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Kauffman Fellows Welcomes Dynamic Lineup of Top Tier Managers to Class 21

Menlo Park, CA (July 5, 2016) -- Furthering the mission of bringing smart, connected capital to countries across the world, Kauffman Fellows is excited to launch Class 21, consisting of 45 dynamic top-tier investors from firms in the United States, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Europe. The majority (62 percent) of the new Fellows are partners, managing directors, or CEOs of their firms. The distinguished two-year Kauffman Fellows Program further develops and networks global leaders in the venture capital industry, and is dedicated to promoting diversity: 31 percent of this largest class to date are women, and 11 percent are underrepresented minorities.

Fellows hail from a number of top firms including Upfront Ventures, Pritzker Ventures, Social Capital, Creandum, 5AM, Techstars Fund, Kapor Capital, and Google Ventures. Mentors for Class 21 Fellows include notable venture capital investors such as Mark Suster, Managing Partner, Upfront Ventures; Fernando Fabre, President, Endeavor Global; Christine Tsai, Founding Partner, 500 Startups; Karen Kerr, Managing Partner, GE Ventures; Mamoon Hamid, Partner, Social Capital; and David Krane, Managing Partner, Google Ventures.

Class 21 Fellows comprise a passionate group of investors and innovators intent on making an impact globally—including the CEO of a nonprofit fostering entrepreneurship in North Korea, the managing director of the University of Chicago's \$7.1 billion endowment, the Young Global Leader for entrepreneurship in Singapore, the cofounder of the Pearson Affordable Learning Fund, and two funders and mentors for Latin American startups.

"Every year, I think we can't possibly have a stronger class with more potential to change the world—and every year I'm amazed when they raise the bar," said Kauffman Fellows President Jeff Harbach. "This is a highly motivated, highly energized group that has really hit the ground running. They are one of the most experienced and diverse groups of innovation investors



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we've ever had, and we are thrilled to welcome them as the newest class of Kauffman Fellows."

Members of the new class join the premiere global investment community—the Kauffman Fellows Society. More than 470 Fellows have collectively deployed nearly \$200 billion in capital and created more than 750 thousand jobs worldwide. Graduates lead venture capital, government, corporate, university, and startup innovation efforts in more than 40 countries. Kauffman Fellows has a strong commitment to diversity and actively recruits women and minorities. Inspired by Ewing Marion Kauffman and his legacy of shared ownership, accountability, and experimentation, we measure success in enduring new businesses that generate long-term returns for principals, investors, and society as a whole.

Each Kauffman Fellows class is selected from a large applicant pool. Candidates are nominated by current Fellows and then sponsored by their venture firms, but applicants may self-nominate. Applicants interested in participating in the 2017 recruiting process should contact Jane Chinen (jchinen@kfp.org).

The newest Kauffman Fellows are as follows:

[Nik Berman](#), Partner, Kaszek Ventures

[Josh Breinlinger](#), Managing Director, Jackson Square Ventures

[Ashley Carroll](#), Partner, Social Capital

[Jonathan Charles](#), Senior Investment Manager, Samsung Catalyst Fund

[Nathaniel Becker Chase](#), Managing Director, yet2Ventures

[Mira Chaurushiya](#), Associate, 5AM Ventures

[Chrys Chrysanthou](#), Principal, Notion Capital

[Tyson Clark](#), Investing Partner, GV

[Lisa Coca](#), Managing Director, GE Ventures

[Kelli Cullinane](#), CFO CCO Legacy Ventures

[Henri Deshays](#), VP Strategic Initiatives, StartX



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[Brian Dixon](#), Partner, Kapor Capital

[Katelyn Donnelly](#), Managing Director, Pearson Affordable Learning Fund

[Kathryn Doyle](#), Senior Associate, Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation

[Claire England](#), Executive Director, Central Texas Angel Network (CTAN)

[Suzanne Fletcher](#), Stanford-StartX Fund Manager, StartX

[Carl Fritjofsson](#), Principal, Creandum

[Sofia Garrido](#), Principal, ALLVP

[Andrew Goldner](#), Founding Partner, GrowthX

[Enrique Y. Gonzalez](#), Partner/CEO, Kaikaku Fund/IP Ventures

[Yousef M. Hammad](#), Investment Associate, BECO Capital

[Kirby Harris](#), Partner, Base Ventures

[Mee-Jung Jang](#), Co-founder/Director, Jefferson Investors

[Shintaro Kaido](#), Director, Drexel Ventures

[Stuart Lander](#), Chief Operating Partner, Upfront Ventures

[Brigette Lau](#), Board Partner, Social Capital

[Adrian Li](#), Managing Partner, Convergence Ventures

[Peter Liu](#), Vice President, Pritzker Group Venture Capital

[Kevin Lockett](#), President/CEO, Kansas Bioscience Authority

[Evan Loomis](#), Founder, Tradecraft

[Bianca Martinelli](#), VP, Latin American and Europe, Endeavor

[Eyal Mayer](#), Senior Associate, Marker LLC

[William McQuillan](#), Partner, Frontline Ventures

[Jan-Maarten Mulder](#), Founder, Summer Capital

[Jason Pariso](#), Director, The University of Chicago Innovation Fund

[Jason Portnoy](#), Managing Partner, Oakhouse Partners



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[Vijay Reddy](#), Investment Director, Intel Capital

[Joanna Rupp](#), Managing Director, University of Chicago

[Grace Sai](#), CEO & Co-founder, the HUB Singapore

[Mario Scuderi](#), Investment Manager, Invitalia Ventures

[Jason Seats](#), Partner, Techstars

[Geoffrey See](#), CEO, Choson Exchange

[Eyal Shaked](#), Managing Director, Shaked Ventures

[Ryan Takeuchi](#), Business Leader, Gore Medical - WL Gore & Associates

[Santiago Zavala](#), Partner, 500 Startups

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About the Kauffman Fellows Program

For over 20 years, the Kauffman Fellows Program has been educating innovation investors and leaders of the venture industry. After spinning out from the Kauffman Foundation in 2002, the organization expanded globally and is now involved in more than 40 countries. The Kauffman Fellows mission is to enlighten and educate the world about smart, connected capital in order to enhance global economic vitality. Inspired by Ewing Marion Kauffman and his legacy of shared ownership, accountability, and experimentation, the Program measures success in enduring new businesses that generate long-term returns for principals, investors, and society as a whole. For more information, visit www.kauffmanfellows.org.

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