



IKOVE

STARTUP NURSERY

FIRST ANNUAL INNOVATION SHOWCASE

February 1st, 2018 | 5:00-9:00 pm

Pepper Hamilton LLP

New York Times Bldg,
620 8th Ave, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10018

ikovecapital.com

Ikove is a venture development company founded to pursue early stage investments with emphasis on technology commercialization in the Midwest. Through its proprietary Startup Nursery, in partnership with multiple U.S. research institutions, Ikove identifies and validates developing high-impact technologies, providing capital and commercialization resources to bridge the gap between R&D and VC funded rounds. Over the past three years, Ikove has launched ten disruptive startup companies, generating north of \$100MM in equity value. The founders personally invested over \$2MM to develop and validate the model, and subsequently brought an additional \$20MM+ of investment into the portfolio.

*cognovi*Labs

cognovilabs.com

Cognovi Labs is a predictive analytics company, combining artificial intelligence with behavioral science to generate business-specific predictions. Cognovi has developed a SaaS platform for emotion-based artificial intelligence and is emerging as an early leader in the space.

\$2.2MM

Seed Round

Series A Round
Launching Q3 2018

Beni Gradwohl, Ph.D. Co-Founder and CEO

Beni Gradwohl is a senior finance executive, institutional investor and fintech innovator.



NIKOLA LABS

nikola.tech

Nikola Labs is a wireless power company set to win the "War of the Waves" by bringing technologies to market through products that utilize the core technology of converting radio frequency energy to direct current power (RF to DC).

\$4.2MM

Seed Round

Series A Round
Launching Q2 2018

Will Zell

CEO and Founding Partner

Will Zell is founder of 3 tech companies, currently building the worlds best wireless power company.



ParaGen TECHNOLOGIES

paragentechologies.com

ParaGen Technologies is the parent of a family of companies focused on diverse clinical areas including wound care, orthopedics, peripheral, vascular, and hernia repair. ParaGen aims to redefine tissue engineering.

\$4.1MM

Seed Round

Series A Round
Launching February 2018

Ross Kayuha

CEO

Ross Kayuha has 30+ years' of executive experience with successful IPO and acquisition.



EVENT SPEAKERS



Dr. Brian Cohen

Atreon Orthopedics and Tarian Medical

Dr. Brian Cohen is the Medical Director for Atreon Orthopedics and Tarian Medical, and plays a vital role in evaluating our products and their potential areas of implementation. Dr. Cohen is an orthopedic surgeon in Chillicothe, Ohio, and the lead physician of the Adena Bone and Joint Center. He completed medical school at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and his orthopedic residency training at the Mount Sinai Hospital. Following his residency, Dr. Cohen spent an additional year in fellowship in operative sports medicine at Rush Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. Cohen teaches surgical orthopedic techniques to other physicians across the nation, and was recently featured by Stryker Corporation for his implementation of robotics technology for knee and hip replacement surgeries.



Andrew Hulsh

Pepper Hamilton LLP

Andrew Hulsh is a partner in the Corporate and Securities Practice Group of Pepper Hamilton LLP. His practice is focused on domestic and cross-border private equity-backed and strategic mergers and acquisitions involving private and publicly-listed companies; asset management matters, including private equity and venture capital fund formation and the acquisition of managers of domestic and offshore investment management platforms; shareholder activist matters, including proxy contests, consent solicitations and other negotiated and unsolicited contests for corporate control; initial and secondary public offerings of equity and debt securities; general public company representation under U.S. securities laws; and venture capital investments.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Hulsh has led a number of the world's most recognized mergers, acquisitions, public offerings and fund formation transactions.



Ian Sosso **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Monte Carlo Capital

Ian Sosso founded Monte Carlo Capital, in 2009, after a career in investment banking. Monte Carlo Capital's initial purpose was to invest Mr. Sosso's assets in private deals. Over time Mr. Sosso created a network of deal partners, co-investors and advisors to participate in deal sourcing, due diligence, financing, deal monitoring and mentoring. Mr. Sosso is regularly the lead investor and a board member. He is involved in each step of the deal, including deal sourcing, due diligence and deal structuring.

Monte Carlo Capital is a group of business angels and have built an ecosystem of active co-investors and experienced advisors. They have a significant deal flow and look to select the best teams with a unique and disruptive business model. MCC has investments in Europe, Asia and North America. They focus on Seed and Series A and typically like to be the lead investor.