ZINK CENTER FOR COMPETITIVE INNOVATION

The Zink Center Leadership Seminar Series

"Venture Capital as a Fuel for Innovation"



Mike Moradi

Mr. Mike Moradi is a VC investor and entrepreneur, who left dental school to start his first company. That company failed, but was followed by many successful ventures in the nanotechnology and biopharmaceutical industries. He is a co-founder and general partner at Cortado Ventures, a top-decile early-stage VC firm with over $110m AUM across two funds. He is a co-founder of Sensulin, a diabetes-focused biopharma company, and was previously a co-founder and CEO of a pharmaceutical company targeting ocular complications of diabetes, and a specialty Contract Research Organization (eyeCRO), which was the #264 fastest growing private company in the Inc. 500. He also co-founded Nanopolaris (now Unidym), which was acquired in 2011 by a publicly traded South Korean company for $145M USD, and NanoSource, which was acquired by DuPont in 2002 and largely considered the first major acquisition in the nanotech space.

He holds a degree in biochemistry from the University of Oklahoma, with additional coursework from the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard University, Oxford University's Saïd Business School, Cambridge University's Judge Business School, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore, and the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business. He was named to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) 2017-2022 class of Young Global Leaders (YGL), and a 2024 Kauffman Fellow (KF 29 cohort).

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Reception 5:00-5:45pm (ES 133)
Seminar 6:00 - 7:15pm (ES 140)

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