

Michael DeThomas

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Michael DeThomas grew up in Malvern, PA. From a young age, Michael was a technophile – a curiosity blossomed into a lifelong passion for technology and its amazing potential for making life better.

Michael attended Penn State University, earning a degree in Electrical Engineering. He later received his Master's degree from Villanova University. Michael was part of the ROTC, which helped to reinforce and nurture his sense of discipline and persistence. After graduation, Michael accepted information technology (IT) roles in major financial firms. His experience allowed him to develop his knowledge in information security management and predictive analytics.



Michael's independent nature led him to begin his own business in 2001 – the Trigon Technology Group. From its inception, Trigon's mission was to serve financial organizations by making the successful connection between security and corporate strategy. Using predictive analytics, Michael and his team identified and protected their clients from threats to their systems and data. "We gave them peace of mind while helping them grow their businesses with safe, secure, high-performance systems," Michael recalls.

After selling Trigon to a Wall Street Firm, Michael enjoyed success by bringing his information security expertise to other financial organizations, as well as bioscience and pharmaceutical firms. "My ultimate goal was always to allow my customers to sleep soundly at night knowing that their systems were secure and their businesses continued to operate effectively," he says.

Being a serial entrepreneur has allowed Michael to master the art of growing organizations and managing them for successful exits. He's used that experience to help several companies develop valuable strategies that allow them to exit on their terms, provide financial independence, and let them determine the person or entity that will receive the business. "I understand the importance of designing a comprehensive exit plan," Michael explains. "One that has clear objectives and is able to adapt to changing economic, business, and personal circumstances."

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Michael's experience in managing and growing firms has taught him the essential principles for success, which he continues to practice when working with his clients and partners. "For me, it's always been a combination of hard work, knowing your numbers, surrounding yourself with the right people, and helping others realize their potential by communicating and delegating tasks that maximize their diverse skills and expertise," he says. "That's always been my motivation. I get excited about seeing others succeed."

Michael is currently an independent advisor, primarily working with technology and bioscience organizations. In addition, he is active in several philanthropic endeavors. In 2014, he was presented with the Mainline Gives Back Award for his work in helping veterans and disadvantaged children receive computers and other learning tools.

Michael sits on the board of the leadership council at the Wistar Institute – the nation's first independent institution devoted to medical research and training. He's also on the fundraising committee for Resources for Human Development (RHD), which provides services that empower people of all abilities as they work to achieve the highest level of independence. In addition, Michael is a member of the Union League and a founding member of that organization's group, Broad Street Angels, as well as a founding member of L2C partners, which helps universities patent, commercialize, and distribute their laboratory/developmental IP.

Michael considers his greatest success to be his friends and his family. He enjoys spending time with them and engaging in one of his favorite pastimes, crafting beers. He is part owner of Levante Brewing Co. in West Chester, PA, which allows him to partake in his hobby while offering a different kind of service to the people of his community.