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Matt Brown is the Founder, CEO, and Chairman of CAIS. He has spent more than 30 years at the intersection of wealth management, alternative investments, and platform design. In 2009, Matt founded CAIS, the first truly open marketplace for alternative investments, where financial advisors and alternative asset managers can engage and transact directly on a massive scale.

Matt believes entrepreneurship is the major driver of economic and social change. He has spent the better part of two decades working with Endeavor, the world's leading organization for high impact entrepreneurs. During his tenure, he had the opportunity to mentor dozens of entrepreneurs from locations around the world, including Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. Matt is honored to have been on Endeavor's South African and Turkish Boards, which ultimately led to a position on the Global Board of Directors. This experience deepened his belief that helping entrepreneurs build and scale their businesses promotes economic growth and prosperity. It is his personal mission to ensure that anyone with a dream, and the drive to achieve it, has an equal opportunity to make it happen.

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Penny DeFrank serves on our executive committee as our Managing Director of People Experience, leading the Talent Acquisition, People Operations and Talent Development teams. She has deep expertise in building and guiding the talent of high-growth tech companies—with a focus on fostering a culture where employees can do their best work. Penny's former employers were made up of a series of early- to mid-stage, high-growth companies across fintech, cyber security and e-commerce, including Corelight, Marqeta, Monitise, White Hat Security and RichRelevance.

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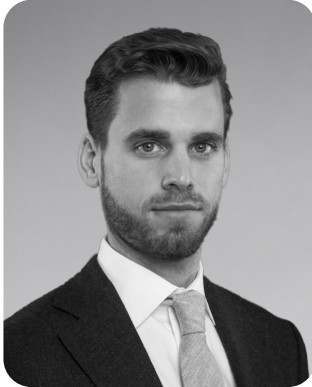
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