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# Research Capabilities Evidence-based research

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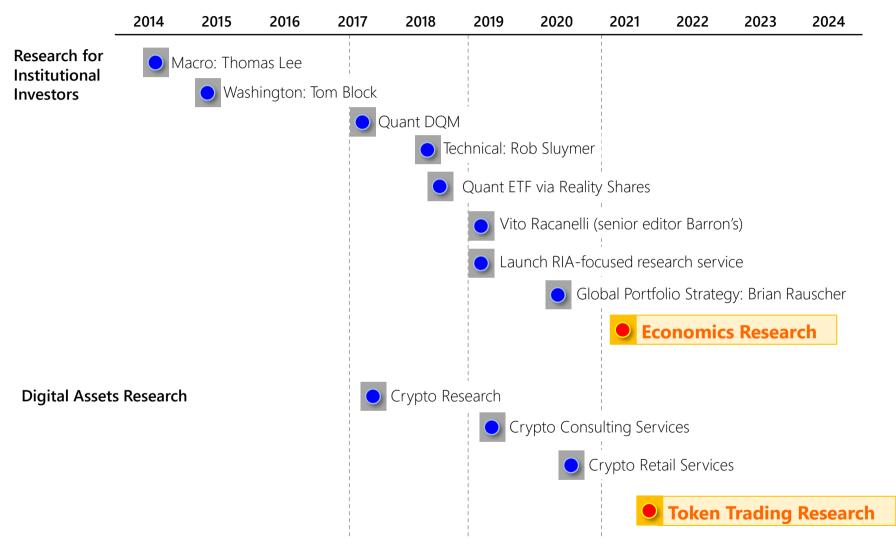
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### **Fundstrat at a glance**

170 Clients -----22 Countries -----78 Webinars Network TV appearances 94 (Lee+Sluymer. past year, CNBC, Bloomberg, Fox) Mainstreet Media Mentions 7,500 (Last 12 months, per Google) Twitter Followers 120,000 (Lee only) Twitter Impressions 120 million (Lee only, Last 12 months) \_\_\_\_\_ Employees -

# **Roadmap of Services**



Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg

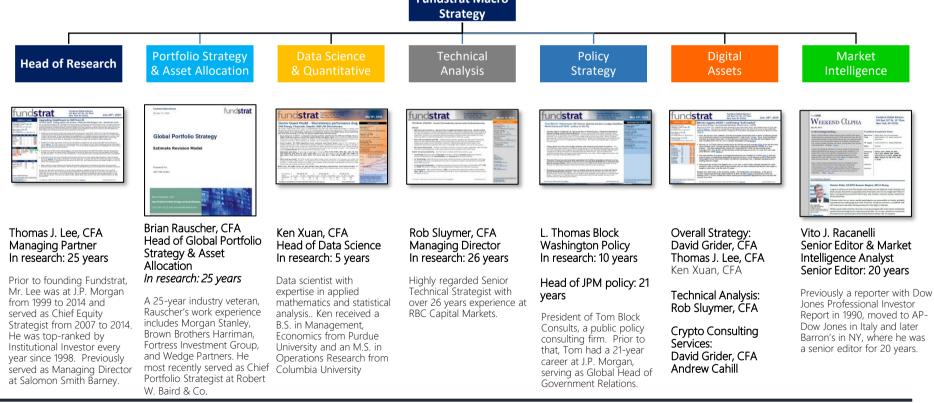


# Fundstrat—a contrarian approach to strategy

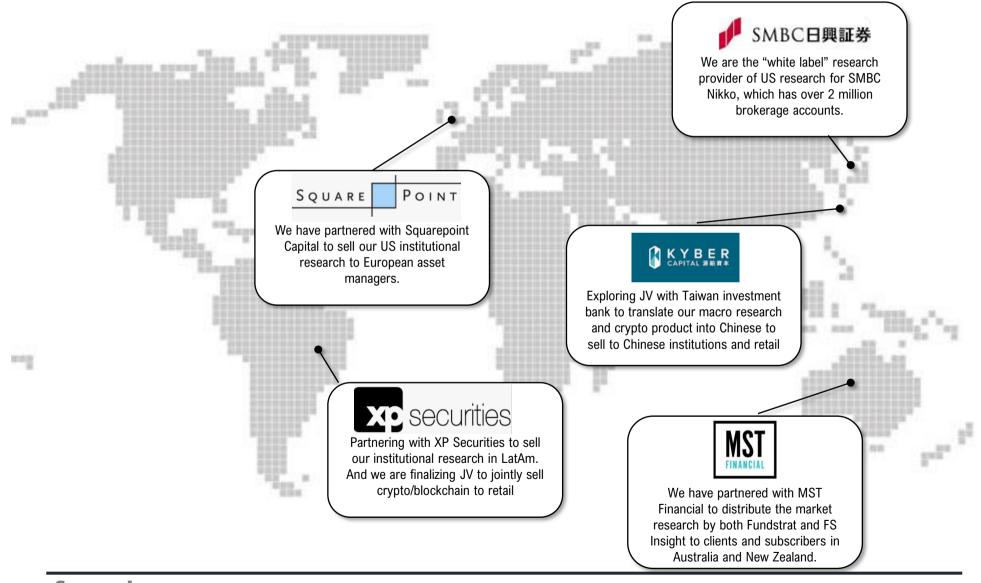
- Fundstrat is an independent research firm established in 2014, with clients in over 16 countries and count as current institutional clients the top asset managers, hedge funds and private banks, representing ~70% of globally managed equity assets.
- Our macro strategy team produces primary research along six product verticals: (i) Portfolio Strategy, (ii) Digital Assets; (iii) Quantitative Strategy; (iv) Technical Analysis Strategy, (v) Washington Policy, and (vi) Market Intelligence.
- Our Quantitative and Crypto Indices (managed by Ken Xuan) are widely followed by Fundstrat clients.

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The research team has over 100 combined years of institutional sell-side research experience and three of the four sector heads were formerly in this role at J.P. Morgan.
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### **Fundstrat leverages global partnerships**



# **Clients should "concentrate" relationships**

From Byron Wien Vice Chairman Blackstone

"My performance improved once I began to **use fewer research providers and** <u>use them more</u> <u>intensely</u>."

# More clients seeking Portfolio Strategy

### From Third Point's 3Q16 Quarterly Letter Author: Daniel Loeb.

Nearly one year into this market cycle, a few truths of hedge fund investing are evident: 1) portfolio positioning matters as much as stock picking skill; 2) factor risk, not beta, has driven hedge fund underperformance in an up market; 3) crowded trades are a symptom of the prevalence of copycat investment frameworks practiced by hundreds of funds formed over the past decade to mimic the success of many of their investing legend mentors and therefore naturally share the same outlooks and biases; and 4) putting money to work in equities and credit today requires a thoughtful perspective on global events. Macro analysis is no longer just for macro traders.

# **General Principles**

An integrated research process with a proven track record...

1. Credit *lead* equities

Stocks "junior" piece of capital structure

- 2. Regimes supercede business cycles Regimes drive multi-year, multi-decade cycles which need to be overlayed to biz cycle dynamics
- Investors too reliant on "last cycle" factors
  Today's Portfolio Manager has a median tenure of 7 years—meaning he has only seen one cycle.
- 4.Consensus lags<br/>(not leads)Consensus tools and indicators are already<br/>discounted by markets and computers.
- 5. "Signal" from Noise

We look for 1, 2, 3-sigma signals to identify quantifiable investment opportunities.

# What most sell-side gets wrong

An integrated research process with a proven track record...

**Street Research** 

# fundstrat Differentiation

"Short term"-ism

Regime and cycle analysis.

<u>REACTIVE</u> not predictive

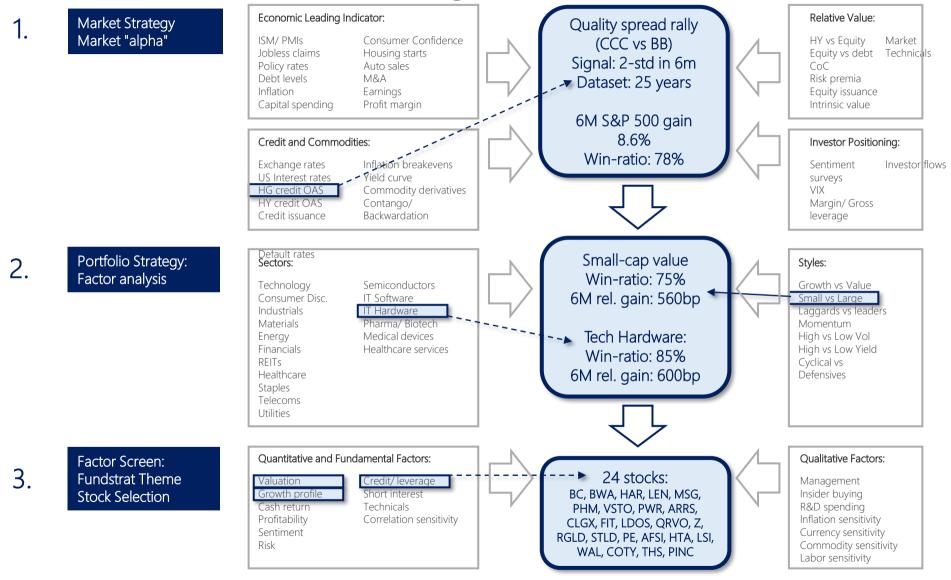
Fundamental based indicators with *quantifiable* reliability

Too many <u>OPINIONS</u> (not conclusions) "Signal" from noise. Systematic models drive conclusions with <u>a high-</u> <u>probability of success</u>.

**Consensus indicators** 

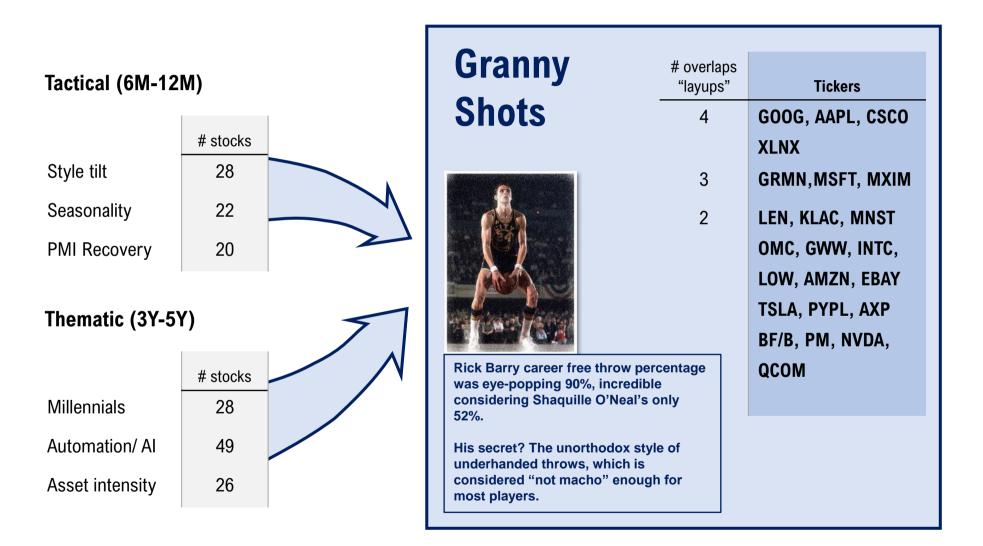
Proprietary databases identifying important leading and lagging indicators.

### The process of a strategy call... From "US Flash" dated August 26, 2016



# 2020 "granny shots"

Stocks recommended at least in 2 of our 2020 strategies



# Fundstrat ETF Driven Strategy by Brian Rauscher

- This strategy seeks to increase alpha and lower risk by investing in those sectors of the S&P 500 that should Outperform, while cutting exposure to the sectors that should Underperform. This balancing should help deliver more profits in a bull market and reduce losses in a bear market.
- This strategy is based on 1) Sector Macro/8-panel analysis; 2) Intra-Sector Macro/8-panel analysis; 3) Deep dive into the largest individual stocks within the Sector using our proprietary single stock ERM model (Earnings Revision Model).

### January ETF Sector Allocation



# Fundstrat Blockchain Research Capabilities

- Fundstrat is widely recognized as the only institutional research firm providing comprehensive market analysis and price analytics for crypto-currencies and blockchain technology.
- We have already established leadership in this space—in just the past year (since launching crypto-currency research), we count >10% of all crypto-funds, representing ~33% of crypto AUM as our paying clients. We are effectively the only paid research subscription service in crypto with widespread adoption.
- Thomas J Lee, head of overall strategy for crypto-currencies, is widely followed by both institutional investors, individual investors and the media. Our work is often widely quoted and cited in social media, traditional media channels and on television/cable networks.

### Our crypto-currency research products include the following:

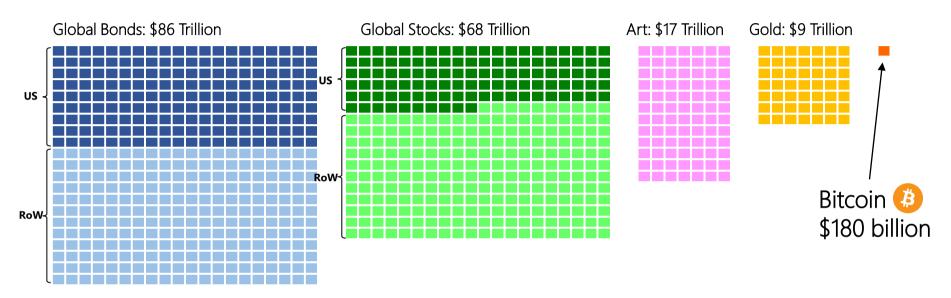
- A proprietary valuation framework for the valuation of Bitcoin and major crypto-currencies.
- Fundstrat launched 5 crypto-currency indices last year. New products include:
  - ✓ Volatility-adjusted crypto-indices (beyond cap-weighting)
  - Launch of qualitative indices including: privacy tokens; general platform tokens; exchange tokens and digital currencies.
- A proprietary Bitcoin Misery Index to measure the Bitcoin holder's satisfaction with investing.
- Crypto-currency and Bitcoin mining and security model;
- Additionally, we provide bespoke quantitative research analytics for our crypto-currency clients, including portfolio optimization and risk-weighting.

### **Bitcoin earliest stages – 0.1% size of overall addressable investment**

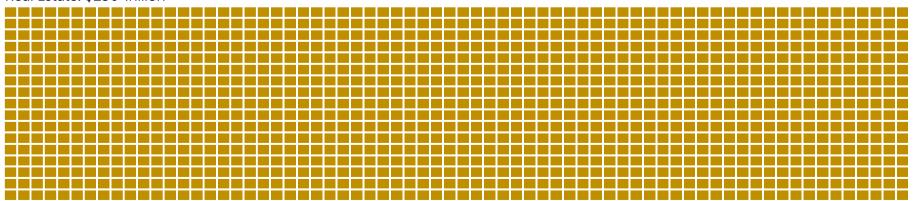
• Bitcoin's network valuation is \$200 billion which ranks it as tiny versus other liquid market.

Figure: Size of various markets

Each square = \$200 billion



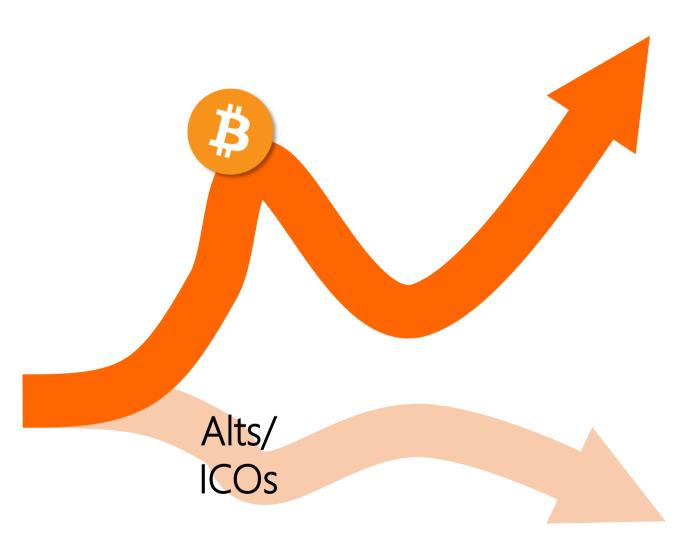
Real Estate: \$230 Trillion



Source: Fundstrat, Twitter



### **Eco-system revolving around Bitcoin...**



### <u>Value capture</u>

Trading and research Custody On-ramps Insurance Investor education

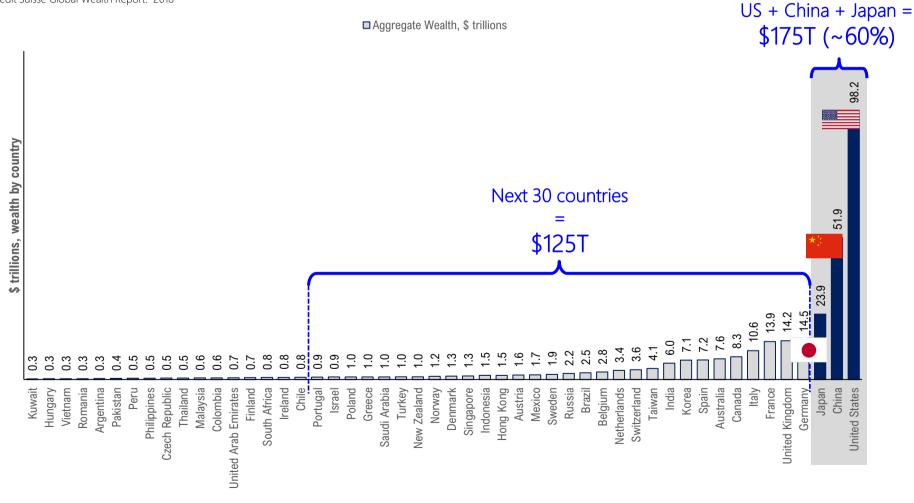
### Businesses: Payment processing UX/ UI businesses

<u>Alts/ ICOs</u> Investment banks Influencers Early stage investors

Source: Fundstrat,

### <u>US + China + Japan = 60% Global Wealth</u>

Figure: Aggregate wealth by country Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report. 2018



Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg, Credit Suisse.



# **US most important economy for digital assets**

### Figure: Garrick Hileman's Bitcoin Market Potential Index (BMPI)

Sorted by High (greatest potential to Low (least potential)

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# **Research Publications**

Report Name		Frequency	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Crypto Strategy: Lee	Crypto FX Strategy	Weekly	
Technicals: Sluymer	Crypto Technicals	Weekly	A construction of the second s
Quantitative: Xuan	Crypto Indices	Weekly	

### **Research Services**

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		_	Read-only	Low-touch Client	Full-service	Partnership
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Read-only	Fundstrat publications		•	•	•	•
	Conference calls / Webinar		•	•	•	•
Interaction	Periodic Phone calls/ emails			•	•	•
	One-on-one meetings				•	•
	Idea dinners				•	•
Custom work	Bespoke projects				•	•
Model sharing	Custom indices/ DQM analysis					•
	Sharing research models					•

### **Crypto Research**

	Sharing research models				•
Model Sharing	Create custom sector indices				•
Custom work	Bespoke projects			•	•
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Read-only	Fundstrat publications	•	•	•	•

### **Management**



### Thomas J. Lee, CFA Co-Founder, Head of Research In research: 26 years

Prior to founding Fundstrat, Mr. Lee was at J.P. Morgan from 1999 to 2014 and served as Chief Equity Strategist from 2007 to 2014. He was top-ranked by Institutional Investor every year since 1998. Previously served as Managing Director at Salomon Smith Barney. Mr. Lee graduated from the undergraduate program at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.



### John Bai Co-Founder, Head of Sales In sales: 25 years

Fundstrat sales is led by John Bai, who has 25 years of experience in finance. Former head of Asia and US equity sales at Mizuho Securities. Former head of hedge funds sales at CLSA (Calyon Securities). Former head of Asia equity sales at ING Barings.

Extensive knowledge of all major hedge funds in USA and Asia. Was ranked top Asia equity sales in 2004. Biggest producer of commissions at CLSA and Mizuho Securities since 2003. BA in electrical engineering Columbia University. MBA in finance and accounting University of Chicago.



### Adam Klein, CPA Partner, Chief Financial Officer In financial services: 15 years

Most recently, Adam spent 3 years as the Senior Controller at Jafra Capital Management LP, a long/short macro hedge fund. Adam joined Jafra pre-launch where he headed up their financial reporting and trading operations. Prior to Jafra, Adam spent nine years with Omega Advisors, Inc., as an assistant controller for several flagship Omega funds. Adam began his career in 2004 at Ernst & Young LLP in the asset management office and earned his BA from the University of Oregon and his MBA from Baruch College's Zicklin School of Business.

Source: Fundstrat



### **Research Team**



### Rob Sluymer, CFA Partner, Head of Technical Analysis Strategy In research: 28 years

Head of Technical Research with over 26 years experience writing technical research at RBC Capital Markets.



### Brian Rauscher, CFA Head of Global Portfolio Strategy & Asset Allocation In research: 25 years

A 25-year industry veteran, Rauscher's work experience includes Morgan Stanley, Brown Brothers Harriman, Fortress Investment Group, and Wedge Partners. He most recently served as Chief Portfolio Strategist at Robert W. Baird & Co.



### Vito J. Racanelli Senior Editor & Market Intelligence Analyst Senior Editor: 20 years

Previously a reporter with Dow Jones Professional Investor Report in 1990, moved to AP-Dow Jones in Italy and later Barron's in NY, where he was a senior editor for 20 years.



### L. Thomas Block Washington and Policy Strategist

Tom had a 21-year career at J.P. Morgan, as Global Head of Government Relations. Prior to that, he served as Legislative Assistant and Chief of Staff in the House, and Legislative Staff Director in the Senate.



### Jonathan Lesser Vice President In research: 25 years

More than 25 years experience in investment strategy and research, most recently with RW Baird & Co., where he was responsible for developing and maintaining the Global Portfolio Strategy data platform. Prior to Baird, Jonathan worked at Fortress Investment Group as well as at Brown Brothers Harriman.



### David Grider, CFA Senior Digital Strategist In research: 8 years

Previously a general partner at Aenigma, a digital asset venture fund and investment banking advisory firm. Prior, David worked at PwC and Noble Financial. He holds a B.A. in Accounting from Florida Atlantic University and is a CFA charter holder.



#### Ken Xuan, CFA, FRM Partner, Head of Data Science Research In research: 6 years

Data scientist with expertise in applied mathematics and statistical analysis. Ken was an operations strategy consultant at West Monroe Partners. Ken received a B.S. in Economics from Purdue University and an M.S. in Operations Research from Columbia University.



### Andrew Cahill Research Analyst In research: 4 years

Andrew Cahill is a Research Analyst at Fundstrat Global Advisors. He began his career in 2016 as an Analyst in CIT's Risk Management Group and most recently served as a Sr. Analyst in CIT's Leveraged Finance Group. Andrew holds a B.A. in Economics from McGill University

Source: Fundstrat



### **Research Team**



### Leeor Shimron Vice President of Digital Asset Strategy In research: 5 years

Prior to joining Fundstrat, Leeor was Founder and CEO of NovaBlock Capital, a digital asset venture capital and investment firm. Previously, Leeor served as Managing Partner at the Shimron Investment Group and Head of Business Development at ZL Technologies.



### Chris Robb Vice President In research: 10 years

Prior to joining Fundstrat, Chris was Senior Research Analyst at Dentons. Previously he was a Policy & Supervision Analyst at the Conference of State Bank Supervisors. He worked in both the legislative and executive branch in Washington DC. Chris also founded a FinTech company in 2015.



### Lazlo Vekony Senior Web Development and UX/UI Consultant

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#### Diego Czul Consultant In research: 6 years

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