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Before Marathon Venture Partners, Donald helped establish and led the investment team of a VC fund, China Materialia Fund II, with a focus on world-class frontier technology in new material, advanced manufacturing and energy efficiency; Donald was also senior investment manager in New Enterprise Capital, an international PE fund. Before that, Donald conducted early stage investments in life science and biotechnology in Silicon Valley with successful exits.

Prior to that, Donald worked as an associate in Citigroup investment banking division where he was involved in cross border LBO. Earlier in his career, Donald held diplomatic position as a vice commercial consul to the USA where he was responsible for China's overseas investment strategies and execution in west coast.

Donald co-authors Venture Capital in China with Hon. Cheng Siwei, "Father of Venture Capital in China"; he is president of "Shanghai Strategic Emerging Industries Foundation" and a life-time American Mensa member.

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