

HATCHHOUSE

The Global Gen-Z Builder Sprint

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Re: [Full Name] – Confirmation of Service as Judge at HatchHouse

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Daniel Reyes, Founder of HatchHouse. I am writing to confirm that [Full Name] served, at our invitation, as a judge at the HatchHouse Lisbon 2026 cohort, held from 13 – 15 March 2026.

About HatchHouse

HatchHouse is a 48-hour hacker house and founder sprint for emerging Gen-Z builders. Each HatchHouse “house” brings together a small, highly-selected cohort of around ten builders who live and work together for a weekend to design, build, and ship real products in just 48 hours.

HatchHouse has run houses in locations including Lisbon, Amsterdam and Berlin, and is expanding globally with new houses such as HatchHouse San Francisco, HatchHouse Singapore and HatchHouse São Paulo. Our partners and sponsors have included leading technology and venture organizations such as Highline Capital, Vela Ventures, Northstar Partners, Atlas Labs and several global cloud and AI tooling providers, among others, who provide tools, credits, mentorship, and access to follow-on programs for high-performing teams.

Participants are selected through a competitive application process that reviews prior projects, technical and product skills, and evidence of “high agency” and entrepreneurial potential. Many participants are student or first-time founders who go on to raise funding, join accelerators, or continue building the products they started at HatchHouse.

Details of the Cohort Judged by Mr. [Last Name]

The HatchHouse Lisbon 2026 cohort brought together 12 participants selected from 54 applicants. Over the 48-hour sprint, 4 teams built and launched projects in areas such as AI developer tools, education, fintech infrastructure, agent security, and AI productivity applications. Mr. [Last Name] evaluated all 4 teams during the final judging process.

For this cohort, our sponsors and partners included Highline Capital and Vela Ventures, who provided product access, technical resources, and mentorship. In addition, all participants were considered for the Catalyst Fellows Program powered by Highline Capital, including a fully funded capstone trip to

San Francisco.

Selection of Mr. [Last Name] as Judge

Mr. [Last Name] was invited to join the judging panel for the HatchHouse Lisbon 2026 cohort because of his background as a founder and operator in applied AI software, his work building Tradely in the field-services sector, and his experience evaluating business models, products, and early-stage companies.

Mr. [Last Name] is the Co-Founder of Tradely, a venture-backed AI startup currently in a recent batch of one of the world's most selective and globally recognized startup accelerators, which historically admits less than 2% of applicants. Tradely is building agentic AI tools for field-service technicians. Prior to founding Tradely, he was a Consultant at a leading global management consultancy, where he received back-to-back early promotions to a post-MBA position and led private-equity due-diligence engagements on vertical software, AI, and field-services businesses. He also previously founded Pingr, a consumer social product.

HatchHouse does not select judges through an open volunteer process. Judges are individually invited based on their experience as founders, operators, investors, or technical builders and their ability to evaluate early-stage products on execution quality, originality, market insight, and long-term potential. Mr. [Last Name] was selected because his background met these standards.

Judging Role and Responsibilities

At HatchHouse Lisbon 2026, Mr. [Last Name]:

- Reviewed and evaluated project pitches and prototypes from the participating teams;
- Assessed each team against structured criteria including technical execution, product quality, originality of approach, market insight, and potential for real-world impact;
- Provided written and verbal feedback to teams on how to improve their products, business models, and go-to-market strategies; and
- Participated in deliberations with other judges to determine prize-winners and teams to be recommended for continued support (including warm introductions to our venture and mentor network, and, where applicable, consideration for programs such as the Catalyst Fellows program and its San Francisco capstone experience).

Significance of the Judging Appointment

HatchHouse's mission is to identify and accelerate the next generation of high-potential founders and technical builders. Our judging panels directly influence which teams receive:

- Public recognition as top builders from HatchHouse;
- Access to investors, founders, and operators in our global network; and

- In some cohorts, eligibility for fully-funded follow-on programs and trips to major startup hubs such as San Francisco.

We therefore reserve judging roles for individuals whose accomplishments place them among the small group of experts capable of meaningfully assessing cutting-edge early-stage projects. Mr. [Last Name]'s selection as a judge is clear evidence that he is recognized in the field as an authority whose opinion carries substantial weight.

If you require any additional information about HatchHouse or Mr. [Last Name]'s role with us, please feel free to contact me at judging@hatchhouse.io or +00 000 000 000.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reyes

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