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Richard is a Director at Qualcomm Ventures. His investments focus around augmented/virtual reality, Internet of Things (IoT), mobile applications, and connected device ecosystems. Richard joined Qualcomm Ventures in 2008 and actively serves as a Board Member/Observer for investments in Airspace Technologies, Embee Mobile, Magic Leap, Playdek, The Void and ThatGameCompany. Former investment (exits) include HeyZap (acquired by RNTS Media), Livescribe (acquired by Anoto), Owlchemy Labs (acquired by Google), and Earn.com (acquired by Coinbase). In addition, Richard also manages Brain Corp, Gimbal, 360Fly and Sotera Wireless on behalf of Qualcomm Ventures.

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