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## Top Skills

Private Equity  
Corporate Development  
Due Diligence

# Ben Buettell

Managing Partner at Next Wave Partners  
Evanston, Illinois, United States

## Summary

Next Wave Partners

As a Managing Partner, I lead Next Wave's capital raising efforts and assist with investments in our Venture Studio projects focused on Intelligent & Sustainable Infrastructure, Distributed Software Platforms, and Digital Experience & Commerce Technology.

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## Experience

Next Wave Partners

Managing Partner

May 2023 - Present (2 years 4 months)

Evanston, Illinois, United States

Fusion Acquisition Corp. II

Board Member

February 2021 - December 2023 (2 years 11 months)

New York, United States

R7 Partners

Co-Founder and Former Partner

2013 - July 2023 (10 years)

Chicago, IL

Pivot

Board Observer

August 2017 - June 2023 (5 years 11 months)

Redwood City, CA

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Board Member

February 2017 - December 2021 (4 years 11 months)

Montreal, Quebec

Fusion Acquisition Corp.

### Board Director

June 2020 - September 2021 (1 year 4 months)

New York, United States

A blank-check company which completed its business combination with MoneyLion Inc. now trading on the NYSE under the ticker symbols "ML" and "ML.WS."

### Houlihan Lokey

#### Managing Director

August 1988 - October 2012 (24 years 3 months)

Chicago, IL

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## Education

### Northwestern University - Kellogg School of Management

MBA, Finance and Management Policy · (1986 - 1988)

### Northwestern University

BA, Economics · (1980 - 1984)