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Matt Chasen is a serial entrepreneur, investor and adventure sports enthusiast. Matt is founder and CEO of LIFT Aircraft, which is launching the world's first experiential entertainment business based on an entirely new type of personal, electric aircraft. While getting his MBA at The University of Texas in 2003, Matt founded uShip - the first and largest online marketplace for shipping with over \$200M in annual gross sales. Matt served as uShip's CEO until 2016 and received a Best CEO award by the Austin Business Journal (2012). He has also earned Austin Under 40 and Texas "Rising Star" honors (2011) and was an E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year finalist (2010). Prior to business school, Matt was an engineer at Boeing in Seattle, where he worked on the F-22 Fighter, Airborne Laser and other advanced aerospace projects. Prior to Boeing, Matt studied mechanical and aerospace engineering at UT and was a NASA scholarship recipient. Matt is a pilot, an avid sailor and scuba diver, and has completed the Texas Water Safari - known as the "World's Toughest Canoe Race". Matt lives in Austin with his wife and two children.