



# **Comm Ave Ventures**

**Professional-Grade VC** for Accredited Investors



ALUMNI VENTURES #1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022) VISIT US: AV.VC

This presentation is for information purposes only and is not intended as an offer to sell securities or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities. Such offers are made solely pursuant to formal offering and subscription documentation in an investment fund ("Fund"). An investor in the Fund will not be acquiring securities issued by any company described in this presentation, but rather an interest in the Fund which would invest in such companies. The Fund's manager, Alumni Ventures, LLC ("AV"), will manage the Fund and make all investment decisions available to an investor in securities issued by a company, including terms of purchase, shareholder consents, and exit. This presentation is not personalized investment advice to any investor and does not constitute a recommendation with respect to any investment. Please seek professional advice to evaluate specific securities. This presentation other than statements of fundraising, customer and earnings growth and the future growth of the relevant market. All statements contained in this presentation other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to material risks and uncertainties. Actual events or results may differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements. While the information herein is collected and compiled with care, neither AV nor any of its affiliated companies represents, warrants or guarantees the accuracy or the completeness of the information. To the maximum extent permitted by law, this presentation is provided to you conditioned on your agreement that you will not rely on it for any investment, business, or financial purpose and that AV and its affiliates shall not be liable you for any reason arising from any such reliance, or otherwise by virtue of the contents of this presentation, including any errors of inaccuracies herein.

The manager of the AV Funds is Alumni Ventures, LLC (AV), a venture capital firm. AV and the funds are not affiliated with or endorsed by any school. The funds are long-term investments that involve a substantial risk of loss, including the loss of all capital invested. Relevant risks are discussed in the Private Placement Memorandum and formal offering documents, which should be carefully reviewed prior to investing. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Diversification cannot ensure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market. It is a strategy used to help mitigate risk.

All private placements of securities and other broker-dealer activities are currently offered through a partnership with Independent Brokerage Solutions LLC MEMBER: <u>FINRA</u> / <u>SIPC</u> ("IndieBrokers"), which is located at 485 Madison Avenue 15th Floor New York, NY 10022. (212) 751-4424. AV and its affiliates are independent and unaffiliated with IndieBrokers. Any securities transactions or related activities offered by AV associated persons are conducted in their capacities as registered representatives of IndieBrokers. To check the background of IndieBrokers and its representatives, visit <u>FINRA's BrokerCheck</u> where you can also find their <u>Form CRS</u>.

Contact info@av.vc for additional information. To see additional risk factors and investment considerations, visit av-funds.com/disclosures



# Overview

- Introduction
- The strong case for venture capital
- Alumni Ventures overview
- Investing in Comm Ave Ventures





**#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)** 

Access fund materials >



# Introduction

- backed companies.

1. Largest VC for individual investors in the U.S. based on the combination of total capital raised, number of investments, and number of investors of leading VC firms as reported by Pitchbook and other publicly available information reviewed by AV.



### **#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)**



### • Comm Ave Ventures is part of Alumni Ventures, America's largest venture firm for individuals,<sup>1</sup> which has **raised \$1.25 billion from individual investors**.

• Comm Ave Ventures seeks to create wealth for Boston University alumni and supporters by building diversified portfolios of ~20-30 venture capital-

• Comm Ave has 5K+ alumni and community member subscribers.

### • Comm Ave Ventures is powered by the ~40 full-time venture investors

employed by Alumni Ventures who work together to construct high-quality and diversified venture portfolios, and especially look for competitive investment opportunities that have a BU alumni connection.

• We support the BU community with our Fellows Program and potential job opportunities and, of course, our portfolio companies often run by BU alumni, helping with connections, capital, and customers.



# **How Do We Get Access to Great Investments?**

10,000+Individual investors

1,300+ Founders of our portfolio companies

625k+ Community members

~130 Full-time employees



## **Network-Powered Venture Capital**

- and potential employees.

### Notable investments in the AV Fund Family: Upstart, Lacework, Carta, Algorand, SonderMind

NOTE: For illustration purposes only. These investments are not intended to suggest any level of investments invested by any one fund or investor. Many returns in investments result in the loss of capital invested. These investments are not available to future fund investors except potentially in certain follow-on investment options. For information on individual portfolio company exit events across all AV Funds over the prior twelve months, click here. To see additional risk factors and investment considerations, click here. Contact info@av.vc for additional information.



### **#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)**



• Alumni-centric approach creates a nexus of powerful

connections, empowering startup founders by providing capital and access to a network of 625K+ community members from leading universities.

• Our value-add to entrepreneurs is highly appealing one of the best rolodexes in the venture industry.

• Connecting entrepreneurs to advisers, clients, partners,

• CEO Services helps our portfolio companies grow by leveraging our expertise and extensive community.

# **Venture Investing Is Smart Investing**

- VC has outperformed the public market equivalents in the 5-, 15-, and 25year periods ending December 31, 2020.<sup>1</sup>
- VC is largely uncorrelated to the public markets, making it attractive from a portfolio risk-mitigation perspective.<sup>2</sup>
- Significantly more value is being created in the private markets today than in recent years.<sup>3</sup>
- VC portfolios if properly sized and diversified have favorable **risk/reward profiles** that continue to attract more capital from the most sophisticated institutional investors.<sup>4</sup>



**#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)** 



Access fund materials >

<sup>1.</sup> Maureen Austin, David Thurston, William Prout, "Building Winning Portfolios Through Private Investments," Cambridge Associates, August 2021. Data is from 12/31/2020

<sup>2.</sup> Invesco, "The Case for Venture Capital," Invesco White Paper Series, accessed January 11, 2022.

<sup>3.</sup> Anna Zakrzewski, Edoardo Palmisani, Giovanni Covazzi, Brian Teixeira, Bruno Bacchetti, Marco Bizzozero, Kunal Shah, Theresa Boehler,

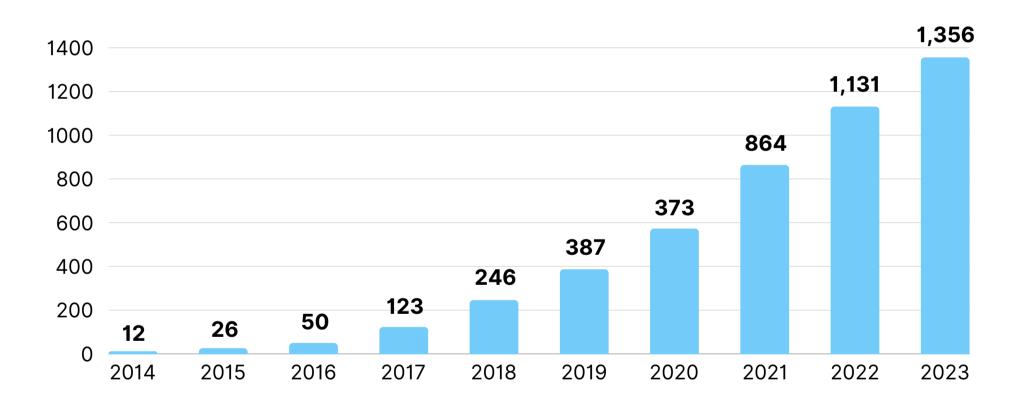
and Federico Rizzato, "The Future is Private: Unlocking the Art of Private Equity in Wealth Management," BCG, March 2022.

<sup>4.</sup> Greg Gethard, "Why College Endowments are Betting big on VC and PE," Venture Capital Journal, February 24, 2023.

# **10K+ Individuals Already Trust Us With Their Venture Investing**

- We are America's largest venture firm for individual investors.<sup>1</sup>
- We are the #1 most active venture firm in the U.S. and #3 globally (PitchBook '22 and '23).
- Since 2014, \$1.25B+ capital raised and rapidly growing portfolio of 1,300+ companies.
- ~40 full-time venture investors, supported by ~90 other full-time employees.

### Unique Portfolio Companies Cumulative



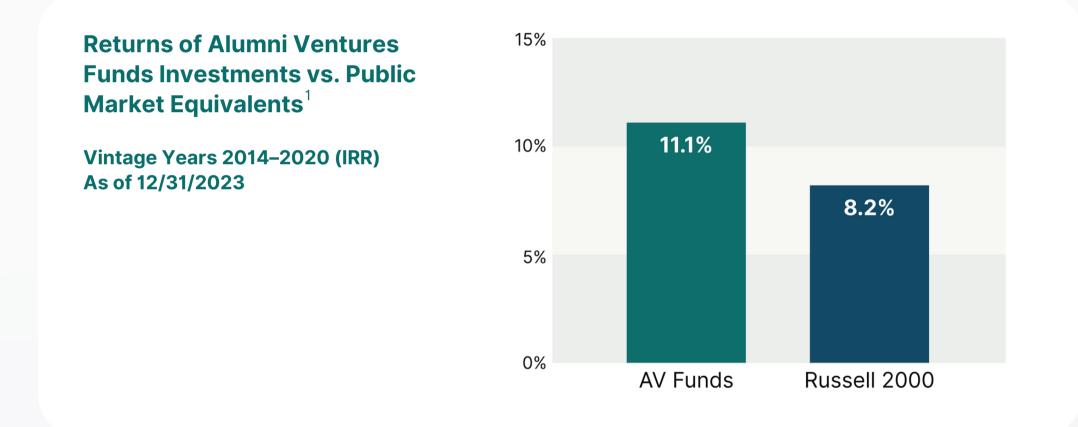
1. Largest VC for individual investors in the U.S. based on the combination of total capital raised, number of investments, and number of investors of leading VC firms as reported by Pitchbook and other publicly available information reviewed by AV.





# **Historical Performance Compared to Public Markets and Industry Benchmarks**

### **AV Funds Have Performed Favorably Compared to Public Market Equivalents**



1. Internal Rate of Return (IRR) for AV Funds is net of management fees and incentive allocations applied to amounts distributed to investors, and gross of incentive allocations applicable to unrealized gains on investments held by AV Funds. IRR for AV Funds includes uninvested cash, unrealized investments, and amounts distributed to investors. The IRR shown for the Russell 2000 indices are not managed investments, and it is not possible to invest directly in an index. For additional information see av-funds.com/disclosures. All investment involves risk, including risk of loss. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. For more information on AV Funds' investment returns, please see here. 2. Performance data is from Cambridge Associates Venture Benchmarks and is as of 9/30/2023. Industry Top Quartile as determined by Cambridge Associates. Distributions to Paid-In Capital (DPI) for AV Funds and Industry Top Quartile is net of management fees and net of incentive allocations applied to amounts distributed to investors. For additional information on Cambridge Associates and the data and calculations see av-funds.com/disclosures. 3. AV's 2016 vintage has a DPI of .72, and Top Quartile is .73.

# **AV Funds vs. Industry**

Per Cambridge Associates<sup>2</sup>

VINTAGE	AV DPI
2016	~TOP QUARTILE <sup>3</sup>
2017	TOP QUARTILE
2018	TOP QUARTILE
2019	TOP QUARTILE
2020	TOP QUARTILE





WHAT WE DO

# AV is a disruptive venture firm

Alumni Ventures



**#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)** 

Access fund materials >

# **Growth of Alumni Ventures**

# **Growth of Fundraising** Cumulative Raised in AV Funds as of March 31, 2023 \$1.2B \$1B \$800M \$600M \$400M \$200M \$0 '17 | '18 | '19 | '20 | '21 | '22 | '23 '16 '15 '14



**#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)** 

### • Serving the needs of accredited investors since 2014

• America's largest venture firm for individuals<sup>1</sup>

### • #1 most active venture firm in the U.S., #3 globally (PitchBook 2022)

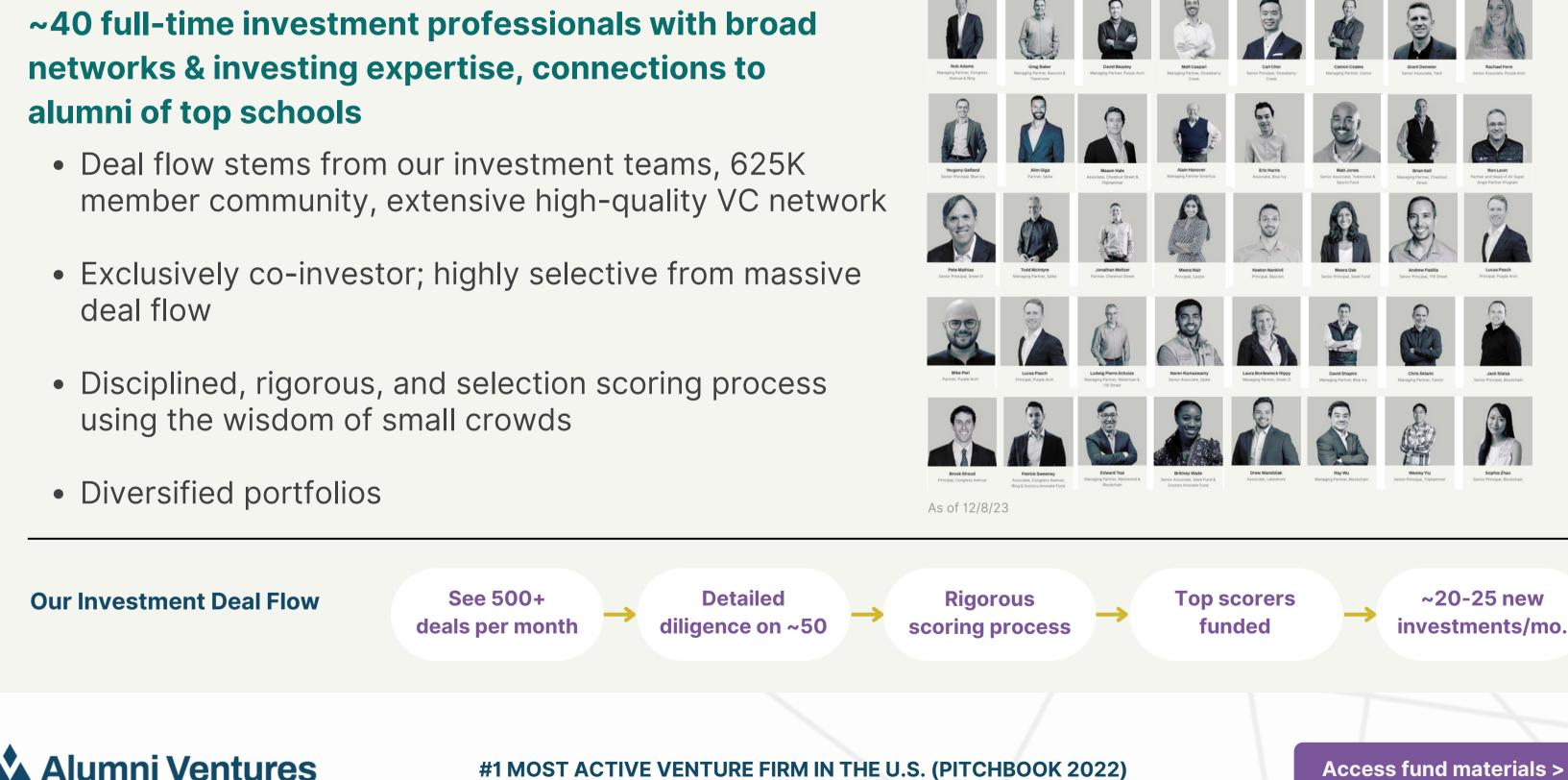
1. Largest VC for individual investors in the U.S. based on the combination of total capital raised, number of investments, and number of investors of leading VC firms as reported by Pitchbook and other publicly available information reviewed by AV.

Access fund materials >

# Vetted Deals Sourced From Extensive Team & Network

# networks & investing expertise, connections to alumni of top schools

- deal flow
- using the wisdom of small crowds



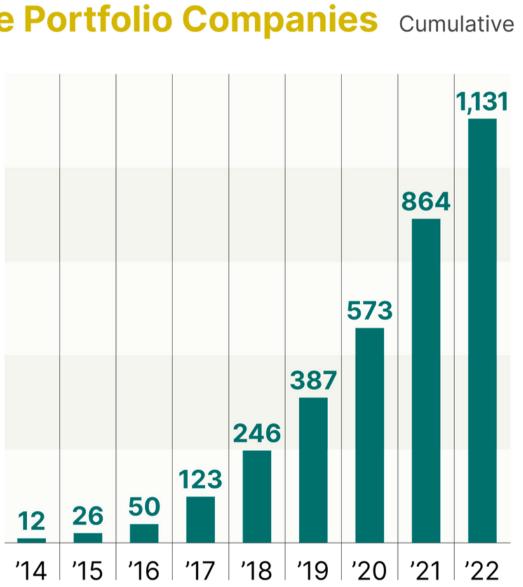


# **Getting Into Great Deals**

<b>Our Promise to Venture CEOs</b>	Unique
Speed	1,250
Evaluate, decide, and communicate, respecting an entrepreneur's time	1,000
Flexibility Ability to tailor check to address opportunity	750
potential and allocation availability (\$50K-\$10M)	500
<b>Network power</b> Help portcos succeed through activating AV's network via our CEO Services	250
	0 -



#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)



# We Co-invest With Established Venture Investors

# Investing alongside firms like these — many of which are leading venture firms — just makes sense.



**Andreessen Horowitz** 37 Investments with AV



khosla ventures

**Khosla Ventures** 30 Investments with AV

**First Round Capital** 16 Investments with AV

NOTE: The number of investments listed above with respect to each co-investor is current as of 3/22/2023 and represents in which one or more AV Funds and the co-investor invested. For illustration purposes only. The sample co-investors listed are some that AV has historically co-invested with and is not a predictor of future co-investors for any given portfolio company. There is no guarantee of who will be the co-investors. Many returns in investments result in the loss of capital invested.



### **#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)**



NEA 20 Investments with AV



**Union Square Ventures** 13 Investments with AV

# **Testimonials**

# Why Investors & **Founders Choose Us**

NOTE: Testimonials and Endorsements were provided without compensation but each provider has a relationship with AV from which they benefit. Management of portfolio companies have received, and may in the future receive, investments from AV funds, which constitutes a conflict of interest. All views expressed are the speaker's own. The providers of the testimonials/endorsements were not selected on objective or random criteria, but rather were selected based on AV's understanding of its relationship with the providers of the testimonials / endorsements. The testimonials and endorsements do not represent the experience of all AV fund investors or all companies in which AV funds invest.

### Access

"It's been great investing via Alumni Ventures. I loved their speed and love their solutions for international investors. Their dashboard makes data very transparent. I can find out exactly what startups are part of the various funds that I invested in and how each startup is doing."



Karim Tadjin Investor

### Value-add

"When I was raising our seed round, a very wellknown founder friend of mine said, 'Do you know Bascom Ventures? The whole Alumni Ventures group is seriously one of the most value-add investors l've ever seen.' There is no better reference you can get than from another founder."



**Robert Crowe CEO & Co-Founder, Matchwell** 



**#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)** 

### Strategy

"Despite my association with AV for only about a year, I have found them deliberate and diligent in evaluating portfolio companies they recommend. The portfolio managers are capable subject experts and are willing to give their time to explain the investment philosophy to even a novice like myself; truly a world-class organization."



**Jayesh Mehta** Investor

### **The Network**

"I've been impressed and most appreciative of the speed with which your team operates. I was just telling [my Co-Founder] Tom the other day that, based on the quality of the folks you've been able to connect us with already, this could have a material impact on our business!"



**Jonathan Lacoste CEO**, Jebbit

# **Our Network-Powered Investing Process**

# A global, unified investing engine powered by Alumni Ventures and executed by our investment teams

## **Alumni Ventures' Role**

### Sourcing Centralized database and structured collaboration across teams Selecting T Wisdom of small crowds via process-based $\square$ × and data-informed decision-making Servicing Fast, transparent investing process; post-investment support from **CEO** Services

# **Constructing the Comm Ave Ventures Fund Portfolio**

- diligence
- alumni



**#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)** 

• Team of ~40 full-time venture investors -all employed by Alumni Ventures - work together on deal sourcing and

• We build a portfolio of ~20-30 venture investments, diversified by stage, sector, and geography

Many of the investments have a direct connection to BU

• Be a value-added partner to the BU entrepreneurial network

Build strong relationships with BU founders / VCs



# **Comm Ave Ventures**

- Portfolio of ~20-30 ventures
- reserves for follow-ons
- One capital call
- has been \$50-\$75k



**#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)** 



• 10-year fund, fully invested over 12-18 months, with

• Investment minimum: \$25k; maximum \$3M; typical range

# **Spotlight: Sample Investments' with BU Connections**<sup>2</sup>

# Creating diversification across stage, sector, and lead investor during a particular time period



#### Alto

Provides on-demand ridehailing and delivery services via company-owned fleets driven by full-time employees.

#### **CO-INVESTORS**

Tuesday Capital, Road Ventures, Goff **Capital Partners** 

**BU CONNECTION** Andrea Kampine: Senior Vice President, People



### **Epicore Biosystems**

Develops advanced sweatsensing wearables that provide real-time personalized health insights for hydration, stress, and wellness.

**CO-INVESTORS** PepsiCo, Joyance Partners, Chevron Technology Ventures

**BU CONNECTION** AJ Aranyosi Ph.D: Co-Founder, Chief Scientific Officer and Senior Vice President of Research & Digital Science

# **FREEWIRE**

### **FreeWire Technologies**

Develops and manufactures mobile energy storage systems to transform electric vehicle energy delivery.

#### **CO-INVESTORS** Riverstone Holdings, BP Ventures, TRIREC, Energy Innovation Capital, Blue Bear Capital

**BU CONNECTION** Arcady Sosinov: Co-Founder, Chief **Executive Officer & Board Member** 

2. AV considers relevant connections with a portfolio company to include alumni of the school and friends of its community that are members of company management, board members, investors or advisors.



### **#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)**

# **MADISON**REED<sup>®</sup>

**Madison Reed** Offers women hair-coloring products and service at home and in salons.

**CO-INVESTORS** Comcast Ventures, Norwest Venture Partners, Shea Ventures, True Ventures

**BU CONNECTION** Donna Isralsky: Chief Supply Chain Officer, Madison Reed



<sup>1.</sup>NOTE: For illustration purposes only. These investments are not intended to suggest any level of investment returns; not necessarily indicative of investments invested by any one fund or investor. These investments are not available to future fund investors except potentially in certain follow-on investment options. The sample co-investors listed are some that AV has historically co-invested with and is not a predictor of future co-investors for any given portfolio company. There is no guarantee of who will be the co-investors. Many returns in investments result in the loss of capital invested.

# **Alumni Ventures Key Terms**

- Investment Amount: \$25K \$3M
- How to Invest: With cash, trusts, retirement funds, or vehicles created for non-U.S. citizens.
- Management Fee: AV charges an amount equivalent to 2% annual management fee for a fund's 10-year term. Loyalty rewards for commitments at qualifying threshold; see here for more information.
- Profit Share: Investors are typically paid proceeds from investments within 45 days following the quarter in which a portfolio company exits or provides a distribution. After the capital contributions, including the management fee, allocable to an individual portfolio company investment are returned to investors, AV shares profits realized on that investment 80/20 (80%) to investors and 20% to AV). This calculation is done for each investment made by the Fund and is referred to as "Deal Carry."\*
- One Capital Call: AV will take its management fees when you fund your commitment and charges the fund no other expenses for items such as travel, fund formation, accounting or other adminrelated costs, so you will not be subject to any additional capital calls throughout the life of the fund.
- Term: Liquidity is provided over ten years as investments exit. There are no more management fees if a company remains in a fund beyond 10 years.
- Retirement Account Investing? Yes, available.

NOTE: Different funds have different profit-sharing structures; see AV's full Fees & Profit Sharing disclosure here.



**#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)** 



# **Potential Significant Tax Advantage**

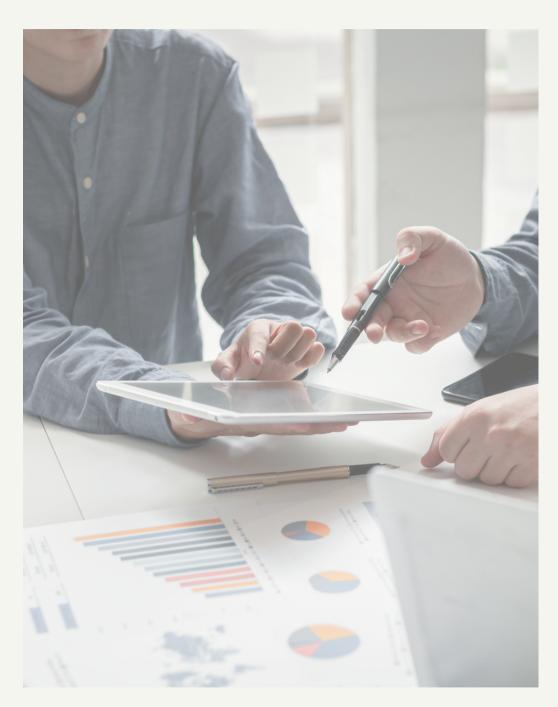
Certain investments with Alumni Ventures may potentially be 100% tax-exempt from federal and some state capital gains through QSBS.

- Potentially 100% federal tax free: The QSBS tax benefit (26 U.S.C. § 1202) was created by Congress to encourage equity investments in startup corporations. It allows for up to 100% exclusion on federal capital gains for qualifying investments, with similar advantages for some state taxes as well.
- Investments that may be eligible for QSBS will be noted on K-1: Upon certain exits or liquidity events, our team will assess whether that investment appears to be QSBS eligible. For all eligible investments, we will update your K-1 tax documents appropriately to reflect the details needed for you to confirm your eligibility for the tax benefit.
- Investing earlier = more potential companies qualify: You can only get the benefit if your personal investment in the fund is fully signed and funded prior to the fund investing into a given company. Therefore, we encourage all investors to complete their signing and funding process with Alumni Ventures as soon into the fundraise as possible, ideally before the fund makes its first investment.
- Expectation setting: It's impossible to predict the volume and scale of what future exit and liquidity events will look like. However, based on the criteria of the benefit, we expect there to be many qualifying exit events throughout our portfolios that have a widespread positive impact for our investors.

Alumni Ventures does not provide legal or tax advice, and does not guarantee the availability of any tax benefit. Certain requirements must be satisfied for an investment to qualify for QSBS tax benefits, which are not comprehensively described here. You are encouraged to consult with your tax professional regarding eligibility for QSBS benefits.



**#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)** 



# Loyalty Rewards & Fee Reductions

We have built AV around serving the needs of our 10,000+ individual investors. Fee reductions are automatically reallocated towards additional investable capital for the relevant investments, and eligible investors can earn both types of rewards simultaneously on eligible investments.

### **Committed Capital Rewards**<sup>1</sup>

Fee reductions for those who cumulatively have \$500K+ committed capital with AV and our funds.

• Our most loyal and long-term investors earn fee reductions on all investments after attaining eligible investment totals.

Tier	Lifetime Committed Capital	Fee Reduction	Effective Fee Rate
Tier 1	\$0 - \$500K	0%	20%
Tier 2	\$500K - \$750K	1%	19.8%
Tier 3	\$750K - \$1M	2%	19.6%
Tier 4	\$1M - \$3M	3%	19.4%
Tier 5	\$3M - \$5M	4%	19.2%
Tier 6	\$5M - \$10M	5%	19.0%
Tier 7	\$10M+	7.5%	18.5%

# **Timing Rewards**

Fee reductions for those who invest earlier in the fundraise process.

Closes	Closes	
First Close		
Second Close		
Final Close		

1. Each tier reward requires an investment above the threshold listed, e.g. \$500,001 for Tier 2. AV may offer different fee reductions for funds offered through or in conjunction with financial partners with respect to certain bespoke funds for certain institutional investors or other specialized or new investment funds or offerings. All tier rewards remain subject to change at the discretion of AV without notice to investors. For more information, see here.

2. Eligible fund types include Eligible fund types include Alumni Funds, Focused Funds, Total Access Funds, and Community Funds. Ineligible fund types include Ineligible fund types include Syndication Funds and Opportunity Funds. Timing rewards begin for eligible funds that have initial closes in December 2023 and onward. All Fee Reductions remain subject to change at the discretion of AV without notice to investors.



• Investors joining the fund during the First or Second Close will be rewarded with a reduction of Management Fees as shown below.<sup>2</sup>

Fee Reduction	Effective Fee Rate
10%	18%
5%	19%
0%	20%

# **Questions? Our Senior Partners Are Here to Help**



**DAN BURNS** Senior Partner



**STACEY TSAI** Senior Partner



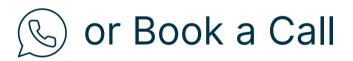
**DARRIN WIZST** Senior Partner



### **#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)**



# **View Fund Materials**



<sup>\*</sup>These individuals are registered representatives of Independent Brokerage Solutions LLC MEMBER: FINRA / SIPC 485 Madison Ave 15th FI New York, NY 10022 t-212-751-4424 ("IndieBrokers"). All private placements of securities and other broker-dealer services offered by AVG associated personnel are conducted in their capacities as registered representatives of IndieBrokers. AVG, its affiliates and other related parties, and IndieBrokers are independent, unaffiliated entities. To check the background of IndieBrokers and its representatives, visit FINRA's BrokerCheck. Please see important disclosure information their Form CRS.





#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)

# **Venture Capital Has Outperformed the S&P**



1. Private indexes are pooled horizon internal rate of return (IRR) calculations, net of fees, expenses, and carried interest. CA Modified Public Market Equivalent (mPME) replicated private investment performance under public market conditions. The public index's shares are purchased and sold according to the private fund cash flow schedule, with distributions calculated in the same proportion as the private fund, and mPME NAV is a function of mPME cash flows and public index returns. 2. Maureen Austin, David Thurston, William Prout, "Building Winning Portfolios Through Private Investments," Cambridge Associates, August 2021. Data is from 12/31/2020. 3. Diversification is a strategy used to help mitigate risk but cannot ensure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.



### **#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)**



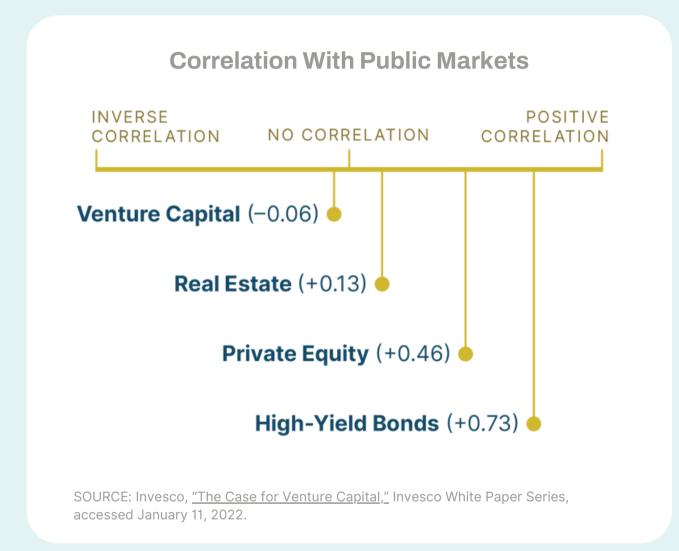
• Venture capital has outperformed public market equivalents in the 5-, 15-, and 25year periods ending December 31, 2020.<sup>2</sup>

• We don't believe in market timing or emotion-driven investing.

• We do believe in steady, consistent **investing in diverse assets**<sup>3</sup>— including venture — over time.

# Venture Capital Is Largely Uncorrelated to Public Markets<sup>1</sup>

## Uncorrelated assets can help mitigate a portfolio's overall risk when public markets are down or choppy



- caps in the public markets.<sup>2</sup>
- uncorrelated to the Nasdaq.<sup>3</sup>
- than the 10-year Treasury.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4.</sup>CFA Institute (n.d.). "Private Equity: Fooling Some of the People All of the Time?" Nicolas Rabener. Retrieved January 31, 2023.



**#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)** 

• Invesco's whitepaper "The Case for Venture Capital" shows that Venture Capital is **not correlated with the U.S. large** 

• A third-party analysis of thousands of venture deals done between 2015 and 2020 show that performance is

• From 1994 to 2017, the Cambridge Associate Private Equity Index registered volatility half of that of the S&P and lower

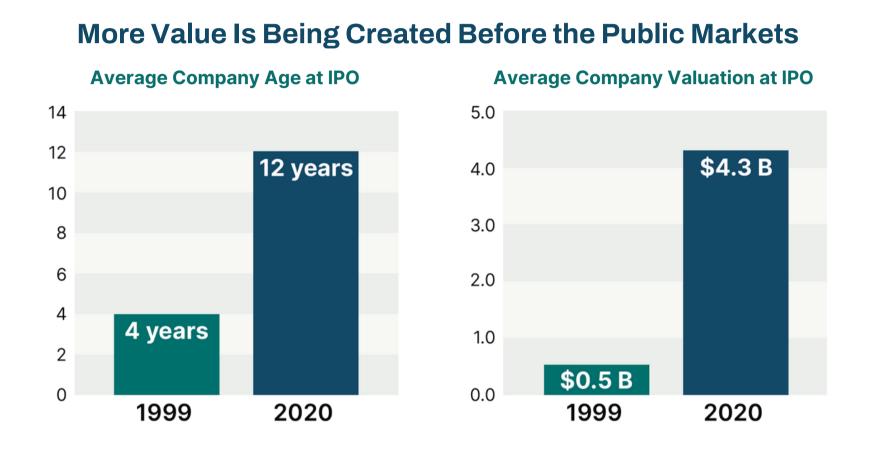
<sup>1.</sup> TopTier Capital Partners, "The Inverse Correlation Between Venture and Public Markets," TTCP Blog, March 2, 2016. 2. Invesco, "The Case for Venture Capital," Invesco White Paper Series, accessed January 11, 2022. 3. AngelList (2020, May 12). "Innovation isn't Correlated with the Markets," Head of Data Science, AngelList Abe Othman.

# We Are Living in a Different Era

Most Individuals Are Missing Out on Substantial Value Creation

# **Venture investors can tap tremendous** value created by private companies

- Companies are staying private much longer in today's world.<sup>1</sup>
- Significant value is generated, but only to the benefit of private-market investors.<sup>2</sup>
- Public-market investors miss out from enormous value creation in private markets.



SOURCE: Anna Zakrzewski et al., "The Future is Private: Unlocking the Art of Private Equity in Wealth Management," BCG. March 2022.

1. Anna Zakrzewski et al., "The Future is Private: Unlocking the Art of Private Equity in Wealth Management," BCG, March 2022. 2. Jason Thomas, "Global Insights Reflections on the Revolution in Finance," Carlyle, February 8, 2021.



### **#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)**

Access fund materials >

# **Sophisticated Investors Are Increasing Allocation to VC**

# According to a 2021 Cambridge Associates whitepaper:<sup>1</sup>

- \$3 billion+ endowments had an average allocation to private equity/venture capital of 28.2%.
- Institutions with higher private investment allocations experienced higher returns historically.
- And those returns tended to be less volatile.
- Relative benefits are even more dramatic for VC alone.



"College endowments of \$1B+ on average allocated over 14% of their portfolios to venture capital in 2022."



"Endowments of all sizes have been increasing their commitments to private funds over the last five years."



1. Maureen Austin, David Thurston, William Prout, "Building Winning Portfolios Through Private Investments," Cambridge Associates, August 2021. Data from 12/31/2020.

2. Greg Gethard, "Why College Endowments are Betting big on VC and PE," Venture Capital Journal, February 24, 2023.

3. Suzanne Brenner and Justin Reed, "Market and Portfolio Update Q3 2022," Brown Brothers Harriman, July 26, 2022.

4. Laxman Pai, "U.S. Institutional Investors Increase Allocation to Alternative Investments," Opalesque, December 9, 2022.



#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)

- VENTURE CAPITAL JOURNAL, 2023

- CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATES, 2022

"U.S. institutional investors are looking to allocate more of their portfolios to alternative investments as a way to combat inflationary pressure." — BOSTON-BASED CERULLI ASSOCIATES, 2022<sup>4</sup>

"In a recent study, UHNW families are allocating 10% of their total portfolios to venture capital."

— CAMPDEN WEALTH RESEARCH STUDY`

Access fund materials >

<sup>5.</sup> Francois Botha, "6 Family Office Trends In Direct And Venture Capital Investment," Forbes, August 20, 2020.

### **#1 MOST ACTIVE VENTURE FIRM IN THE U.S. (PITCHBOOK 2022)**

### NOTE: Syndications are private investment opportunities in single-asset or multi-asset funds, which give you a chance to gain exposure to specific private companies in which AV Funds will also be investing. offer the potential for risk mitigation sought by some diversified investment strategies.



# Invest in a single company or a small group of companies to personalize your portfolio and lean into investments that resonate.

- All investments sourced, sponsored, and invested in by our funds.
- You decide how frequently you want to see these opportunities and whether or not to invest.
- We share our diligence materials via a secure data room.

**Alumni Ventures** 

**Syndications** 

# Carry1st





Carry1st is a full-stack publisher of social games and interactive content with a focus on Africa's dynamic, rapidly growing mobile and gaming market.

Aescape is a robotics-enabled massage platform offering a customizable experience that mimics human touch.



Believer aims to be the next big name among gaming studios, disrupting the "box product" mindsets of past games with a new era of non-linear, multi-player, open gameplay.

Opportunity availability is governed by AV management based on member preference, calendar, availability, allocation, and other factors. Unlike other AV funds, Syndications are not diversified investments and do not

# **RISK FACTORS AND INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

# Investments in Reliance on Rule 506(c) of Regulation D; Ability to Participate in Investments Dependent upon Status as an Accredited Investor.

The fund may acquire one or more securities in transactions involving a general solicitation. The offering entities of these securities may charge certain fees and expenses, including a portion of the amount invested from each investor and a portion of the proceeds when the investment has a liquidity event. If an issuer admits even one investor who is not accredited, it would be likely to have a material adverse effect on such issuer. Further, the SEC has adopted regulations under which crowdfunding may be used by small issuers to seek funding from non-accredited as well as accredited investors. Consistent with those regulations, the fund may locate and acquire securities through registered funding portals as well.

#### FEES; TIME REQUIRED TO MATURITY OF INVESTMENT; NATURE OF INVESTMENTS.

The fund is subject to substantial fees which AV may keep irrespective of profitability. This fee maybe offset by profits on income generated from securities or sales of securities to avoid losses. Furthermore, any profits earned by the fund or for certain funds, its investments regardless of overall fund profits, will be subject to the promoted interest from which AV or its affiliates will benefit. There can be no assurances that AV will be able to secure investment capital in amounts sufficient to provide the fund with enough capital to enable it to meet its investment objective. While the fund intends to invest in the number of securities identified in the materials even if only a minimal amount is raised, the fund may not be able to meet this objective or may not be able to invest in some securities due to it not being able to meet minimum investment requirements. There can be no assurance that AV will either identify or consummate profitable investments for the fund. It is anticipated that a period of time will be required for AV to identify and effect acceptable investment opportunities sufficient to fully invest the capital received by the fund. The securities will be comprised primarily of "restricted securities" and the fund will not be able to readily liquidate such securities. Investments in start-ups and emerging companies are highly speculative. The portfolio companies may require several years of operations prior to achieving profitability and may never achieve profitability. The securities will be illiquid and may not have realizable value for several years, if ever. The securities acquired by the fund may be subordinated or junior in right of payment to senior or secured debt or other equity holders. In the event a portfolio company cannot generate adequate cash flow to meet debt service, all or part of the principal of such company's debt may not be repaid and, in such event, the value of the securities could be reduced or eliminated through foreclosure on the portfolio company's assets or the portfolio company's reorganization or bankruptcy.

#### **PORTFOLIO COMPANY RISKS.**

Although the fund's investments may offer the opportunity for significant gains, such investments will involve a high degree of business and financial risk that can result in substantial losses. These risks include the risks associated with investment in companies in an early stage of development or with limited operating history, companies operating at a loss or with substantial variations in operating results from period to period, and companies that need substantial additional capital to support expansion or to achieve or maintain a competitive position. AVexpects that most portfolio companies will require additional capital, the amount of which will depend upon the maturity and objectives of the particular portfolio company. It is anticipated that each round of funding will provide a portfolio company with enough capital to reach the next major valuation milestone. If the capital provided is insufficient, or for other reasons, the portfolio company may be unable to raise the additional capital or may have to do so at a price unfavorable to the prior investors including the fund. The availability of capital also is a function of capital market conditions that are beyond the control of the fund or any portfolio company. There can be no assurance that AV or the portfolio companies will be available form any source.

#### LIMITATIONS ON LIQUIDITY OF INVESTMENTS; EFFECT ON VALUE.

It is anticipated that a substantial portion of the fund's investments will consist of securities that are subject to restrictions on sale by the fund because they were acquired from the issuer or a third party in "private placement" transactions or because the fund is deemed to be an affiliate of the issuer under applicable law.

#### LEGAL DISCLOSURES

Each of the various funds is a different series of Alumni Ventures Group Funds, or Alumni Ventures Sidecar Funds, LLC (AV Funds). Each of the funds involves a different investment portfolio and risk-return profile. The manager of each fund is Alumni Ventures Group Funds, LLC, a Delaware-based venture capital firm.



# **RISK FACTORS AND INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

The risks of purchasing an Interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

#### General; Operating History of the Fund; Risks Inherent in Investment Strategy.

The purchase of units in the fund is highly speculative and involves significant risks, and the units should not be purchased by any person who cannot afford the loss of their entire investment. The investment objective of the fund is also highly speculative. Holders of units may be unable to realize a substantial return on their investment in the units, or any return whatsoever, and may lose their entire investment. For this reason, each prospective purchaser of units should read all offering and legal materials carefully and consult with their attorney and business and/or investment advisor. The fund does not have any significant business history or operating experience that investors can analyze to aid them in making an informed judgment as to the merits of an investment in the fund. There can be no assurance that the fund will be able to generate revenues, gains or income, or, even if it generates revenues, gains or income, that its investments will be profitable. Any investment in the fund should be considered a high-risk investment because investors will be placing their funds at risk in an unseasoned start-up investment vehicle with the attendant unforeseen costs, expenses, and problems to which a new business is often subject. The fund has been newly organized to acquire securities. Those securities will be highly speculative. The composition and terms of the securities, as well as the portfolio companies or other funds issuing such securities, has not been determined and will be influenced by various factors, including the availability and pricing of the securities, the expected growth potential of the portfolio companies, and the availability of fund capital allocated to purchase such securities. The fund's strategy is to rely on information provided by potential portfolio companies and on the AV's independent research and judgment. No assurance can be given that information provided by third parties will be accurate or that the fund's investment strategy will be successfully implemented.

Generally, the fund will not be able to sell these securities publicly without the expense and time required to register the securities under the Securities Act, or may only be able to sell (or may choose to sell) the securities under Rule 144 or other rules under the Securities Act, which permit only limited sales under specified conditions.

#### INVESTMENT VALUATION DETERMINED BY AV.

AV will be responsible for the valuation of the fund's investments in its portfolio companies that are not listed or otherwise traded in an active market. There is a wide range of values that are reasonable foran investment at a given time and, ultimately, the determination of fair value involves subjective judgment not capable of substantiation by auditing standards. In some instances, it may not be possible to substantiate by auditing standards the value of the fund's investment in a portfolio company. In connection with any future in-kind distributions that the fund may make, the value of the securities received by investors as determined by AV may not be the actual value that the investors would be able to obtain even if they sought to sell such securities immediately after an in-kind distribution. In addition, the value of an in-kind distribution may decrease or increase significantly subsequent to the distributees' receipt thereof, despite the accuracy of AV's evaluation.

#### No Market for Units.

Funds will only be available for distribution when securities are sold or when distributions of funds are made by portfolio companies with respect to any securities. The time that distributions are actually made will be solely dependent upon the timing of the realization of proceeds from the securities and the determination of AV to distribute any such funds. No market for the units exists, and it is not anticipated that one will develop. The units are not redeemable or transferable except as outlined in the Operating Agreement. Purchasers of the units will be required to bear the economic risk of their investment for an indefinite period of time. The units are not registered under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and may not be re-sold unless they are subsequently registered or an exemption from registration is available. Investors have no right to require, and the fund has no intention of effecting such registration. Consequently, an investor may not be able to liquidate an investment in the units, and a bank may be unwilling to accept the units as collateral for a loan. The units will not be readily marketable, and purchasers thereof may not be able to liquidate their investments in the event of an emergency.

#### Conflicts of Interest; Co-Investment; Cross-Class Liability.

AV, the members of the investment committees of the AV funds with which the fund co-invests, and their respective affiliates may face various conflicts of interest in connection with their respective relationships and transactions with the fund. AV's other clients, and/or its personnel, may invest on a side-by-side basis with the fund, the fund may invest in securities in which another client has invested, or another client may invest in an opportunity that may also be appropriate for the fund. AV and its affiliates currently have other investments that may compete directly with the fund for investment opportunities and AV intend to organize and manage additional entities similar to the fund. In addition, the fund and other clients may seek to invest in portfolio companies based on rights to participate granted in connection with the fund's or other clients' prior investment in the portfolio company. Over time AV will allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner acting in the best interest of its clients as determined by AV's sole discretion. AV will consider whether each selected investment is suitable for each client based on criteria germane to that client, which may include legal, tax, regulatory, and other criteria, such as the client's investment objectives, strategy, and diversification requirements and available cash to invest. AV and its affiliates will not be prohibited from making additional investments or participating in business ventures outside of and independent of the fund.

#### Compensation to Manager and Its Affiliates; Lack of Separate Representation.

It is anticipated that counsel to AV will continue to represent AV and the fund after the consummation of the offering described herein. Such counsel has not acted independently on behalf of the investors, and potential investors should consult with and rely on their own legal counsel with respect to analyzing the terms of this investment and any future matters related to the fund or the ownership of units in the fund.

Contact <u>info@av.vc</u> for additiona <u>funds.com/disclosures</u>

Contact info@av.vc for additional information. To see additional risk factors and investment considerations, visit av-

