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Mike Docherty is a leading innovation expert, entrepreneur and connector, with a variety of broad-based experiences from senior level corporate roles, start-ups, consulting and venture capital.

Mike is currently CEO of Venture2, a consulting and new ventures firm he founded in 2004. Venture2 partners with leading brand companies and emerging technology firms to build innovation ecosystems and commercialize breakthrough new products and businesses. Corporate clients include P&G, GlaxoSmithKline, Kraft, Pfizer, Jarden and other leading companies globally.

In parallel to Venture2, Mike has managed several venture-backed start-ups, including a mobile innovation marketplace he started with the ex-CMO of P&G. Until recently, Mike was also president of Spencer Trask, the venture investment firm behind leading collaborative innovation platforms including InnoCentive, inno360 and others.

Earlier in his career, Mike was a vice president and general manager for Sunbeam Products Inc., where his team's innovation efforts played a key role in the successful turnaround of the company. Prior to that, he held marketing and technology leadership positions with Ford, General Electric and Rohm & Haas.

Mike holds an MBA degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg School and BSME degree from Drexel University. He is a highly rated international speaker on innovation and collaborative ventures and an active supporter of the entrepreneurial community. Mike is also active in applying collaborative innovation in philanthropic efforts, including the recent launch of BeyondPolio.org. He has seven U.S. patents with others pending.

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