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Rayyan is the Co-founder and General Partner of 8090 Industries, a leading VC firm with \$250M+ in AUM built and backed by global industrialists focused on industrial technology, energy abundance and national security. Collectively, the companies Rayyan's invested in have grown to over \$10B in market value including EquipmentShare, Oklo (NYSE:OKLO), Armada, Infinium, Astranis, Varda, Regent, Circ, Exowatt, Cemvita, and Atomic Industries.

Rayyan is also the co-founder Gold Hydrogen, the world's leading producer of abundant clean hydrogen for less than \$1/kg, helped incubate Maple Materials, a leading synthetic graphite producer in the US, and is the co-creator of the industrialist - a budding new media empire capturing the American techno-industrial renaissance underway read by over 11,000 subscribers.

Rayyan was recognized among the top 40 early-stage investors alongside Peter Thiel and Vinod Khosla by Business Insider and amongst the most powerful seed stage climate tech VCs by Fortune Magazine. Rayyan has spoken at NYU, Stanford, UT Austin and the United Nations on venture capital, energy and climate technologies and his work has been featured on Bloomberg, CNBC, Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Wired and more.

Heavily influenced by his family upbringing in Bangladesh, he personally witnessed the ramifications of energy insecurity, lack of industrial infrastructure, and climate change at a young age and its impact on communities globally. These experiences harbored a deep fascination, curiosity and later obsession towards making a serious dent on these issues and how to unleash industrial progress and abundance for humanity.





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To this end, Rayyan has advised on energy and industrial policy for US members of congress, and drafted policy recommendations for President Joe Biden's climate transition team during his campaign.

Outside of 8090, Rayyan leads the Texas Abundance Project in collaboration with the Texas Governor's Office, serves as a fellow at the Energy Institute at the University of Texas at Austin, advises the Earth Biogenome Project, accelerates commercialization of breakthrough science at Loomis Labs, and supports the development of a futuristic city in Texas aimed to be the "Shenzhen of the West."

In his free time, Rayyan enjoys spending time with family, being out in the great outdoors, exploring museums, reading history, eating tacos and BBQ and mapping out the surface of Mars and hunting for new exoplanets as a NASA citizen scientist.

Rayyan lives in Dallas, Texas with his wife, son and daughter.

