



Bengals All-Pro Safety Jessie Bates III Makes Investment Into SpaceX

December 2022 - Jessie Bates III, safety for the Cincinnati Bengals, invested in Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) through his partnership with Summit Peak Investments, LLC.

Jessie Bates III's investment partner, Summit Peak Investments, LLC, is a hybrid early-stage venture fund and co-investment firm backed by decades of institutional investing experience and is the top quartile performance early-stage venture fund of funds.

"We are very fortunate to have a supportive and diverse investor base. We love working with young professionals like Jessie who proactively think about their future and how they can continue to generate wealth and diversify their portfolio through a unique and hard-to-access asset class such as early-stage venture capital." - *Managing Partner of Summit Peak Investments, Apurva Mehta*

Jessie Bates *Business Manager & CEO of RISE Sports Advisors, Michael Ledo* stated, "Jessie is such a humble and committed student of business as he builds his legacy beyond the sport of football for his family."

Space Exploration Technologies Corporation is an American aerospace manufacturer and space transportation services company founded in 2002 by Elon Musk to reduce costs and increase the reliability of access to space. The long-term vision includes enabling multi-planetary life.

"You want to wake up in the morning and think the future will be great - and that's what being a spacefaring civilization is all about. It's about believing in the future and thinking that the future will be better than the past. And I can't think of anything more exciting than going out there and being among the stars," *Elon Musk's mission statement for SpaceX.*

SpaceX builds several space vehicles, including the Falcon, Falcon Heavy, Dragon, and Starship, to transport humans and cargo into space and has developed Starlink, the world's first and largest constellation using a low orbit to deliver broadband internet capable of supporting streaming, online gaming, video calls and more.

Today, SpaceX is a leading space transport and launch provider for private and government customers and operates a satellite network that provides global broadband coverage to consumer, enterprise, and government customers.

"As professional athletes, we have a rare earning potential at a young age before having business experience or access to leverage our capital. Access to unique alternative investment opportunities such as SpaceX will build generational wealth for my family," expressed *Jessie Bates III* on why he valued having this unique access to an investment such as SpaceX at 25.

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