Joining Hashed

I am excited to join Hashed as an Investor where I will lead frontier-technology venture investments in the US from New York and San Francisco, continue my academic research with Prof. Christine Parlour, and pursue new incubations in the digital asset ecosystem. I'm deeply grateful to my mentors at Placeholder VC - Mario Laul, Chris Burniske, Joel Monegro, and Brad Burnham - for the lessons in investing, company building, and research that have shaped my approach.

I am focused on partnering with obsessive founders who have a clear conviction about the future, a mature understanding of the constraints and incentives they operate in, and the passion to build towards their vision. From an investment perspective, I will remain focused on my roots in financial technology while exploring adjacent frontier domains. The blockchain infrastructure stack is proving practical as financial assets that were once illiquid and fragmented can now be represented as composable and frictionless digital units. I envision similar potential across adjacent domains such as user-owned programmable data, permissionless and censorship-resistant AI infrastructure, and composable intelligence and memory. The birth of a new technological revolution has empowered new themes that I am interested in exploring such as innovative industrial infrastructure, smart defense technology, practical life sciences, deployment-ready robotics, and a renewed consumer/data economy. Furthermore, I'm excited about what Hashed uniquely offers all these founders: deep exposure across key global regions and technology supply chains, and the perspective that traditional industry boundaries are collapsing in ways that create unique opportunities.

Joining Hashed felt like a natural next step given the people, vision, and team attitude. I first met Baek Kim when I was leading the Berkeley Blockchain Xcelerator, and I quickly came to respect his modesty, his eye for fundamentals-driven founders, and his openness to unconventional thinking. I seek out intellectually honest, genuinely curious, and ambitious professionals, and after spending time with the Hashed partnership, Simon and Ryan, I feel more empowered to grow the fund's presence in early-stage ecosystems across the US, with the support of Hashed's global presence across Abu Dhabi, Singapore, Seoul, and Bangalore.

From a research perspective, I remain deeply curious about the tokenization of financial assets and the waterfall effects on financial economics, engineering, and market microstructures. I hope to expand my research to explore AI and its intersections with software and life sciences, hardware and robotics, and exciting frontier areas of exploration. As I spend time in these fields, I hope to convert insightful research-driven conclusions into impactful venture investments.

I am excited to carry forward Hashed's unique culture of promoting innovative entrepreneurship and research amongst its partnership. I hope to continue cultivating insightful and opinionated research communities to discuss and debate frontier questions and problem spaces, academic findings, and products. Alongside this, I am incubating a venture focused on transforming highly illiquid and unstandardized alternative financial assets into composable digital ones, thereby practically exploring the digital asset ecosystem.

All in all, I'm incredibly excited to join the team and continue my career in the venture industry. Feel free to reach out to me on X or over email (gurnoor@hashed.com) to discuss how Hashed can best help support your founder journey or to chat about new insightful research directions.