



Press Release

## **YPOG advises BlueYard Capital on structuring of \$185 million early-stage fund**

**Berlin, June 20, 2022** – A YPOG Team led by Stephan Bank and Helder Schnittker provided comprehensive corporate, tax and regulatory advice to early-stage investor BlueYard Capital (“BlueYard”) on the structuring of its third main fund BlueYard 3, a \$185 million (approx. €173 million) early-stage fund focusing on investments in web services, web applications, information technology, software and mobile communication.

By relying on Stephan Helder and their team, BlueYard continues a longstanding successful client relationship, which includes the structuring of BlueYard 1 and BlueYard 2, each a \$120 million (approx. €115 million) predecessor fund of BlueYard 3, and also related transaction work as well as ongoing advice.

With the new fund, BlueYard continues its strategy of operating as an early-stage lead investor emphasizing technologies for a prosperous and sustainable future. Over the past 12 months, BlueYard has invested in 17 portfolio companies such as zK-SNARK hardware acceleration, RNA to protein manipulation and programmable chemistry. BlueYard 3 brings the total amount of assets managed by BlueYard to \$500 million (approx. €479 million).

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### **About BlueYard Capital**

BlueYard is an early-stage venture capital firm backing founders building the fundamental fabric layer technologies required to build a positive outlook for humanity: from web 3 for an open and immutable internet, programmable biology to enhance human resilience to breakthrough engineering & computation to ensure an increase of humanity's computational capabilities and the ability to mitigate climate breakdown risks. The firm was founded in 2016, manages four funds with a total assets under management of \$500m, mainly from US university endowments, foundations, families and selected fund of funds.

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YPOG is one of the leading players for venture capital, private equity and fund structuring in Germany. The firm and its partners have been recognized nationally and internationally by JUVE, Best Lawyers, Legal 500, Focus and Chambers and Partners. Today, YPOG has more than 90 experienced lawyers and tax specialists and a notary, in three offices in Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne. More information about YPOG: [www.ypog.law](http://www.ypog.law) and [www.linkedin.com/company/ypog](http://www.linkedin.com/company/ypog).

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