

The world's food system is failing, creating an opportunity for a massive technology intervention that can provide food security and productivity while optimizing environmental sustainability and human health.

At Germin8 Ventures, our core investment and advisory team is composed of ten industry experts with over 300 years of agriculture, food, technology innovation and finance experience who understand that it takes collaborative and bespoke partnerships to make big changes in the future of food and beyond.

## ABOUT GERMIN8

Germin8 Ventures is a purpose-driven venture capital firm that believes in the power of technology to fix the global food system. Founded in 2018, its network extends beyond Silicon Valley across six continents and major food-meets-tech markets like Chicago, Israel, Ireland, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand.

## INVESTMENT TEAM

**Michael Lavin** Founder & Managing Partner  
**Milena Bogdanova Bursztyn** Venture Investor

## STRATEGIC ADVISORS AND PARTNERS

Germin8 has assembled a team of eight highly-experienced advisors, all of whom are CEOs and entrepreneurs, specialized in various food, tech, science and finance disciplines:

Jay Bauer - CEO of Nation Pizza & Foods, a key innovation partner to leading, global blue-chip food companies

Brady Sidwell - Tenured food & agriculture executive and entrepreneur, leading several agriculture enterprises, and formerly hailing from OSI Group and Rabobank

Alexander Lavin - Accomplished AI researcher, software engineer and entrepreneur experienced in developing and commercializing cutting-edge of innovation at top technology organizations, including Augustus Intelligence, Vicarious, Numenta, Blue Origin and NASA

Danny Ayalon - Co-Founder & Chairman of Silver Road Capital, former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., Deputy Foreign Minister of Foreign Affairs, member of Knesset and advisor to three prime ministers

Lior Maimon - Veteran technology entrepreneur, executive and investor. Presently, the Co-founder and CEO of Silver Road Capital

Steven Lavin - Attorney in private practice, experienced investor, banker and food industry executive with an expansive global network, as well as deep knowledge of supply chain management, food safety and partnerships

Stealth FoodTech Advisor - Sought-after executive, previously the President & CEO of a world-leading public company in taste, nutrition and specialty ingredients, serving the food and beverage industries

Stealth Scientific Advisor - World-renowned crop scientist and geneticist with a track record of breakthrough scientific discoveries and successful commercialization

Additionally, Germin8's investor or LP base is similarly comprised of food & agriculture executives, entrepreneurs and world-class legal and finance professionals.

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## PORTFOLIO

 **brightseed**

Harvesting Nature's Intelligence

**BUSHEL**

Powering the Digital Infrastructure for the Grain Industry

**cropx**

The Internet of Soil for Data-Driven Farming

**enko**

Novel Discovery Platform for Small Molecule Crop Protection

 **fieldin**

Providing Remote Visibility into Field Activities



Rethinking Kids Drinks for Good, Clean, Unbottled™ Fun

**STEALTH CELLULAR  
AG INVESTMENT**

Invested in multiple stages across Seed, Series A and Series B rounds

## BY THE NUMBERS

High Conviction, Global Perspectives

**300+** Combined years of agriculture, food, technology innovation and finance experience

**1-3** New investments per year

**\$2M+** Invested per company over multiple financings as a lead or participant

**35%** Of deal flow sourced internationally

As of June 2020: 7 portfolio companies

**35%** Are female founded

**50%** Are minority or immigrant founded

**425** New jobs created by these companies over last three years