



**Matt Cohen**

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Founder & Manager Partner  
at Ripple Ventures

## 2026 Keynote: Live Podcast Conversation

Matt founded Ripple Ventures in 2018 after a successful career in institutional finance. He helped start Turnstyle Solutions (acq. by Yelp), working closely with the founders on everything from hiring, sales, to building desks in their first office.

Though the company did raise some angel capital, Matt saw a gap in the early-stage ecosystem where founders needed more than capital to succeed. They needed guidance, an extensive network, and learnings from past experiences to mitigate as many potential mistakes as possible.

Shortly after this experience, Matt went on to work and live in Boston at a fintech startup, selling enterprise software solutions to the top financial institutions in the world.

After returning home to Toronto, Matt built up a successful angel portfolio with significant exits including Turnstyle, Tokyo Smoke, and others. Given the strong performance of these angel investments, family offices and high-net-worth investors in Matt's network supported him to launch Ripple Ventures in 2018.