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TechNexus is at the forefront of driving innovation between large enterprises and the startup ecosystem. It has grown more than 450 startups that have raised in excess of $650 million in capital and created thousands of jobs. Today, TechNexus curates ecosystems of entrepreneurial activity all over the world, and actively invests into those ecosystems to drive innovation in close to a dozen major industries.