

# Jonathan Medved | Biography



Jonathan Medved is the Founder and CEO of OurCrowd, the leading online global venture investment platform.

Named by the Washington Post as “one of Israel’s leading high tech venture capitalists”, by the New York Times among the “top 10 most influential Americans who have impacted Israel”, and by the Jerusalem Post as one of the “50 most influential Jews”, Medved is a serial entrepreneur and investor, and one of the pioneers of Israel’s venture capital industry.

A California native, Medved moved to Israel in his 20s, and successfully built and exited several startups. These include MERET Optical Communications, a fiber optics pioneer sold to Amoco; multilingual leader Accent Software (Nasdaq: ACNTF); and mobile video platform Vringo (NYSE:VRNG).

Medved is a regular television guest on CNN, BBC, CNBC, Bloomberg TV and SkyNews, and is frequently quoted in major business publications. Start-up Nation, the best-selling book on Israel’s high-tech economy, describes Medved as “one of Israel’s legendary business ambassadors.”

Founded in 2013, OurCrowd is the leading online global venture investment platform with 240,000 accredited members, \$2.3 billion in funding commitments, 480 portfolio companies, 58 venture funds, and 68 exits. Major exits at OurCrowd include: Beyond Meat (Nasdaq: BYND), Lemonade (NYSE: LMND), Arbe Robotics (Nasdaq:ARBE), Jump (sold to Uber), Wave (sold to H&R Block), Kenna (sold to Cisco), RePlay (sold to Intel), Argus (sold to Continental), Magisto (sold to Vimeo) and CyberX (sold to Microsoft). PitchBook has rated OurCrowd as “Israel’s most active venture investor” every year since 2013.

In 1994, Medved was a co-founder of Israel Seed Partners, one of Israel’s first venture capital funds, which invested \$260M in over 60 companies including Shopping.com (sold to EBay) , BusinessLayers (sold to Netegrity/CA) , Cyota (sold to RSA), and Compugen (Nasdaq:CGEN). Including the OurCrowd portfolio, Medved has backed over 500 tech startups as a venture capitalist and angel investor.

Medved has served on the boards of various non-profits including Ma’aleh Film School, The Michael Levin Lone Soldier Center, Artists and Musicians for Israel, Bnai David Eli, the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, the Board of Governors of the Jerusalem College of Technology, and the Board of the Israel Advanced Technology Industries (IATI) trade group. Medved is the recipient of the “Boneh Zion” award from Nefesh B’Nefesh for his contributions to Israel as a new immigrant.

Medved lives in Jerusalem with his wife Jane and his four children and fourteen grandchildren, where he collects rare single malts and loud Hawaiian shirts.