



Press release

YPOG advises Rethink Ventures on structuring of EUR 50 million early-stage mobility fund and first investment

Berlin, 16 March 2023 – YPOG advised Rethink Ventures on the structuring of its first mobility and logistics fund. The fund will make Seed to Series A investments across Europe, with a special focus on innovative companies in the mobility, automotive and logistics industry.

The fund is backed by industry leaders like ZF Ventures (CVC arm of tier 1 automotive supplier ZF Friedrichshafen AG), Hellmann Worldwide Logistics, KION Group, Berylls and HAVI, as well as the European Investment Fund, experienced entrepreneurs and several family offices.

Rethink Ventures is committed to driving positive impact and sustainability, and is regulated as an SFDR article 8 fund. To ensure its responsible investment practices, the manager has developed a proprietary sustainability framework to assess the impact potential of every investment early on in the investment process and continuously reports the impact of the combined portfolio to the funds' investors.

A team led by Jens Kretzschmann provided comprehensive legal advice to Rethink Ventures in structuring its first fund generation. In parallel, Frederik Gärtner's team advised the fund on its investments. The first being an investment in shipzero. shipzero is a Hamburg-based technology company that enables transport and logistics companies to create transparency about their emissions data throughout the supply chain.

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About Rethink Ventures

Rethink Ventures is a venture capital firm exclusively focused on investing in a sustainable future of transportation. Rethink Ventures is backed by leading institutional investors,



corporates and entrepreneurs. Its mission is to back founders that rethink the way we transport people and goods and have a true impact in the industry.

About YPOG

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. Further information: <http://www.ypog.law> and www.linkedin.com/company/ypog.

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