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EMILIA DIAZ

EDUCATION

PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE CHILE, School of Engineering 2009 – 2012, 2018-2019 Bachelor's Degree – Engineering: Bioengineering major. Took an extended leave of absence from 2013 to 2017 to found and run her own biotechnology start-up

EXPERIENCE

SAVIA VENTURES – Santiago, Chile; Fort Lauderdale, USA Strategic Advisor & Investor

2023 - 2024

- Investor and advisor for Savia Ventures, a pure-play climate-tech VC firm formed by climate investors, scientists and entrepreneurs. The firm is focused on supporting exceptional teams addressing climate change in Latin America
- Supports selection and investment funnel in key verticals including Agtech, Foodtech and Climate Fintech

BC STRATEGY – Singapore, Singapore; Sydney, Australia **Consultant**

2022 - 2023

- Consultant for BC Strategy's Singapore office with 6+ years of experience in innovation and start-ups as well as 4+ years of experience in management consulting
- Her functional expertise spans Advanced Analytics, Digital Transformation & Digital Ops, Product Development, Agile, Fintech, Cybersecurity, among other topics.
- Recent case experience includes:
 - Financial Services Data platforms strategy: Designed a re-platforming strategy for a key B2B asset in a major bank in Oceania, delivering a business case, global technology scan and comprehensive project plan, among others
 - Healthcare Operational optimization: Cost reduction for a leading pathology provider in Australia on multiple fronts, including laboratory operations optimization, activity-based labor overhaul, development of demand prediction tools, market trends and competitive position analysis, among others
 - Consumer goods/PE Due diligence: Supported due diligence and performance analysis
 of an Australian-based consumer goods company, focusing on portfolio analysis, emerging
 consumer trends, among others

BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP – Santiago, Chile; London, UK; Bogotá, Colombia Senior Associate and Consultant

2019 - 2021

- Tech-focused consultant; supported senior leadership of global financial institutions, telcos, mining corporations and PE. Recent case experience includes:
 - **Mining Technology innovation:** Designed a commercial strategy to trial and scale-up a novel tailings technology for a multinational metals & mining company
 - **Financial Services Sustainability**: Supported the development of a Net Zero ambition, including transition finance opportunities, baselining & measurement methodology, implementation roadmap
 - Financial Services/PE Market assessment: Conducted a market assessment as part of a pre-due diligence analysis of the European BaaS and PaaS spaces for a private equity firm, assessing 30+ leading companies' product & market strategies to inform both the current due diligence exercise and the future go-to-market strategy

EXPERIENCE (continued)

FUNDACIÓN COPEC-UC – Santiago, Chile

2018 - 2019

Innovation Consultant

- Supported multiple portfolio companies on the development of their commercial & product strategies
- Developed a new proprietary methodology to track and accelerate applied R&D projects and manage science-based innovation portfolios

GENESIS PARTNERS VENTURE CAPITAL - Santiago, Chile

2018

Life Sciences Consultant

Supported technology transfer strategy development for life new tech ventures migrating from lab to industry

ALLBIOTECH – Santiago, Chile; Guanajuato, Mexico; Rosario, Argentina

2016 - 2019

- **Founder and Director**
- Founded the first Latin American network for young biotech and life sciences leaders
- The network currently acts as an ecosystem orchestrator for biotech innovation in the region with three main hubs in Chile, Mexico and Argentina

KAITEK LABS - Santiago, Chile

2013 - 2018

Founder and CEO

- Founded Kaitek, a synthetic biology company that developed rapid testing kits for red tide toxicity in shellfish
- Executed a \$350k government grant, raised \$120k in private funding as well as \$50k in international prize money, and partnered with +40 institutions in 4 continents

Participated in acceleration programs in Chile, USA, Ireland and Korea

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Holds a Product Owner certificate from Scrum.org (2020), as well as an Exponential Technologies certificate from Singularity University (Graduate Studies Program 2015)
- Avid writer, has contributed 40+ articles to leading science publications online; published a fantasy novel in 2020
- Mentors multiple start-ups globally in a variety of industries, including Medtech, Edtech, Agtech, & Fashion. Recent engagements include:
 - International go to market strategy for an emerging jewellery company, Indonesia
 - General strategy review for a cancer-focused, growth-stage medtech startup, India
 - Hiring strategy for an industrial processing tech start-up, Chile
- Fluent in 3 languages (English, Spanish, French), currently working her way to 5 (+ Japanese, Bahasa Indonesia)