

# Shervin Pishevar

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Super Angel Investor, Venture Capitalist, and Entrepreneur

*Shervin Pishevar is a Silicon Valley Angel Investor, Venture Capitalist, and Entrepreneur. He is the Co-founder of Virgin Hyperloop One, Sherpa, Jam City (SGN), Webs, and WebOS. Through his companies, Shervin invested early on in startups like Uber and Airbnb. As an angel investor, Shervin has seeded over 60 companies. Additional companies that Shervin Pishevar has been involved in funding include Machine Zone, Ipsy, Dollar Shave, Wag, Pillpack, Warby Parker, and Postmates.*

## EXPERIENCE

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### Virgin Hyperloop One

*June 2014 to December 2017*

Co-Founder

Virgin Hyperloop One was co-founded by Shervin Pishevar and Brogan BamBrogan. This Company uses an electromagnetically levitated pod running through a low pressure tube to transport passengers and cargo. It is designed to be a more affordable way of travel than by airplane. The pod accelerates and decelerates using a linear electric motor. The idea for this Company began with a conversation between Shervin Pishevar and Elon Musk. They were on an airplane ride to Cuba for a humanitarian mission.

### Sherpa Capital

*March 2013 to December 2017*

Co-Founder

Shervin Pishevar and Scott Stanford founded Sherpa Capital in March 2013. Sherpa Capital is a venture capital firm based in San Francisco that provides funding to emerging technology-enabled companies. During Shervin Pishevar's time at Sherpa, the Company invested in many well-known startups including Uber, Airbnb, PillPack, Muchery, Slack, Ipsy, and Hired. Sherpa Capital closed its first fund in July 2014 with \$154 million. In Sherpa's next two subsequent funds, the Company raised another \$470 million. Sherpa Capital is a privately held company.

### Menlo Ventures

*2011 to 2013*

Managing Director and Board Advisor

Menlo Ventures is a venture capital firm that managed over \$4 billion in its venture capital fund during Shervin Pishevar's time there. While at Menlo Ventures, Shervin focused on markets such as mobile internet, social web, and consumer internet. He led the Series B Uber Investment Fund and was instrumental in the launch of a \$25 million seed fund which Menlo used to invest in over 35 companies at the seed stage. Other investments Shervin Pishevar was involved with through Menlo included Fab, Machine Zone, Tumblr, and Warby Parker.

### Social Gaming Network (SGN)

*2008 to 2011*

Co-Founder and Board Member

Social Gaming Network (SGN), now called Jam City, is a pioneer of social gaming and one of the biggest mobile social game developers. The Company is a spinoff of Webs. Shervin Pishevar was a founder/co-founder of both companies. Social Gaming Network provides a variety of casual and free games for end-users. The Company generates income by offering in-app purchases. MindJolt purchased the Company in 2011.

### Webs, Inc.

*2005 to 2012*

COO, Founding President, and Board Member

First known as Freewebs, Webs, Inc. was one of the largest social publishing communities in its heyday under the leadership of Shervin Pishevar. Webs, Inc. provides website builders and templates for users to create their own professional-looking websites. He raised \$12 million in capital for the Company and served as its COO and Founding President for three years. In 2008 he transitioned over to his spinoff, Social Gaming Network. Vistaprint, an online printing service, acquired Webs, Inc. in December 2011 for \$117.5 million. Shervin remained on the Board of Webs, Inc. until 2012.

### Webs OS

*1997 to 2005*

Founder

After completing his undergraduate work at UC Berkeley, Shervin Pishevar opted to start his own company, Web OS, rather than pursue medical school. Web OS and Shervin Pishevar were labeled "Bill Gates worst nightmare" by the *Financial Times* in 1999. Web OS used cross-browser interfaces that were similar to Windows for the internet.

## EDUCATION

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### Univeristy of California, Berkeley

1998

#### B.S. in Molecular Cellular Biology

Shervin Pischevar earned a degree in molecular cellular biology at UC Berkeley before he began his first company. While still in high school, Shervin began researching Magainin peptides. He continued this project at Berkeley after receiving a Presidential Fellowship for his research. While at Berkeley, Shervin co-authored an article that was published in the *Journal of the American Medicine Society*. This article was a catalyst for the Istanbul Protocol which was the very first international set of guidelines on documenting torture. Shervin Pischevar also founded and served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Berkeley Scientific*. Berkeley Scientific is a peer reviewed undergraduate journal, and the very first of its kind in America.

## SKILLS

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Angel Investing, Startups, Entrepreneurship, Venture Capital, Strategy, Business Development, Leadership, Strategic Partners, Corporate Development, Mobile Devices

## HONORS

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### Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award

2016

#### National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO)

Shervin Pischevar, like other Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipients, was awarded this honor for his accomplishments in his field and for his service to the United States. This is a prestigious award that has been awarded to U.S. Presidents, world leaders and Nobel Prize winners as well as other Americans who have emphasized compassion, liberty and freedom as part of their work and service.

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### J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board Appointee

2015

#### President Barack Obama

### Outstanding American by Choice Award

#### US Government

Shervin Pischevar was one of only 100 naturalized US citizens who has received this award since its inception.

## ACHEIVEMENTS

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### UN Foundations Global Entrepreneurs Council Member

### Keynote Speaker at President Obama's Summit on Entrepreneurship in Algeria

### Author of Several US Patents