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Welcome to Wharton Cypher Accelerator Demo and Innovation Day!



Welcome to the Wharton Cypher Accelerator Demo and Innovation Day, powered by the Stevens Center for Innovation in Finance. We are delighted to showcase this year's cohort companies and the work of our talented students, whose commitment to innovation and excellence is truly inspiring. We are grateful for the support of the collaborators, advisors, and mentors who have been instrumental in bringing today's event to life.

Erika H. James

Dean of the Wharton School
of the University of Pennsylvania



Welcome to Wharton Cypher Accelerator Demo and Innovation Day. It's a pleasure to have you with us as we showcase the founders in our Altus Cohort – entrepreneurs who are pushing boundaries in financial innovation.

Through the support of the Stevens Center for Innovation in Finance, Wharton Cypher Accelerator continues to fuel bold ideas and strengthen the connection between financial technology and real-world impact. Thank you for being part of this community and for supporting the future of finance.

João Gomes

Senior Vice Dean of Research, Centers, and Academic Initiatives
at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania



Welcome to Wharton Cypher Accelerator Demo and Innovation Day. We are excited to celebrate another year of this exceptional program, harnessing the talent of our students and supporting some of the world's leading startups. This is a significant moment for financial innovation, and we are proud to be at the forefront of it.

Sarah Hammer

Executive Director at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
Chief Executive Officer of the Wharton Cypher Accelerator

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Network: Penn Club Meeting

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Agenda

9:00 a.m.

Registration and Breakfast


9:45 a.m.


Welcome Remarks


João Gomes, Senior Vice Dean of Research, Centers, and Academic Initiatives, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania


9:50 a.m.

Roundtable: Advancing The AI Ecosystem: Investment, M&A, Analytics, and Compute

 Jeffrey Amico, Chief Operating Officer, Gensyn

 Jonathan Ashtor, Global Co-Head of Intellectual Property & Technology Transactions and Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

 Victor Gustaf Gao, Operating Partner and Managing Director, Carlyle

 Jared Roscoe, Partner, Deputy General Counsel, SoftBank

MODERATOR Sarah Hammer, Executive Director at the Wharton School and Chief Executive Officer, Wharton Cypher Accelerator

10:30 a.m.

Startup Demo: Corpus AnalytiX

Catalyzing healthcare breakthroughs through data synergy.

10:50 a.m.

Startup Demo: Cosmos

Debating's 'chess.com.'

11:10 a.m.

Special Presentation: Market Dynamics and Risk Factors in Peer-to-Peer Lending

Cypher Tech Team

11:35 a.m.

Wharton Cypher Alumni Recognition

Sarah Hammer, Executive Director at the Wharton School, and Chief Executive Officer, Wharton Cypher Accelerator

11:40 a.m.

Keynote: Innovation and Digitization: Shaping the Future of Finance


Jeremy Schwartz, Global Chief Investment Officer, WisdomTree Asset Management


12:00 p.m.

Buffet Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Fireside Chat: Crypto Beyond Turbulence: Navigating Toward a New Paradigm

 Introduction by David Musto, Ronald O. Perelman Professor in Finance and Director, Stevens Center for Innovation in Finance

 Stuart Alderoty, Chief Legal Officer, Ripple

 J. Christopher Giancarlo, Senior Counsel, Wilkie Farr & Gallagher and Former Chair, Commodity Futures Trading Commission

MODERATOR Jessica Renier, Managing Director, Digital Finance, Institute of International Finance

1:35 p.m.

Startup Demo: Odynn

Independent awards optimization platform.


2:05 p.m.


Startup Demo: PluggableAI

Fan engagement revolution.


2:25 p.m.

Roundtable: Accelerating the Global Digital Assets Ecosystem

 Introduction by David Musto, Ronald O. Perelman Professor in Finance and Director, Stevens Center for Innovation in Finance

 Paul Grewal, Chief Legal Officer, Coinbase

 Jai Massari, Co-founder and Chief Legal Officer, Lightspark

 Heath Tarbert, President, Circle

MODERATOR Sahel Assar, Chair, Blockchain and Digital Asset Practice Group at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

3:10 p.m.

Startup Demo: RIZZARR

Connecting brands with vetted content creators.

3:25 p.m.

Keynote: How to Find, Fund, and Scale a Decacorn

Bill Tai, Venture Capitalist

3:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Sarah Hammer, Executive Director at the Wharton School, and Chief Executive Officer of the Wharton Cypher Accelerator

3:50 p.m.

Networking Reception

Entertainment by DJ Shiva Menta and Cypher Accelerator team.

Wharton Speakers



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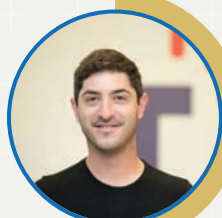
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