



Press release

Hasso Plattner Ventures welcomes third Partner - Yaron Valler starts in Potsdam in January 2010

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As of January 2010 Hasso Plattner Ventures welcomes a new Partner on board. Yaron Valler (39) joins the team and brings more than ten years of valuable experience from the IT-industry and more than five years expertise from a Venture Capital background. In his last position he was Vice President for the Israeli company Giza Venture Capital. Giza has been doing Seed and Early Stage investments in Start-ups since 1992 and Yaron's focus has been Enterprise Software. Prior to this Yaron Valler was Vice President Business Development at the Technion Incubator (TEIC) in Israel, where he worked together with Eran Davidson, now CEO of Hasso Plattner Ventures. Yaron holds an MBA from INSEAD in France and a B.Sc. in Information Systems Engineering from Ben-Gurion University in Israel.

Yaron Valler: *"At present the situation for companies looking for investments is tough. We at Hasso Plattner Ventures as active investors and with bursting coffers are facing excellent opportunities."*

Eran Davidson (CEO and Managing Partner at Hasso Plattner Ventures): *"Yaron is going to be engaged in our active investments and support us with the search for promising new companies. We appreciate his vast international network. I am looking forward to working together with Yaron because I got to know him as a creative and reliable manager in his previous companies."*

Hasso Plattner Ventures at a glance

Hasso Plattner Ventures Management GmbH was founded in Potsdam near Berlin in July 2005. As a Venture Capital company Hasso Plattner Ventures takes a minority stake in start-up businesses and supports them in accessing international markets. The main investment focus of the €150m fund lies in Information Technology and Cleantech. SAP co-founder Prof. Dr. h. c. Hasso Plattner supplies the lion's share of the investment capital, followed by InvestitionsBank Brandenburg and CMEA Capital and the entrepreneurs Shai Agassi and Arnon Katz. The portfolio companies benefit not only from the financial support but also from the know-how and highly qualified internal as well as external consultants. Hasso Plattner Ventures' portfolio comprises 16 businesses. More information on www.hp-ventures.com.

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