

## **ABOUT DAVID S. ROSE**

David S. Rose, described by *BusinessWeek* as a "world conquering entrepreneur" and by *Forbes* as "New York's Archangel", is a technology visionary and investor who has founded or funded over 90 pioneering companies that are helping to define the future. An Inc. 500 CEO and industry thought leader, he is a dynamic keynote speaker on the topics of future technology, venture investing, entrepreneurship, and presentation skills. His New York Times bestseller, *Angel Investing: The Gust Guide to Making Money & Having Fun Investing in Startups*, has been widely acclaimed as the definitive guide to investing in high-growth companies.

David himself has consistently been at the forefront of innovation in both business and technology, from his initial involvement with the first online communities in the 1970s, through founding one of the first personal computer training companies in the 1980s, one of the first wireless data information networks in the 1990s, and the first global angel investing platform in the 2000s.

He is Founder and CEO of Gust.com, which developed and manages the global collaboration platform for early stage angel investing, connecting hundreds of thousands of entrepreneurs and investors in over 90 countries. He is Managing Principal of Rose Tech Ventures, a leading seed stage investment fund, and he is Founder and Chairman Emeritus of New York Angels, the world's most active angel investment group. In addition, he is Associate Founder, and Founding Track Chair for Finance, Entrepreneurship and Economics, at Singularity University, the Google/NASA sponsored graduate program training the next generation of technology leaders.

David is a member of the boards of directors of KoolSpan, Comixology, Social Bicycles, Pond5, Magnify Networks and Por ti, Familia. He also serves as an active early stage investor in companies including LearnVest, Critical Mention, BioScale, Realty Mogul, Say Media, Space Adventures, and over 100 other early stage ventures.

Among the fields in which David has been actively involved as an executive, board member, or investor are: wireless communications, technology-enhanced real estate, consumer electronics, international finance, social networking, space tourism, user-generated content, robotic pets, online video, transportation alternatives, mobile network security, biological testing, electronic music, citizen journalism, out-of-home advertising, fiber-optic networking, concierge medicine, online marketing, interactive voice response, and many others.

Well known in the business startup community for discovering and mentoring high-potential entrepreneurs, David has been profiled by *BusinessWeek* as "The Pitch Coach" for his work with CEOs perfect their fundraising skills. He speaks regularly at Yale, Harvard and Columbia business schools and was named Mentor of the Year by NYU's Stern School of Business. He is a frequent guest expert on Bloomberg TV's *Money Moves* and MSNBC's *Your Business*, and hosted the MSN reality series on entrepreneurship, *Second Chance*.

A native New Yorker, David has a BA from Yale, an MBA in Finance from Columbia Business School and a D. Eng. (hc) from Stevens Institute of Technology. He is an Associate Fellow of Pierson College at Yale University, a member of the Entrepreneurship Advisory Board of Columbia Business School, and a Lifetime Professional Member of the World Future Society.