



STANDARD BOTS

Short Narrative Biography of Evan Beard

Evan Beard is co-founder, CEO, and chief engineer of Standard Bots, America's largest industrial robot manufacturer. Standard Bots is on a mission to make robots accessible and affordable so that every American manufacturer can put them to work. Its AI-native robots require no code to program and take on tasks legacy robots can't handle, letting every worker become a builder and operator of robots. The company has deployments at Lockheed Martin, Verizon, NASA, and hundreds of other manufacturers, and has raised hundreds of millions from investors including General Catalyst and the Amazon Industrial Innovation Fund. An early Y Combinator alumnus, Evan previously co-founded Etacts (acquired by Salesforce) and A Plus — a media company he built with Ashton Kutcher that grew to 46M monthly readers. He has been named to Forbes' "30 Under 30" and Business Insider's "Most Inspiring and Influential People in New York Tech," and has testified before the U.S. Congress — including the Joint Economic Committee — on advancing American leadership in robotics and AI. Evan has spoken widely on robotics, from broadcast television (including BBC Panorama) to NVIDIA GTC, and makes a cameo alongside Standard Bots' robots in A24's "Babygirl." He graduated with distinction from Duke University with a degree in Economics and a minor in Computer Science.