

We UTD EMBA 2022 had the tour of Capital Factory on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022. To Its name, it is a fantastic place where the best ideas and prototypes from entrepreneurs see the light of getting into the circle of venture capitalists, specialist advisors, legal advisors, industry experts, who will vet the potential and help lay down the path for setting up our own company with growing together approach.

Think about a scenario where an upcoming entrepreneur gets a chance to talk with Adam Selipsky (AWS CEO), Josh Ker, or the best C-level executives in a hallway; that is what Capital factory provides. It is the launchpad. It is set up on 16 floors in downtown Austin. Each floor has a theme focused on innovation of specific industries like FinTech, arts, technology, AI, advanced manufacturing, clean energy, music, defense, etc. very diverse environment with industry and technology agnostic. The key objective of the founders, partners, and venture capitalists is to support the entrepreneurs who find the most pressing problem in the world, define the unique solution to address it that has market potential, and bring the rest of the support world to the entrepreneurs through accelerating programs.

Capital factory gets an overwhelming number of requests from worldwide, typically in thousands asking for support at various stages of the entrepreneurs' life cycle. The team at Capital Factory looks at these very thoroughly and does the due diligence to shortlist the few worth having the expert's attention. The founder VCs raised \$200M of capital from various private and public partnerships in the last round.

A capital factory is also a place for work office solutions. The environment facilitates world-class facilities.

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