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Ignacio Herná Medrano Business

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Ignacio Hernández Medrano (Alicante, 1983) graduated in Clinical Medicine from the Miguel Hernández University in Elche and has several postgraduate qualifications in medical and clinical management, and in leadership and management of R&D and Innovation in health sciences. He has also completed graduate studies at Singularity University, in Mountain View, California (USA).

He spent ten years working in the Neurology Department at the Ramón y Cajal University Hospital, where he coordinated the research strategy. Ignacio is CEO-founder of Savana, an artificial intelligence platform that accelerates and expands medical research, as well as improving the quality of patient care and hospital management. Savana works by reading and analysing the data in millions (currently 180 million) of clinical cases, learning from them and generating predictive models that anticipate the best intervention for a patient by tapping into a wealth of clinical knowledge that has been buried until now. Ignacio is also the founder of Mendelian, a platform designed to democratise the use of genomic information for diagnosis.

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José Miguel Bermúdez Business

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José Miguel Bermúdez Miquel is an aeronautical engineer specialising in space vehicles. He graduated from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC) and has worked for the private technology group GMV Aerospace & Defence, developing software for simulating aircraft trajectories.

After this, he joined in the founding of zero2infinity (z2i), a start-up in the space sector, working in business development and engineering. In parallel, Bermúdez cofounded Marvelmat, which provides services for the hotel sector. In 2014 he set up bound4blue (b4b) with the goal of revolutionising maritime transport as we currently know it by returning to the use of wind as complementary propulsion through an innovative rigid sail system. The technology developed allows the sails to generate part of the power needed, thereby reducing fuel consumption and emissions.

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Damià Tormo Carulla 2017 Business

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Damià Tormo Carulla (Valencia, 1981) graduated in Biology from the University of Valencia and holds a doctorate in Immunology and Molecular Genetics from Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (Germany). He also has an international master's in Biotechnology Management (MBM) from IE Business School and has spent time as a student and researcher at institutions such as the University of Cambridge (UK), Michigan University (USA) and the Spanish National Cancer Research Centre (CNIO).

He is currently the founder and managing partner of the Columbus Venture Partners fund and founder and Board member of different biotechnology companies that are developing drugs, software, biotechnology services and cosmetics. He is also the founder and general manager of Artax Biopharma, an American company that develops drugs to treat autoimmune diseases. He was the founder and general manager until 2013 (now he is the chairman) of BiOncoTech Therapeutics (Spain), which develops drugs to treat aggressive tumours. Damià Tormo is also chairman and founder of the Columbus Foundation, which facilitates access to the most advanced and effective therapies for children with cancer or rare diseases in order to improve their life expectancy and quality of life.

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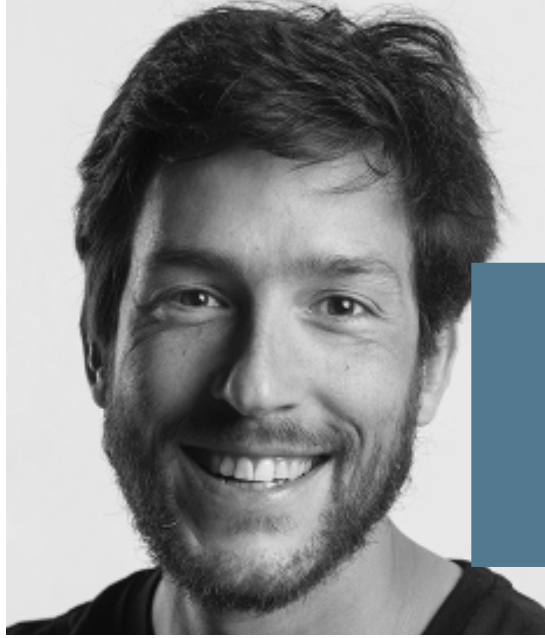
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Sergio Álvarez Business

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Sergio Álvarez Leiva (Madrid 1985) began a degree in information technology at the Carlos III University in Madrid, but he dropped out to start working in a tech start-up. In 2009, Álvarez co-founded, with Javier de la Torre, the data visualisation company Vizzuality, with offices in Cambridge and Madrid. Three years later, he co-founded the location intelligence platform CartoDB, with offices in New York and Madrid, which has more than 150,000 users. In 2013, Álvarez went on to form part of the Global Shapers (WEF) community and, in 2014, he was named one of the ten MIT TR35 Young Innovators.

Álvarez Leiva has delivered courses and seminars at institutions such as IE Business School, the European Institute of Design and the Cartographic Institute of Catalonia (ICC).

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Ignasi Belda Business 20¹4

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Ignasi Belda (Alcoy, 1979) is a computer engineer and PhD in Artificial Intelligence applied to the Design of New Drugs. He is the founder and CEO of Intelligent Pharma and of three other biotechnology companies in Europe and the USA, and he has also sat on the board of directors of several start-ups. Dr Belda has international research experience with the Anglo-Swedish multinational Astra Zeneca and with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in the USA. He is a founding member of the association twenty50 and author of three books on artificial intelligence, philosophy and telecommunications. Currently, Belda is the general manager of Barcelona Science Park and is working towards his second doctorate in Tax Law.

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Javier Agüera Business

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A student of telecommunications engineering in Madrid, **Javier Agüera** (1992, Madrid) is the principal promoter of the company Geeksphone, which has already designed three mobile telephones and launched two of them under the Geeksphone brand. Set up when Agüera was only 16 years old, the company was the first European brand to create and sell a handset based on Google's Android operating system. Some details of the company's latest model, the GP2, were launched at the last Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, held in February. Agüera is behind other prior initiatives that demonstrate his innovative spirit and entrepreneurial nature, such as the start-ups TopKami and Darkgate Softworks.

The handsets conceptualization is made in a small office with a sales and support point in Madrid, while the manufacturing is done in China. Geeksphone, which currently employs 15 people, has a clear international focus and currently 30% of its sales are made outside Spain.

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Marc Bonavia Business 2011

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Marc Bonavia (1976, Alella) graduated in Pharmacy. He made the switch from laboratory science and genetics research to become an entrepreneur in the field of mobile communication. A creative and innovative businessman, at the age of twenty-four he co-founded SITmobile, a start-up that expanded globally and which he later sold to the Australian group Soprano Design.

Combining the rigor of a scientist with the radical thinking of an entrepreneur, Marc Bonavia has applied the experience he gained from his successful start-up to developing leadership. Currently, he has relocated his initiatives to Silicon Valley (California).

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Pau Garcia-Milà Business 2010

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Pau Garcia-Milà (Olesa de Montserrat, 1987) is a Catalan entrepreneur best known for being one of the creators and founders of eyeOS in 2016. He is also one of the founders of the social network Bananity. A communicator on social entrepreneurship and new technologies, he is the author of the books *Está todo por hacer* (2010) and *You have an idea. You just don't know it yet* (2013).

His latest entrepreneurial project is StepsLife, a start-up that saves babies' memories so that, when they grow up, they can relive their first years of life and watch them through the eyes of their nearest and dearest. StepsLife provides a web space where friends and family can save experiences and anecdotes in photo, audio and video format so that today's children can look back on their infancy in the future.

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