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Rise mentor directory



About the directory

The following Rise mentors continue to give their time generously to support the FinTech Friday programme.

About the programme

FinTech Friday is a monthly mentoring series for FinTech startups and scaleups. We match make founders with industry experts from across the sector. Our mentors come from a range of backgrounds and have a wealth of skills and experiences.

- One-on-one meetings
- Insights and problem solving
- Large span of subject matter experts

Meet the mentors



Kamesh Moola

Digital Strategy Leader |
Barclays

Kamesh is a business leader with over 14 years of experience in product, growth strategy, customer experience, transformation and strategic management consulting.

#Strategy #Growth #Operations



Lauren Feld

Venture Development
Lead | R3

I've been advising early-stage startups for years and love working with ambitious entrepreneurs. I believe strongly in the idea of paying it forward.

#Blockchain #MachineLearning #Venture



Porus Daruvala

Senior Advisor | Traxi
LLC

Being a founder is an extremely challenging endeavour and only other founders can truly relate to the struggles. Through mentorship, my goal is to convey hard lessons so other founders don't make the mistakes I've made.

#Tech #DataAnalysis #ProductStrategy



Meet the mentors



Shyaam Namas
Consultant/Advisor

Mentoring to me is a great way to engage with like minded people. I believe that mentoring is a 2 way process where one's learning curve can only improve as you are constantly iterating concepts, trends and methodologies.

#Product #Banking #GrowthStrategy



Shyaam Namas

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Ksenia Sussman
Founder and CEO |
LATTUDE

Ksenia Sussman is an attorney with over 14 years of experience in the financial sector. In her legal practice at LATTUDE, she handles a wide variety of cross-functional legal and compliance matters.

#Compliance #Legal #FinTech



Ksenia Sussman

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B U 'Buck' Kulkarni
Founder and CEO |
StartoSphere LLC

If I had a tagline for my work, it would be 'but they need not have failed!' and hence, mentoring pro-bono for early stage startups is my way of reaching out to them when they need help the most!

#Tech #Banking #ProductMapping



B. U. 'Buck' Kulkarni

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Meet the mentors



Dennis Chin
Head of Strategic
Initiatives | Yardline
Capital

Dennis is experienced in capital markets, corporate development and product strategy professional. Excited to mentor and support rising startups — paying it forward as having a solid network of mentors contributed to the growth of my professional career.

#Product #Banking #GrowthStrategy



Naimeesha Murthy
Founder | Product by
Women

Naimeesha is a product management professional with expertise at creating and managing B2C products and their marketing plans from concept to completion. She has spent over a decade building capabilities in a variety of positions.

#Products #WomenLeaders #Growth



Jeff Horvath
CEO & Co-Founder |
DigiPli Inc.

As a leader with extensive experience working in the US and internationally, I've been at the forefront of advances in financial products, regulation and technology.

#Compliance #Regulation #Innovation



Meet the mentors



Lewis Goldman

Head of Strategic Initiatives | Yardline Capital

Customer centric, digitally oriented marketer who innovates by leveraging digital channels, NPS feedback, data, and identifying new product and channel opportunities to accelerate revenue growth.

#Data #Analytics #Products



Lewis Goldman

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Yasmin Ibrahim

Startup Advisor | Entrepreneur | Strategy & Operations Leader

Yasmin is devoted to helping female entrepreneurs and innovators with mission-driven startups navigate a complex business environment. A female entrepreneur herself, Yasmin knows the value of a strong community of women in business.

#Operations #Strategy #FemaleFounders



Yasmin Ibrahim

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Mitesh Popat

Head of Recovery and Resolution Planning, Treasury | Citi

Mitesh has a proven ability to lead and seamlessly transition through various functions (CFO disciplines, Strategy and Operations), within diverse geographic cultural settings and through various economic environments.

#Finance #Operations #InvestorRelations



Mitesh Popat

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Meet the mentors



Madelaine Czufin
Director | First Republic Bank

#Banking #Tech #FemaleFounders

 Madelaine Czufin

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Cassandra Cuellar
Attorney | Shearman & Sterling LLP

Cassandra is an experienced attorney helping domestic and international emerging growth companies, corporate venture capital investors and angel investors. She has experience advising international startups and founders relocating startups to the US.

#VentureCapital #FinTech #Growth

 Cassandra Cuellar

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Chris Maddern
Co-founder & Chief Innovation Officer | Button

I make things. Occasionally I'm lucky enough to make things other people love. Chris is a British entrepreneur and engineer building Button with an incredible team of people. Before that Chris headed up mobile engineering at Venmo.

#Technology #Sales #MobileCommerce

 Chris Maddern

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Meet the mentors



Mark Coleman

Co-Founder & Managing Partner | Tambora Ventures

An accomplished digital leader of driving revenue and profit growth with a track record of transparent leadership, sound operational decision making, and talent development. Mark has advised companies globally on mergers, acquisitions, financings, and restructuring.

#Growth #DigitalLeader #Revenue



Mark Coleman

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Jayesh A. Punater

Founder & CEO | Nucleus

Jayesh is a successful Entrepreneur, Investor, Fintech Strategist and Thought Leader. He focuses on bringing innovative technology and business models to the FinTech industry.

#FinTech #Innovation #Investor



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Chris Errico

Partner, Co-Chair of US Startup Program | Dentons

Experienced attorney with a demonstrated history of representing emerging growth technology companies in a broad array of venture capital, private equity, securities and strategic transactions around the United States and abroad.

#Startups #Growth #Strategy



Chris Errico

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