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Backing deeply technical teams, **guiding them to enterprise traction.**

ABOUT ALCHEMIST

Alchemist is an early-stage venture firm that backs deeply technical founders and guides them to enterprise traction. Our founders are researchers, engineers and domain experts building the next generation of enterprise infrastructure and technology.

Founded in San Francisco in 2012 by Ravi Belani and Danielle D'Agostaro, Alchemist has invested in more than 750 companies from over 60 countries, five of which have reached valuations of \$1 billion or more. The firm invests \$60,000 to \$1 million at pre-seed and seed.

Every founder in our portfolio benefits from our Founder Experience. Highlights include an equity-aligned Partner matched to their company, a proven enterprise method built on playbooks refined over fourteen years, the Vault with our network of 40,000 mentors, over \$500K in perks, and a community of founders that stays with them for the long haul.

2012

Founded in San Francisco

750+

Companies backed

60+

Countries in the portfolio

5

Unicorns

HOW WE INVEST

Who we back	Deeply technical founders building for the enterprise
Stage	Pre-seed and seed
Check size	\$60,000 to \$1 million
Sector	Sector agnostic
Mentor network	40,000 mentors, reaching most of the Fortune 500

BOILERPLATE, 50 WORDS

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LEADERSHIP


Ravi Belani

FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN

Founded Alchemist in 2012. Nearly two decades as a startup advisor and investor. Adjunct professor at Stanford. Previously DFJ and McKinsey.


Ian Bergman

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Previously Global Managing Director of Microsoft for Startups, after 14 years at Microsoft. Co-founder of Raw Story. Hosts the Innovators Inside podcast.


Danielle D'Agostaro

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Co-founder who leads investment strategy. Investor in 400+ startups, including LaunchDarkly, Rigetti and Cobalt.io. Previously Principal Partner at WVV Capital, and Adobe.


Paula Heddle

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Leads global operations and finance, and has been COO since 2022. Previously Microsoft and senior consulting roles.


Laurent Rains

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Leads program operations, AI-driven systems and international expansion. Has worked with 1,000+ startups. Previously Google Maps and Autodesk.


Danielle Vivo

DIRECTOR OF PLATFORM

Leads global innovation initiatives across four continents with partners including AWS, the University of Chicago and JETRO. Previously Uber and UC Berkeley.

RECOGNITION

Top 20

America's Best Incubators and Accelerators

TIME and Statista, 2026

#2

Top 10 Tech Incubators worldwide

Technology Magazine, 2026

#5

Best startup accelerators in the world

Affinity, 2026

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