

The background of the slide is a photograph of a mountain range. The sky is a gradient of colors from light blue at the top to bright yellow and orange near the horizon, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The mountains are layered, with the closest ones in dark silhouette and the ones further away appearing in various shades of orange, red, and pink. In the lower right foreground, a small silhouette of a hiker with a backpack is visible on a rocky ridge.

# *Hike Ventures*

Mikihiro Yasuda  
General Partner

## About Hike Ventures

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**Algorithm + Human > Algorithm or Human**

We believe human and algorithm together can create better outcome than human and algorithm alone.

Our investment Thesis:

- Invest seed-stage applied AI startups that deliver real value with the power of ML/AI.
- Focus on startups in US and Canada.
- Industry agnostic.

# Team

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Mikihiro 'Miki' Yasuda  
San Francisco

Miki started his career as a programmer. After a while, he joined Netscape as a practice manager. At Kakaku.com, he was a Board of Director (BOD) and CTO/COO. He built tech team and lead new business development. Then at Digital Garage, he was a BOD in charge of the international operation. He became CEO of Open Network Lab, an incubator for global-minded entrepreneurs, and CEO of Neo, San Francisco based Lean Startup consulting company. After Digital Garage, he joined DeNA San Francisco where he led its early-stage investment in the US.

Miki holds BS from Rochester Institute of Technologies and MBA from McGill University.



Takahiro Shoji  
Tokyo

Prior to forming Hike, Take was managing director of Digital Garage's investment vehicle DG Incubation, where he led the Hands-On team, helping portfolio companies grow through data analysis support and Japan market entry strategy. In addition, he was in charge of all of DG's seed to mid-stage investments in the US, India, and Asia. Prior to DG. Before joining Digital Garage, he was PM of Baidu Japan. He helped improve real-time search engine and localized search engine to the Japanese market.

Take holds a BBA from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University.

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Companies we back



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