

# 3<sup>RD</sup> COAST VENTURE SUMMIT

2025 SUMMIT RECAP



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# THE MISSION

Facilitate Gulf South venture deal flow by connecting top founders from across the greater region to nationwide VC investors.



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# RECAP BY NUMBERS

INVESTOR TO  
FOUNDER RATIO  
**2:1**

TOTAL INVESTOR  
ATTENDANCE  
**107**

TOTAL FOUNDER  
ATTENDANCE  
**60**

TOTAL  
TICKETS  
**193**



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# Startups in Attendance

TOTAL STARTUPS

34

STATES  
REPRESENTED

Texas  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
Alabama  
Florida  
& Others

INDUSTRIES  
REPRESENTED

AgTech  
AI  
B2B SaaS  
Climate Tech  
Consumer Packaged  
Goods (CPG)  
FinTech  
Hardware  
Health Tech  
Property Tech  
Research Tech  
Travel Tech



QUALIFICATIONS FOR STARTUPS

- Pre-Seed to Series A
- Connectivity to the Gulf South: TX, LA MS, AL, FL
- Industry Agnostic
- Currently raising or plans to raise follow-on capital
- Innovative, disruptive, and/or rapidly scaling

*\*Startup Acceptance Rate of 32% for 2025*



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# INVESTORS in Attendance

TOTAL  
INVESTORS  
**107**

*"This year's 3CVS was **incredibly well-organized**. Hosting everything at Common House created a **strong networking environment**. The quality of companies was **impressive**, and it was **energizing** to share **insights** and **trends** with fellow investors. The **energy throughout the event** was **fantastic**."*

*- Investor in Attendance*



## QUALIFICATIONS FOR INVESTORS

- Invest in Pre-Seed to Series A
- Nationwide Venture Capital Investors (Includes Corporate VCs)
- Interest in Middle America
- Total Fund Size of <\$100M
- Deep Commitment to Founders

*\*71 Funds Were Represented at 3<sup>rd</sup> Coast Venture Summit 2025*



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# 71 Venture Firms Represented in 2025

350 Investments  
ACMI  
AJ Capital Partners  
Acadian Capital Group  
Aion Capital  
Alluvian Capital  
Andreessen Horowitz  
Ankona Capital  
Anthropocene Ventures  
Benson Capital  
BioFund  
Black Ops VC  
Boot64 VC  
Build With Shift  
Callais Capital  
Cint Group  
Corridor Ventures  
Decathlon Capital  
Dumaine Investments  
Elevate Capital

Flamingo Funders  
Foundry Financial  
Gener8tor  
General Atlantic  
Golden Section  
GPG Ventures Houston  
Halliburton Labs  
I2BF Ventures  
Innovation Catalyst, Inc.  
Innovation Portal, Inc.  
Jefferson Capital  
Laconia Capital Group  
Las Olas Venture Capital (LOVC)  
Leonis Capital  
LongueVue Capital  
LookFar Ventures  
MS&AD Ventures  
Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation

McAlister Ventures LLC  
Mercury  
New Orleans Startup Fund  
NOBIC  
Noro-Moseley Partners  
Ochsner Ventures  
Open Opportunity Fund  
Plymouth Growth  
Reform Ventures  
Reformation Partners  
equisite Capital Management  
RevUp Capital  
Riffle Ventures  
Roessing Whittaker  
Rucks Investments  
Shell International Inc  
Silicon Valley Bank  
Solstice Holdings  
Sopris Venture Capital

Sorenson Impact Institute  
South Highland Ventures  
South Loop Ventures  
Standard Normal  
Stout Street Capital  
TECHPLUG  
Test Ventures  
The Gulf South Angels/  
The Pelican Angel Funds  
Traded  
Underdog Labs  
United Airlines Ventures  
Urban Capital Network  
Venture Atlanta Coalition  
Volition Capital



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# Venture Meets New Orleans Culture



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COMMON  
HOUSE

SUMMIT AT COMMON HOUSE



AFTER PARTY AT TIPITINA'S



ACTIVATIONS ACROSS CITY



BREAKFAST AT NOEW





# 2025 GULF SOUTH RECRUITMENT PARTNERS



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INNOVATION  
PORTAL



Recruitment Partners helped The Idea Village to promote and select the startups in attendance at **3rd Coast Venture Summit 2025**.

Their connections within their local ecosystems make this group of companies a **true representation** of the **innovative solutions** being built to scale in the **Gulf South**.





# 2025 KEY TAKEAWAYS

## INVESTOR VALUE

Investors strongly valued the Day 1 investor-only programming, citing this as a key highlight.

## 2:1 RATIO SUCCESS

Investor to Founder ratio was prioritized in 2025 to increase impact of programming.

## REPEAT ENGAGEMENT

Unanimous interest in returning next year: 88% of post-event survey respondents indicated yes, 12% maybe, 0% said no.



# Thank you to our generous sponsors and recruitment partners of the 2025 summit!



## 2025 SUMMIT RECAP

### PREMIER

COMMANDER'S  
PALACE

JONES  
WALKER

JPMORGAN  
CHASE & CO.

< LA . IO >

svb Silicon Valley  
Bank

### FEATURED

DOWNTOWN  
DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT NEW ORLEANS

GREATER NEW ORLEANS  
INC  
REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HALLIBURTON  
LABS

Ochsner  
Health

UNITED AIRLINES  
VENTURES

### SUPPORTER

10 YEARS  
CAMELBACK  
ventures

carta

CFA Society  
Louisiana

NEW  
ORLEANS  
& COMPANY

Wegmann Dazet  
THE ENTREPRENEUR'S CPA

### ECOSYSTEM

BOOT64 VENTURES

FKTEA

illumina

THE SHOP  
CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTER  
NEW ORLEANS

SHV South Highland  
Ventures

Slideform

STOUT STREET



# LOOKING AHEAD

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Coast Venture Summit 2026

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 10-12, 2026

### Get Involved:

- Recommend Gulf South Founders
- Invite Your Network
- Explore Sponsorship and Recruitment Partner Opportunities
- Recommend Keynote Speakers



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FACILITATING GULF SOUTH VENTURE DEAL FLOW BY CONNECTING TOP FOUNDERS FROM ACROSS THE GREATER REGION TO NATIONWIDE VC INVESTORS.



## INVESTOR VALUE

Investors strongly valued the Investors' Day programming, citing it as a key highlight of the summit.

## 2:1 RATIO SUCCESS

Investor to Founder ratio prioritized in 2025. 107 investors and 61 founders were in attendance.

\*193 total attendees

## REPEAT ENGAGEMENT

Unanimous interest in returning for next year: 88% of post-event survey respondents indicated yes, 12% maybe, 0% said no.



3<sup>RD</sup> COAST VENTURE SUMMIT 2025 OUTCOMES