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Thorsten leads the NIF's fund-of-funds platform, identifying and working with the most relevant emerging and established venture capital managers across all NATO regions to build regional capacity, jumpstart ecosystems, and increase global visibility for the most critical product, technology, and service innovations.

Previously, Thorsten was a Partner at Northgate Capital, a \$4.8B AUM SEC-registered investment advisor for private equity and venture capital fund-of-funds, co-investments, direct investments, and secondaries. As a member of the firm-wide Investment Committee, he oversaw the growth across all of Northgate's products. As an Investment Partner, Thorsten evaluated 700+ managers annually and led direct investments in revolutionary tech companies in robotics, quantum computing, cybersecurity, and critical IT infrastructure. Outside of work, Thorsten balances his busy work life with wilderness hikes and camping, teaching graduate classes at UC Berkeley and Northeastern University, and tinkering with historic race car suspensions.