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Jeff Herbst is Co-Founding Managing Partner of GFT Ventures. He brings to the fund over three decades of venture capital, operational, business development and M&A experience. Prior to launching GFT, Jeff spent 20 years as NVIDIA's Vice President of Business Development where he built an ecosystem of accelerated computing applications spanning the domains of AI, Data Science, Autonomous Machines, and Graphics and Visualization. During his tenure at the company, among other things he created the Nvidia ventures and acquisitions programs, overseeing more than 40 global investments and 20 acquisitions valued over \$8B. He also led the Nvidia Inception global startup accelerator, now comprised of more than 10,000 AI, Data Science and High Performance computing companies.

Prior to joining Nvidia, Jeff ran the Business Development function at the Altavista search engine, and was a Partner at the Wilson Sonsini law firm in Palo Alto. He holds a JD from Stanford University and a BS with Honors in Computer Science and Economics from Brown University.

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