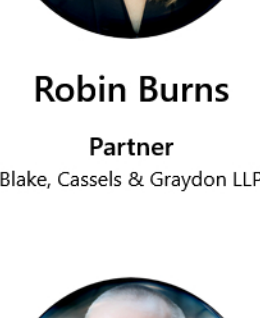
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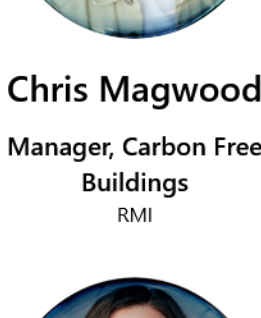
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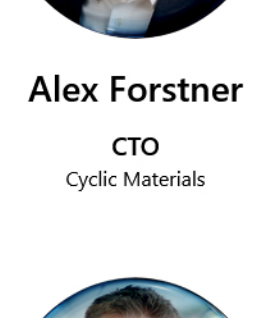
**Nhung Nguyen**  
CEO  
Horizon Legacy Construction  
Automation



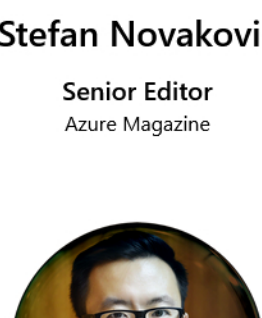
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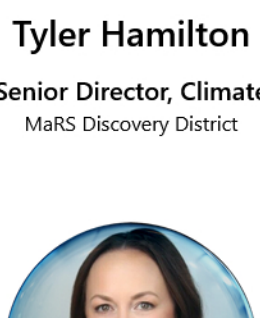
**Chris Magwood**  
Manager, Carbon Free  
Buildings  
RMI



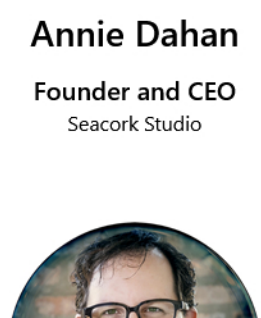
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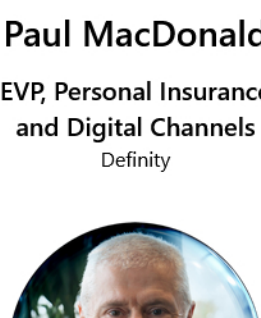
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Senior Editor  
Azure Magazine



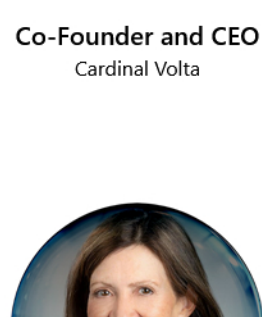
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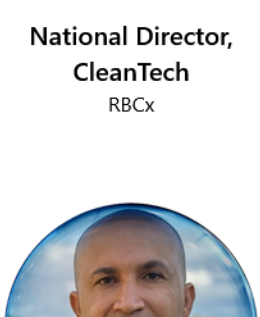
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Founder and CEO  
Seacork Studio



**Paul MacDonald**  
EVP, Personal Insurance  
and Digital Channels  
Definity



**Nan Ge**  
Co-Founder and CEO  
Cardinal Volta



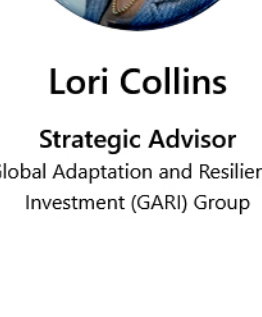
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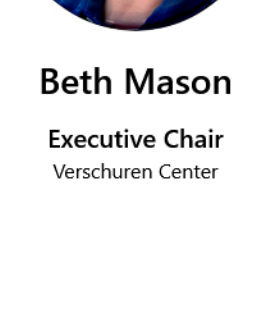
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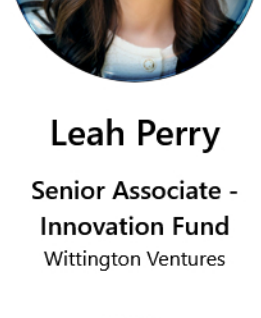
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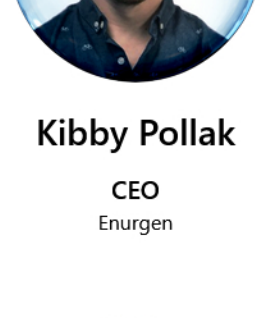
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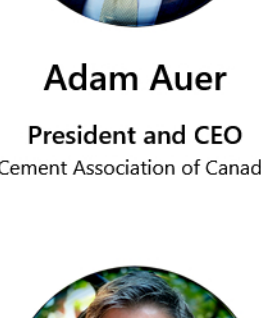
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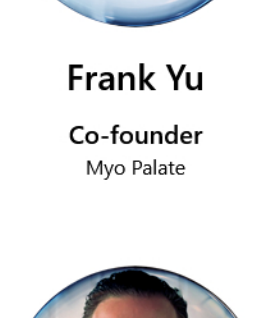
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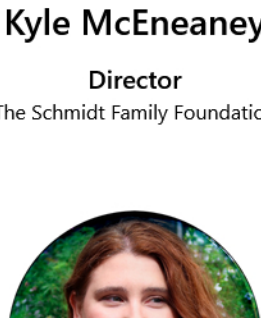
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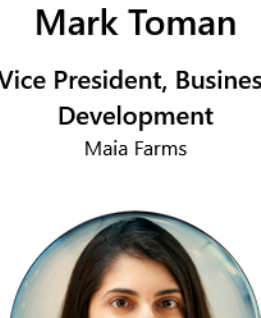
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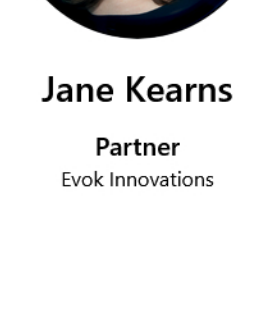
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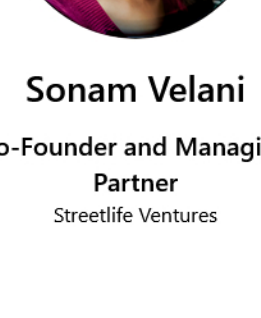
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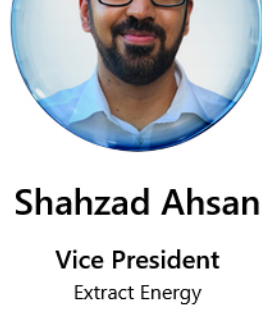
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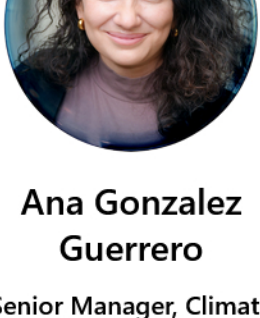
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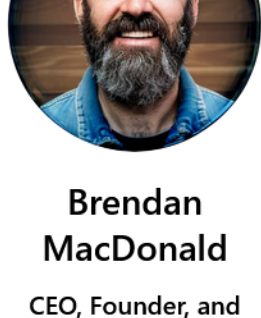
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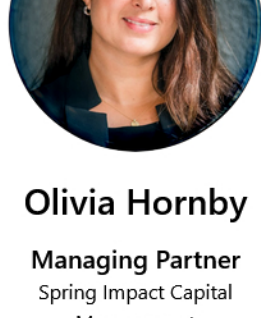
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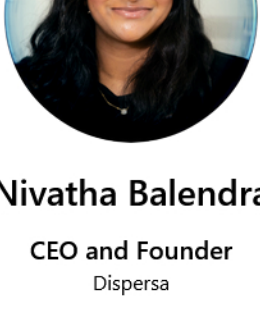
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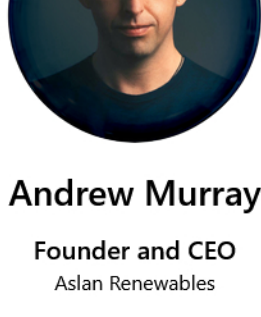
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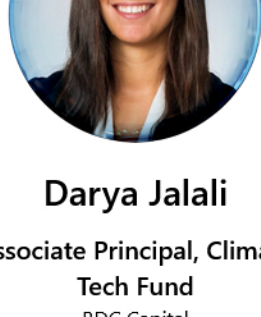
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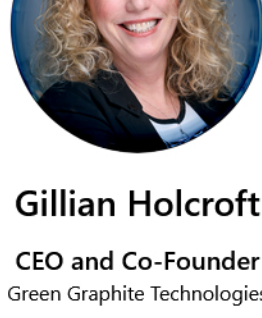
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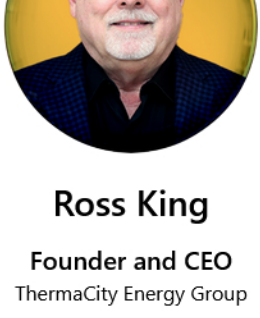
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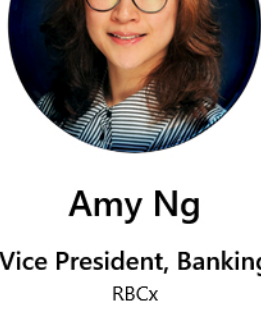
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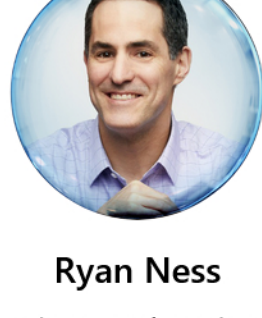
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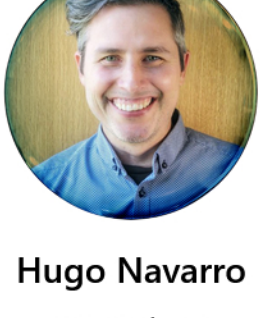
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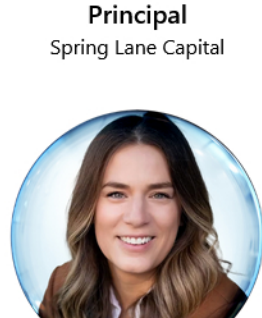
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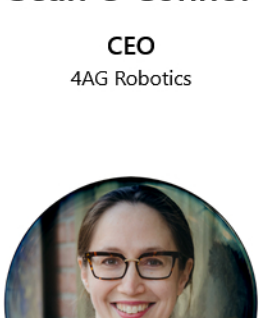
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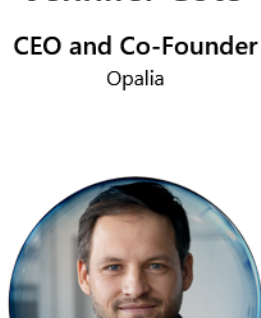
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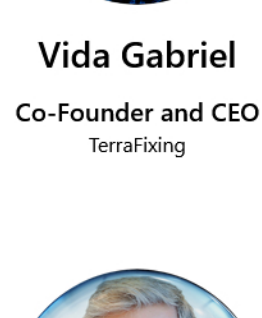
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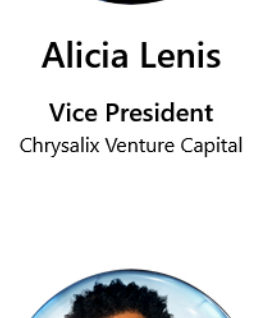
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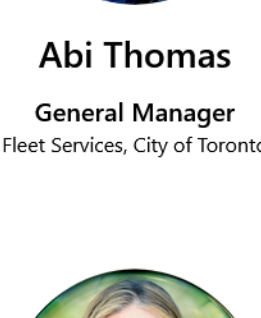
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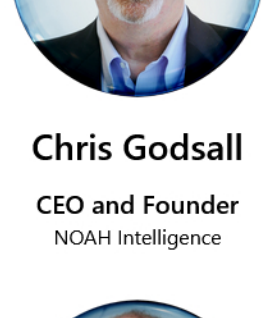
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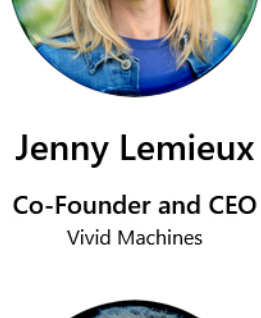
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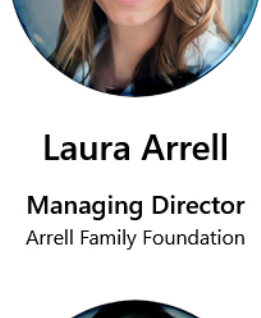
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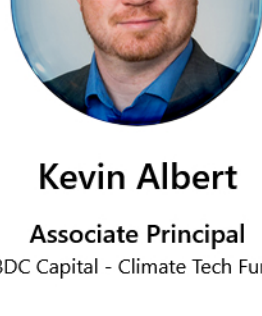
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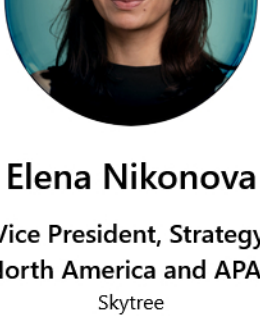
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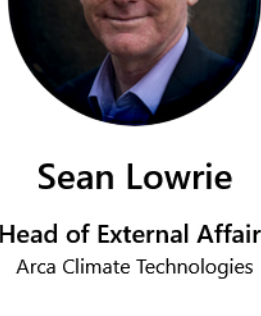
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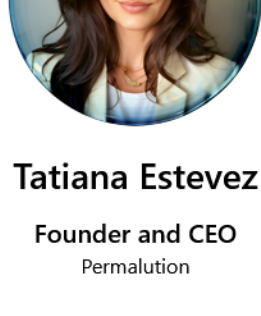
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