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Lounge: the AI founder and builder community

Where experienced AI founders and builders meet, ship and help each other, plus the open data on the AI market they use every day: the Revenue Leaderboard, Model Benchmarks, the Agentic 50, and every 2026 AI funding round and acquisition.

867

members in 15 days

124

founders at \$1M+ ARR

\$1.87B

raised by members

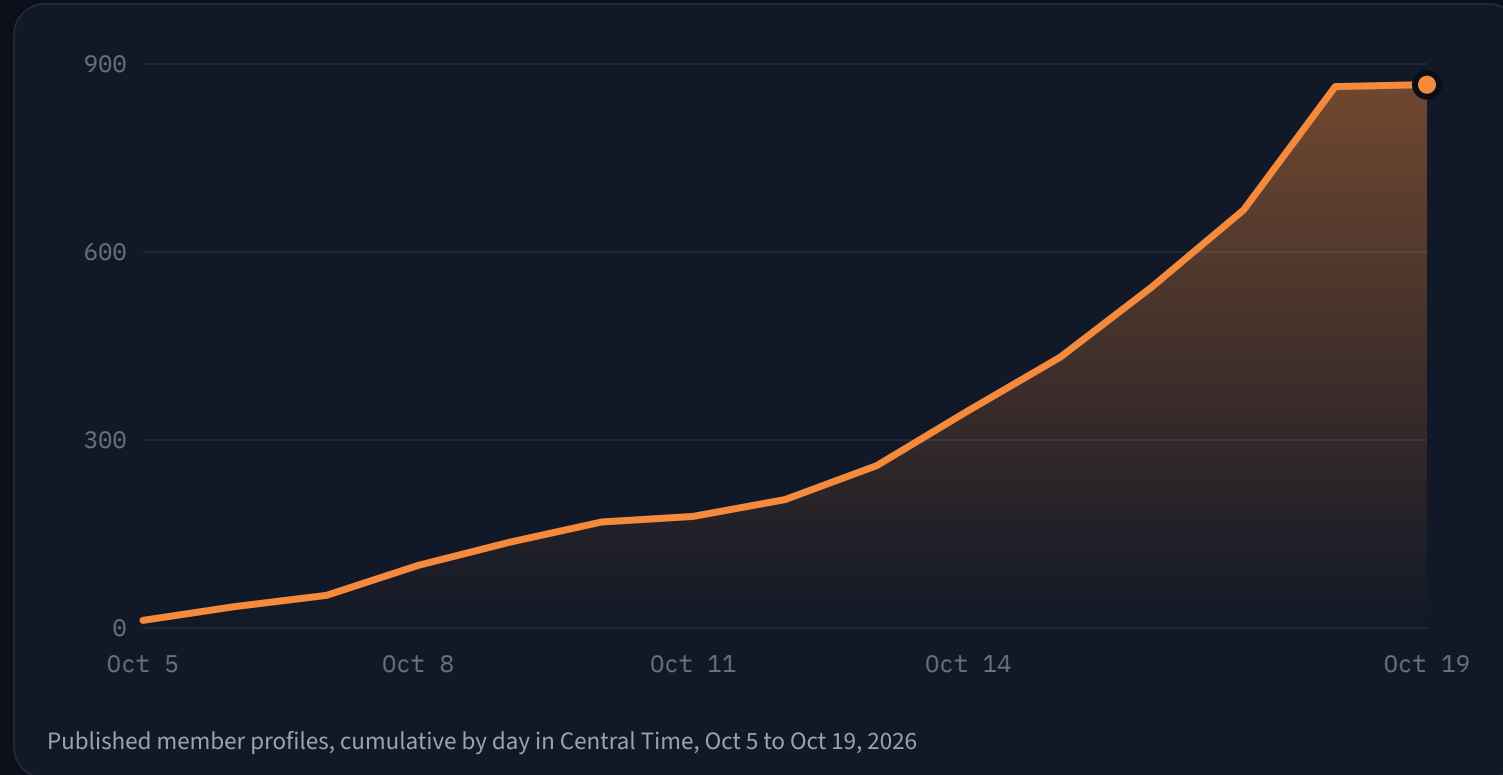
\$2.17B

in member exits

73

countries

From zero to 867 members in 15 days



197

new members on Oct 18, our best day yet

4.2×

week-over-week growth (205 → 867 members)

100%

real profiles: name, photo, role, company and city, no anonymous signups

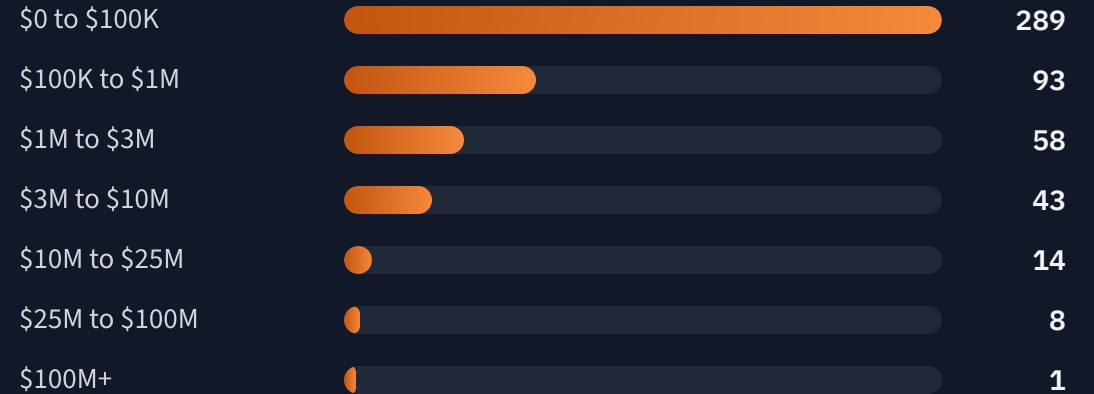
Mostly founders, all of them building with AI

Members by persona



Lounge stays majority founders by design: invitations go to founders and CEOs first, and every profile is a real person with a real company.

Founders by ARR band



124 founders run companies at \$1M+ ARR. Bands are claimed at signup and verified for the top tiers.

Exited, high-ARR and VC-backed founders



Advait Shinde \$1B exit

Founder, GoGuardian

Built GoGuardian into a \$1B edtech company; ex-Google Android engineer.



John Ryan IPO

Founder & CEO, ORM Technologies

Took Entrust Technologies public on Nasdaq at a \$762M valuation.



David Hassell \$50M+ ARR

Co-founder, 15Five

Grew 15Five past \$50M ARR as CEO; now building a stealth AI venture.



Guy Yalif Acquired

Chief Evangelist, Webflow

Founded Intellimize, acquired by Webflow in 2024.



Pavan Sondur \$111M exit

Co-founder & CEO, Legend

Co-founded Unbxd, acquired by Netcore Cloud for \$111M.



Massimo Arrigoni \$10M+ ARR

CEO & Co-founder, Beefree

Beefree's email builder runs inside 1,100+ SaaS apps.



Emeric Ernout \$10M+ ARR

Founder & CEO, Archie

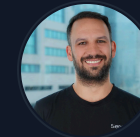
Co-founded Agorapulse; now building AI that writes on-brand social posts.



Greg Fitzgerald Cylance

CEO, Artificial By Design

Founding CMO at Cylance and co-founder of Sevco Security.



Nevo Elmalem \$98M raise

Founder & CTO, Sensi AI

Raised a \$98M Series C for AI agents in home care.

The developers with the most GitHub stars

#	MEMBER	CITY	TOP REPO	STARS
1	 Kenneth Estanislao	Manila	Deep-Live-Cam	97,178
2	 Ásgeir Thor Johnson	Hafnarfjordur	system_prompts_leaks	69,873
3	 Miguel Ángel Durán	Barcelona	aprendiendo-react	65,894
4	 Niccolò Lucioli	Rome	agentic-awesome-skills	47,991
5	 Federico Elia	Genoa	invisible_dots	46,353
6	 Mahipal Mahipal	Berlin	Anthropic-Cybersecurity-Skills	36,973
7	 JN MetaCode	Beijing	agency-agents-zh	33,567
8	 Ahmad Othman Ammar ...	Berlin	planning-with-files	27,939
9	 Ebony Vinyl	Dongguan	dsh-our-free-model	27,862
10	 Adam Tauber	Budapest	wuzz	24,338

477K+

GitHub stars across the top 10 developer members alone

324

developers, many shipping open-source AI tools, agents and MCP servers

Stars are live from members' connected GitHub accounts, summed across their own repos.

\$1.87B raised and \$2.17B in exits by our members

Largest member raises

FOUNDER	COMPANY	RAISED	ROUND
Advait Shinde	GoGuardian	\$200M	Growth
Nevo Elmalem	Sensi AI	\$98M	Series C
Dennis Won	Newton Labs	\$83M	Strategic
Eric Litman	Aescape	\$83M	Strategic
Ying Cong Seah	Glints	\$82M	Series D
David Hassell	15Five	\$52M	Series C
Ryan Allis	iContact	\$40M	Series B
Guy Yalif	Intellimize	\$30M	Series B
John Ryan	Entrust	\$26M	Series B
Joseph Crabtree	AMT	\$25M	Series B

70 founders on Lounge have raised outside capital, \$1B in total.

Largest member exits

FOUNDER	COMPANY	EXIT	BUYER
Advait Shinde	GoGuardian	\$1B	Sumeru Equity Partners
John Ryan	Entrust	\$762M	Nasdaq IPO
Ryan Allis	iContact	\$169M	Vocus
Pavan Sondur	Unbxd	\$111M	Netcore Cloud
Guy Yalif	Intellimize	\$10M+	Webflow
Dane Meah	InfoTrust	\$22.5M	Spirit Technology
Rutger Peters	Zylom	\$21M	RealNetworks
Gururaj Pandurangi	Cloudneeti	\$8.9M	Zscaler
Prakash Sadasivam	Sigmaways	\$7.1M	HeartCore
Ramas Balasubramanian	IBIZCS Group	\$5.6M	R Systems

Verified from public sources, every exit linked on the member's profile.

A global community with real density in the AI hubs

Top 15 cities (metro)

#	CITY	COUNTRY	MEMBERS
1	San Francisco Bay Area	United States	75
2	Bangalore	India	45
3	London	United Kingdom	37
4	New York	United States	34
5	Austin	United States	25
6	Mumbai	India	21
7	Amsterdam	Netherlands	19
8	Sydney	Australia	17
9	Singapore	Singapore	15
10	Paris	France	15
11	Dubai	United Arab Emirates	14
12	Berlin	Germany	14
13	Delhi NCR	India	11
14	Los Angeles	United States	11
15	Barcelona	Spain	10

Top 15 countries

#	COUNTRY	MEMBERS	SHARE
1	United States	284	33%
2	India	119	14%
3	United Kingdom	53	6%
4	Germany	30	4%
5	Australia	27	3%
6	Netherlands	22	3%
7	Pakistan	19	2%
8	France	18	2%
9	Canada	17	2%
10	Spain	15	2%
11	United Arab Emirates	15	2%
12	Singapore	15	2%
13	Indonesia	14	2%
14	Japan	12	1%
15	China	11	1%

Members by region

REGION	MEMBERS	SHARE
North America	301	35%
Europe	199	23%
South Asia	149	17%
East & Southeast Asia	80	9%
Sub-Saharan Africa	39	5%
Middle East & North Africa	31	4%
Oceania	28	3%
Latin America	26	3%

855 members with a known location across 73 countries and 290+ cities.

Highlights

- United States: 284 members, with density in the Bay Area, New York, Austin and LA.
- India and South Asia: 140+ builders, led by Bangalore and Mumbai.
- Europe: 190+ members across London, Amsterdam, Paris and Berlin.
- Members in 290+ cities, from Lagos and Nairobi to Tokyo and São Paulo.

Members meet every week, online and in person



The first Weekly AI Founder Mastermind, Oct 8, 2026

In-person meetups

City Ambassador meetups in the AI hubs, plus 1,400+ AI meetups across 160+ cities listed for members every morning.

Weekly AI Founder Mastermind

Every Thursday on Zoom: 30 minutes with founders grouped by ARR band, bringing real problems.

Workshops and demos

Hands-on sessions on building with the newest models and tools, recorded for members.

The daily digest

Today in AI, deals, research and meetups near you, in every member's inbox each morning.

The numbers journalists and founders cite

Revenue Leaderboard

2,103

private AI and SaaS companies ranked by revenue, with sources

Two boards, AI-native and SaaS, filterable by category and country. Anthropic leads. Free and public.

lounge.ai/arr

AI Model Benchmarks

109

model versions from 13 labs on 10 benchmarks

SWE-bench, Terminal-Bench, GPQA, HLE, ARC-AGI-2 and Arena, next to price per million tokens. Every chart free to republish.

lounge.ai/benchmarks

The Agentic 50

50

AI agent platforms that matter in 2026

Consumer and business agents, ranked by scale: capital raised, valuation, ARR and users, as reported.

lounge.ai/agents

M&A Deals Data

152

AI acquisitions in 2026, \$459B in disclosed value

Every AI acquisition with acquirer, price, date and source, updated daily.

lounge.ai/deals?kind=ma

VC Investments Data

2,860

AI venture rounds in 2026, \$543B raised

Seed to growth, with lead investors, round size, valuation and the partners behind each round.

lounge.ai/deals

All five are free to read and cite with credit and a link to Lounge. Charts on Model Benchmarks have embed code and PNG downloads for press.

Press resources and contact

Resources at lounge.ai/press

- This press deck as a PDF
- Logos for light and dark backgrounds, SVG and PNG
- Product screenshots, desktop and phone
- Model Benchmarks charts with embed code and credit lines
- Fact sheet: members, growth, founders and data, updated live

Press contact

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Interviews, data requests and member introductions

867

members since Oct 5, 2026

2,103

companies on the Revenue Leaderboard

109

AI models benchmarked

3,000+

AI deals tracked in 2026



Write about AI founders? We'd love to help.

Data, charts, member stories and introductions to founders in any city or ARR band.

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