Built to Last, Yet When to Sell? Michigan Business Founders Help You Navigate the Complexities

Anthony Ahee is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Together Women's Health (TWH), a physician-led women's health management services organization focused on building a leading network of women's health practices. Under Anthony's leadership, TWH has grown to partner with nearly 30 practices and 300 providers across nine states and growing, supporting physicians with the resources, technology, and infrastructure to expand access to care and grow their practices.

Anthony developed the thesis for Together Women's Health while leading Honor Equity, an entrepreneur-owned holding company he founded to acquire and grow businesses with significant long-term potential.

Prior to Honor Equity, Anthony co-founded and served as Chief Operating Officer of ClamCase, an international consumer electronics company, from 2010 to 2015. Following several years of sustained growth and profitability, ClamCase was acquired in 2015, generating an IRR of more than 50% and a MOIC of more than 7.5x. Earlier in his career, Anthony also held management roles at his family's business, Ahee Jewelers.

Anthony was named an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2025 Michigan and Northwest Ohio Award winner. He earned his B.S. in Communication and Media Studies from Michigan State University and his MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Liz Blondy founded Canine To Five in Detroit in 2005 and grew it from a single dog daycare into one of Metro Detroit's leading pet care companies, with four locations and more than 100 employees. Over 20 years, she built the company from the ground up, navigating the challenges of growth, leadership, and scaling a service-based business.

In 2025, Liz successfully sold Canine To Five, completing her own founder exit. Today, she draws on that experience as an entrepreneur, coach, and advisor, helping other business owners build stronger companies and navigate what comes next.

Naimish Patel is the Managing Partner of Providus Capital Partners, a private equity firm focused on building outstanding companies in the architecture and engineering sectors. Naimish is also the co-founder of Seva Dental Team, a rapidly growing dental support organizing supporting practices in Michigan and Ohio.

Previously Naimish was the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Tru Family Dental, a dental support organization supporting 30 successful dental practices in Michigan and Illinois. Tru Family Dental, co-founded by Naimish in 2014 with a single location, was sold to Heartland Dental in December 2020. Naimish built an exceptional management team, scalable operating infrastructure and led a disciplined execution strategy that delivered outstanding results for shareholders, team members and patients.

In his capacity as Senior Advisor to Long Point Capital, a middle market leveraged buyout firm, Naimish served on the Board of Directors of UMA Enterprises and Cumming Corporation. Previously, Naimish was Managing Director of CITG Capital, a private equity firm he established that focused on investing capital on behalf of an entrepreneurial family office. Before joining CITG Capital, Naimish was a Principal at Long Point Capital where he led acquisitions of two successful platform companies. Prior to Long Point Capital, Naimish was an Investment Analyst at Frontenac Company, a Chicago based private equity firm. Naimish began his career as an Investment Banking Analyst at Merrill Lynch in its New York City office. Naimish received a BBA with High Distinction from the University of Michigan and an MBA with honors from Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern University).

Naimish currently serves on the Board of Directors of Jax Kar Wash, a TRP Capital portfolio company and Innovate 32, a Shore Capital portfolio comapany. He also is an Adjunct Professor in the Entrepreneurship Department at the Ross School of Business (University of Michigan).

Personally, Naimish is married and has two teenage sons. He enjoys spending time with them in their various sports activities, travelling the world and sharing teachings from ancient Vedic literatures.

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Prior to joining BDO, Vince was with Grant Thornton's Corporate Value Consulting Group for 8 years in their Detroit office. Prior to that, Vincent spent 4.5 years with Deloitte's Financial Advisory Services Group performing valuations based out of their Chicago office. Vincent also spent 2 years with Navigant Consulting analyzing internal operations and valuing potential damages related to business interruption matters, negligence claims, and post-acquisition & shareholder disputes. Lastly, Vince started his career with Merrill Lynch's Business Financial Services Division analyzing debt feasibility for finance origination, facility restructures, and renewals for existing obligations.