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Tampa Bay Wave names Ramit Singh Director of Startup & Entrepreneurship Programs



TAMPA, FL (November 9, 2020) – Tampa Bay Wave, Inc. (Wave), a local nonprofit dedicated to driving opportunity & prosperity in Tampa Bay by helping entrepreneurs build, launch and grow breakout tech businesses, welcomes seasoned tech entrepreneur and startup mentor, Ramit Singh, as its new Director of Startup & Entrepreneurship Programs.

Ramit comes to Wave with an expansive track record of scaling startups, building communities and mentoring new companies, making him an exceptionally strong addition to Tampa Bay Wave's leadership team.

He was a key managing member of global TransitTech rideshare companies, Via and ViaVan, is a Techstars London mentor, and serves locally as Entrepreneur in Residence for University of Tampa.

"I am thrilled to welcome Ramit to the Tampa Bay Wave team," said Linda Olson, CEO and founder of Tampa Bay Wave. "We are looking forward to Ramit spearheading our CORE Membership program which serves 60+ tech startups year-round, as well as Wave's 100+ member volunteer mentor network. Ramit has an incredible background that will help accelerate the growth of these tech startups and foster the overall growth of the Tampa Bay tech ecosystem."

The hire of Ramit signals the beginning of a new and significant chapter for Wave and Wave companies, as Wave continues to gain national credibility within the startup community.

"The addition of Ramit to Tampa Bay Wave's leadership team will fill a critical role and will help ensure the organization is properly staffed for achieving its objectives of attracting and retaining tech companies, talent and capital for the Tampa Bay region. Ramit is a significant hire for Tampa Bay Wave and will be pivotal in helping to achieve the vision set by Linda (Olson) and the Board," said Brian Deming, Tampa Bay Wave Board Chair.



Prior to joining Wave, Singh spent 6.5 years with Via as a key management team member from their early formation days as their third U.S. employee and throughout their global expansion efforts, now operating in 20 countries. His roles included building operations, leading the talent team, launching new cities, and building partnerships. In 2018, he moved to London to launch consumer services and drive partnership growth. Ramit also spent three years with another startup, SelectMinds, which was acquired by Oracle.

"I am delighted, and thankful for the opportunity to join this world class organization. Tampa Bay Wave has played an integral part in the building of the startup ecosystem here in Tampa, and I'm excited to contribute to the team's already impactful efforts. I look forward to meeting with, and learning from, the impressive Tampa Bay tech community," said Ramit.

To learn more about Tampa Bay Wave and its sponsors, visit <u>tampabaywave.org</u>.

ABOUT TAMPA BAY WAVE:

Tampa Bay Wave, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing entrepreneurs with facilitated access to the resources, expertise, and capital they need to grow vibrant technology-based companies in Tampa Bay and create high wage tech jobs, thus fostering an innovation-based economy for the region. Since March 2013, Tampa Bay Wave has supported more than 300 tech startups in Tampa Bay thanks to grant funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), plus support from its economic development partners Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa. Tampa Bay Wave also receives support from corporate partners such as Bank of America, Cherry Bekaert LLP, Florida Blue, Frontier Communications, Sykes Enterprises, Tampa Bay Rays, Tampa Electric, The Nielsen Foundation, and Valley Bank. For more information, visit www.tampabaywave.org.

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