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Kauffman Fellows Program's 20th Class Welcomes New Members Representing Dynamic Lineup of Global Top-Tier Firms

Menlo Park, CA (June 30, 2015) -- The Kauffman Fellows Program today announced the 41 members of the program's incoming 20th class, its largest ever. The two-year program's objective is to help develop and connect innovation investors and global leaders for the venture capital industry.

The 31 male and 10 female Fellows come from firms in the U.S., Israel, Dubai, Turkey, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, the U.K., and Canada. The distinguished venture capital mentors for these Fellows include Jason Green of Emergence Capital, Brad Feld of Foundry Group, Mattias Ljungman of Atomico, Ashton Newhall of Greenspring Associates, Eric Acher of Monashees Capital, Ray Ko of The Social + Capital Partnership, and many others.

"This class reflects the excitement and the pace of change in the global innovation ecosystem," said Kauffman Fellows President and CEO Phil Wickham. "The diversity of this class reflects the modern entrepreneurial mindset."

Founded in 1995, Kauffman Fellows is a Silicon Valley-based leadership program for venture capitalists and innovators of all kinds. Graduates from the past 18 years of classes now lead venture



capital, government, corporate, university, and startup innovation efforts in more than 50 countries around the world.

The Fellowship provides a rigorous, interactive learning and development experience connecting the best of leadership learning theory with the needs of contemporary venture capitalists. Kauffman Fellows offers a structured educational curriculum along with an individual development plan for each Fellow, development coaching, facilitated mentoring, peer learning, and networking. In keeping with the roots of the organization, they also focus on the need for venture capital's leaders to be societally aware and community-minded, driving impact globally.

More than 390 Fellows have graduated since the inception of the program. Fellows have collectively deployed an estimated \$60 billion in capital in over 3,000 companies, many of which are women- or minority-led. More than 120 of them have also been venture fund co-founders. In addition, they have assisted and mentored some 39,000 entrepreneurs, created 858,000 jobs, and founded nearly 200 companies and counting.

Each Kauffman Fellows class is selected from a large applicant pool. Candidates are nominated by current Fellows and then sponsored by their venture firms. Applicants interested in participating in the 2016 recruiting process should [contact Jane Chinen](#).

The newest Kauffman Fellows are as follows:

[IMRAAN AHMED](#), Senior Associate, Radius Ventures

[ERIN ANDREW](#), Assistant Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration

[ANDY ARTZ](#), Head of User Acquisition, The Social+Capital Partnership

[LUIS X. BARRIOS](#), Founder, THE POOL

[NICO BERARDI](#), Managing Director, AGP Miami

[DAVID PAUL BORCSOK](#), Fund Manager, Royal Bank of Canada

[TANGUY CHAU](#), Principal, Formation 8



YOEL CHESHIN, Founder, 2B Angels Group

BENNETT COHEN, Pathfinder, Royal Dutch Shell

FRANCISCO CORONEL, Co-Founder & Managing Director, NXTP Labs

STEPHEN CURTIS, Bioscience Ventures, 2M Companies, Inc.

GUILHERME DECOURT, Partner, Monashees Capital

LESLEY ESFORD, Director of Programs, Accel-Rx

JULIA FAN LI, Director, Lion's Head Global Partners

JENNIFER FRIED, Vice President, Park Lane Ventures

HIAN GOH, Founding General Partner, NSI Ventures

NEERAJ GUPTA, Managing Director, Cervin Ventures

JUSTIN HALL, Principal, Golden Gate Ventures

KEITH HARRINGTON, Managing Director, Kansas Bioscience Authority

TREY HART, Vice President – Private Equity, Northern Trust

ESTELA HARTLEY, Founder, E. Hartley Consulting

ZHENG YU HUANG, Founder & Chairman, Immigration Capital

SHIN IWATA, Partner, Atomico

TIM JACKSON, Partner, Lean Investments

TAMMI JANTZEN, General Partner & CFO, Astarte Ventures; CFO, Battelle Ventures

PETER JOHNSON, Senior Associate, Jump Capital

SAMIR KAJI, Managing Director, First Republic Bank

YOSHIHIKO KARITA, Director, Sozo Ventures

ANDREW KEENAN, International Liaison, Canadian Venture Capital & Private Equity Association

JOHN KIM, Managing Partner, Amasia

M. JAIONE MAIZ, Business Development Manager, Inception Sciences

PRASHANT MEHTA, Vice President – Investments, the KEF Company



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[ADAIR B. NEWHALL](#), Principal, Greenspring Associates

[ANTONIO OSIO](#), Managing Partner, Capital Invent

[KRATING POONPOL](#), Venture Partner, 500Startups

[JAKE SAPER](#), Senior Associate, Emergence Capital

[MICHAEL STATON](#), Partner, LearnCapital

[JONATHON TRIEST](#), Managing Partner, Ludlow Ventures

[HANA YANG](#), Managing Partner, Manos Accelerator

[SHUANG ZHANG](#), Director of Business Development, Cenova Ventures

[ZEYNEP ZORLU](#), Business Development Manager, TRPE Venture Partners

About the Kauffman Fellows Program

For 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 50 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.

For More Information

The Kauffman Fellows network holds countless amazing stories of impact and innovation around the world. If you're interested in interviewing a Fellow or talking further with the KF team, please contact Nicole Volpe at [Deke Digital](#) ▪ 503.975.2572 ▪ nicole@dekedigital.com ▪ [@NicoleVolpe](https://twitter.com/NicoleVolpe).

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