



Press Release

## **YPOG advises Vsquared Ventures on €165 million early-stage fund**

**Berlin, November 21, 2022** – A YPOG team led by Jens Kretzschmann advised Munich-based venture capital investor Vsquared Ventures on the structuring of its second early-stage fund. Established LPs such as the European Investment Fund as well as renowned family offices and entrepreneurs participated in the closing.

With this new fund, Vsquared will primarily invest in early-stage founders and startups from the deep tech sector. Since the start of the first Vsquared fund in 2020, the firm has built a portfolio of over 30 companies, including startups such as rocket manufacturer Isar Aerospace, developer of quantum computers IQM, and Customcells, which specializes in high-performance batteries, as well as Zama, which provides AI-driven encryption for a more private internet.

The VC's focus is on leveraging Europe's strengths - the strong talent pool in deep tech as well as the industrial heritage. Deep tech is increasingly seen as an impactful solution to the challenges and crises of our time, and Europe has the potential to take a global leadership position here. The fund will support startups from the outset to drive the development and scaling of ideas that enhance Europe's reputation in deep tech.

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### **About Vsquared Ventures**

Vsquared Ventures is a deep tech focused early-stage venture capital investor based in Munich. Backed by pioneering entrepreneurs and techies they create a reinforcing ecosystem to provide interdisciplinary knowledge and access for those inventing the future and together push their companies to the next Level. Focus areas are New Space, Quantum Computing, New Materials, AI, Robotics and Enterprise SaaS.

### **About Us**

YPOG is a law firm specialized on tax and business law which is active in the core fields of Tax, Funds and Transactions. The team at YPOG represents a broad client base, which ranges from emerging technology companies and family-run SMEs to large corporations as well as private equity and venture capital funds. YPOG is one of the leading advisors 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 100 experienced lawyers and tax specialists and a notary, in three offices in Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne.



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