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Raza Shaikh is an active angel investor, Managing Director at Launchpad Venture Group, and General Partner at Beacon Venture Partners. With a background in software and technology, Raza brings experience investing in early-stage companies, mentoring and advising startups, and supporting entrepreneurs and investors. He co-manages the Beacon Venture Partners Fund, which invests in a diversified portfolio of local early-stage companies, including companies in the Launchpad portfolio. Raza is also passionate about sharing his knowledge with angels and entrepreneurs through teaching and mentorship. His combination of investment experience, technology expertise, and commitment to investor and entrepreneur education brings valuable practical insight to the ACA Angel University experience, giving students the opportunity to learn from an active investor and experienced mentor.

KEY EXPERTISE

Entrepreneurship; Management; Strategy; Start-ups; Angel Investing