

Inventus Capital begins investing US\$125 million venture fund targeting early-growth India companies

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Kanwal Rekhi and **John Dougery** are based in Silicon Valley, while **Samir Kumar** and **Parag Dhol** are based in Bangalore. In addition, Inventus has several prominent Venture Advisors including **Saurabh Srivastava** (successful entrepreneur and early venture capitalist in India), **Prof. Rajeev Motwani** (Stanford University professor, and start-up advisor to the Google & Yahoo! Founders), **B. V. Jagadeesh** (successful serial entrepreneur), and **Dr. Sridhar Mitta** (former President of Wipro's R&D).

Speaking to reporters at a press conference in Bangalore, Kanwal Rekhi, Co-founder, Inventus Capital Partners, said, "Across India I see many similarities with the emergence of Indo-American entrepreneurs in Silicon Valley. Our success in mentoring those entrepreneurs who created outstanding companies in that environment is directly relevant to the needs of Indian entrepreneurs, particularly given the strong ongoing ties with Silicon Valley. We formed Inventus to harness our unique combination of operating experience and mentoring skills to further catalyze India's entrepreneurial ecosystem."

According to John Dougery, Co-founder, Inventus Capital Partners, "Kanwal and I have successfully backed entrepreneurs together for over a decade, and closely teamed with Samir and Parag we are well positioned to support Indian ventures which leverage technology to revolutionize the Indian economy and disrupt global markets."

Notes to Editor

About Inventus Capital Partners:

Inventus supports ambitious entrepreneurs building the next generation of technology powered companies, particularly software products, services, embedded software, consumer internet, semiconductor and mobile services companies. The Inventus principals have successfully invested in over 100 companies through multiple venture cycles since 1993. They typically lead the first significant round of financing and play active mentoring roles on company boards. To date they've supported entrepreneurs in building dozens of successful public companies or highly valued acquisitions, resulting in the creation of \$30 billion+ in aggregate wealth and market value for respective entrepreneur founders and shareholders. Inventus Capital Partners was formed with the support of the highest quality institutional investors and top-tier US venture firms including U.S. Venture Partners. For more information on Inventus Capital Partners, please visit: <http://www.inventuscap.com>

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