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Derek joined Bayer in 2019 to lead its venture capital investments in agriculture. As VP of Venture Investments for Leaps by Bayer, Derek helps Bayer identify and work with new technologies and business that are shaping sustainable agriculture. He serves as board or board observer for several companies in the current portfolio. Leaps by Bayer, the corporate VC group of Bayer, has a broad mandate to create, invest in, or collaborate with breakthrough companies solving fundamental challenges in health and agriculture.

Prior to joining Bayer, Derek led Syngenta Ventures, one of the first corporate VC investors in the Ag industry. He invested in and served on the boards of companies in multiple areas spanning biologicals, crop protection, and digital farming technologies. He also served as a co-founder of Agrimetis. After growing up in a household of scientists, Derek obtained his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Stanford University, and a doctorate degree in chemistry and chemical biology from Harvard University. In 2016, Derek was recognized as a rising star by *Global Corporate Venturing*. He resides with his wife and four children in Chapel Hill, N.C.