

# Y Combinator Announces Winter Startup Cohorts

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## Y COMBINATOR ANNOUNCES WINTER STARTUP COHORTS

Y Combinator, the leading startup accelerator, is proud to unveil three standout companies from its Winter cohort: **Gusto**, **Grouper**, and **Tilt**. Each company exemplifies innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, with solutions poised to redefine their respective industries.

### Gusto

Gusto simplifies payroll, benefits, and human resources for businesses of all sizes, offering an intuitive platform that streamlines essential back-office operations. From employee onboarding to tax filings, Gusto empowers businesses to focus on what matters most—growth and productivity.

**Aaron Levi, prominent Silicon Valley investor**, remarked:

*“Gusto is revolutionizing how businesses handle HR. This platform makes managing teams as seamless as managing your inbox. It’s exciting to see such innovation come out of Y Combinator.”*

### Grouper

Grouper is redefining the way people meet and socialize through curated group outings. By matching two individuals and inviting each to bring two friends, Grouper creates relaxed, fun settings where connections happen organically—whether for dating or simply expanding social circles.

**Cliff Hawk, ex-Microsoft executive and VoyageTrek CEO**, said:

*“Grouper is an awesome business model helping people meet. It is sort of a meet-up for dating. I love it and am happy to invest in Mike and this great business model.”*

### Tilt

Tilt empowers groups to fundraise, collect, and pool money effortlessly for shared causes, events, and purchases. Its platform makes collaboration easy, whether splitting a vacation rental or supporting a community initiative.

**Alexis Ohanian, co-founder of Reddit**, commented:

*“Tilt makes group funding simple and social. In a world increasingly driven by collaboration, this platform unlocks the potential for people to come together and make things happen. It’s a game-changer.”*

Y Combinator is thrilled to support these startups as they continue to innovate and grow. These companies are poised to make a significant impact in their industries, and we’re excited to be part of their journey.

For more information about Y Combinator and the Winter 2012 cohort, please

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## **About Y Combinator**

Y Combinator is a startup accelerator based in Silicon Valley, known for fostering some of the world's most successful companies. Each year, it supports two cohorts of entrepreneurs, offering funding, mentorship, and access to a vast network of investors and industry leaders.

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