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# **Experience**

Folia Materials

COO

Bedford, MA

[10-2022 – Present] Led day-to-day operations and growth strategies across engineering, materials, supply chain, testing, sales, HR, & facilities

- Developed relations with 10+ global, \$XB paper supply chain OEMs and CPGs in food packaging (ex: Tyson, Solenis, Pixelle)
- Co-led non-dilutive financing efforts that resulted in ~\$1M of closed funds, with an additional \$3M+ soft circled
- Won multiple international awards ex: WEF top innovator, Suzano Ventures+Cycle Momentum accelerator, PUZZLE X pitch

#### Sistine Solar

[09-2015 - 04-2023]

Exiting CTO, Employee #1, Board Member - Previously: VP of Product, Lead Product Designer - Current: Strategic Advisor **Product Development & Commercialization** 

- Lead inventor behind 4x patented SolarSkin® technology; the only product in solar to achieve any color, design, or pattern
- Led end-to-end R&D to achieve industry leading aesthetic efficiency (95%+ light transmission) while reducing cost by 90%
- Created new product strategy that unlocked opportunities to double company's gross margin from 30% to 60%
- Developed proprietary color algorithms and scalable platforms to deploy the tech in 25+ US states on 2MW+ projects
- Designed innovative product architecture and simulations that helped close projects for Comcast, KIA, Microsoft, and more

### Corporate Strategy & Business Development

- Worked closely with CEO to design and execute 3-year growth plan that helped company achieve profitability
- Acted as de-facto co-founder and CEO confidant since 2018 to launch company's channel partner strategy which added 300+ new partners (40 of Top 100 in US) and \$30 million in opportunities pipeline
- Key member of executive team that won and managed grant funds from the US Department of Energy, Solar Energy & Technologies Office, and SBIR, while securing private capital from VCs and angels; investments totaling \$4M+

### Brand Strategy & Digital Presence

- Worked with CEO and cross-functional partners to articulate new brand vision to relaunch SolarSkin as a premium offering
- Brand recognized as "most innovative" by leading industry publications such as Solar Power World and Solar Builder. Featured on Tier 1 publications such as The Washington Post, Vox Media, Fast Company, MIT News and more
- Led all digital efforts for the company including website, social media, and blog/content strategy. In 4 years, grew website traffic 50x, unlocked 60%+ inbound conversion rates, social media growth of 20x, and blog+video views totaling over 1M

#### Partner Management & Supply Chain Strategy

- Primary partnership manager with contract manufacturer, a Top 10 industry-leader with 150+ hubs in North America
- Managed relationships with National Renewable Energy Lab and global suppliers, leading to successful tech validation
- Designed and tested innovative exclusivity model with tiered pricing that added 30+ global partners in 60 days

## Bandless Audio

Cambridge, MA

Co-Founder and CEO

[09-2014 - 06-2017]

- Developed truly wireless over-ear headphones, free of a headband, that snapped together for pocket-sized portability
- Co-led design iterations using CAD software to model, machine, and test core mechanisms; Led all supplier relationships
- Won MIT competitions and raised donations to fund seed capital; paused due to wireless tech limitation

### MIT Media Lab Research Assistant

Cambridge, MA

Opera of the Future Research Group

[01-2016 - 06-2016]

 Rebuilt and designed a recording studio for academic head Professor Tod Machover, dubbed "America's most wired composer" by LA Times, used to help extend expression, learning, and health through innovations in music

#### ANOJ Entertainment

Co-Founder/President/Head DJ

NJ, NY, PA, & MA [07-2012 - Present]

Led a music entertainment and record label consultancy that organized live events and advised local venues

Provided music production, art, and marketing services for artist growth, concerts, club environments, and weddings

# **Education**

# Massachusetts Institute of Technology

[09-2013 - 06-2017]

S.B. in Mechanical Engineering with Managerial Product Design & Development and minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Select Coursework: Electronics for Mechanical Systems, Design and Manufacturing II, Precision Product Design, Venture Engineering, Innovation Engineering, Law of Intellectual Property, Corporate Financial Accounting, New Enterprises

### **Leadership Roles:**

MIT 2017 Ring Committee, Chair – Highly selective committee; Achieved 95%+ class participation; \$3M+ in sale revenues; \$100K budget MIT 2017 Student Council, Secretary – Organized, planned, and ran over a dozen senior class events with an operating budget of \$250K

# **Strenaths**

Leadership: Product Strategy, Development, Launch, & Commercialization

Creative: Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, After Effects, InDesign, Dimension, Blender, Vectorworks, Logic Pro, Machine, Traktor Technologies: Solidworks, Microsoft Office, iWork, Sound Engineering, Sound Design, Live and Recorded Audio Mixing Machining & Coding Languages: Lathes, Mills, Laser Cutter, Soldering, Python, HTML, CSS, Javascript, & more