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FORBES 30 UNDER 30 · EXITED TO LINKTREE AND ME&U

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EXPERIENCE

Linktree 2025–Present

AI Engineer

- Building AI agents and assistants that help creators grow and manage their Linktree.

Fingertip.com (acquired by Linktree) 2023–2025

Co-Founder & CTO

- Co-founded website builder with Gabby and Hezi Leibovich (Catch, Menulog founders). Serving tens of thousands of users in 100+ countries.
- Led engineering team to build AI-powered platform combining website creation, booking, e-commerce, and invoicing. 99.9% customer satisfaction.

me&u 2021–2023

Senior Software Engineer

- Led front-end development for web app serving 15M+ users globally. Ensured performance at scale.
- Managed team of 5 engineers and designers. Delivered products using agile practices.
- Drove technical strategy for US expansion.

VenueSafe (acquired by me&u) 2020–2021

Co-Founder & CTO

- Co-founded COVID compliance platform serving 1M+ Australians. Acquired by me&u.
- Built full-stack solution from UI design to back-end APIs during pandemic.
- Achieved product-market fit leading to successful exit.

EDUCATION

The University of Melbourne 2018–2020

- Bachelor of Design, Major in Digital Technologies

RECOGNITION & AFFILIATIONS

- Forbes 30 Under 30 (2025), Technology category
- Pause Awards Prodigy Award (2024), recognising young visionaries
- OpenAI Codex Ambassador · Startmate Mentor · AirTree Explorer

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Leadership: CTO, technical leadership, team scaling, 0-to-1 product
- Frontend: React.js, Next.js, TypeScript, design systems & UI craft
- AI: agent systems, context engineering, LLM app development
- Open-source contributor