

Simply The Best: The European VC has launched The European VC Awards

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To be different is to make a difference.

To be different doesn't mean standing next to the crowd, but above.

Being different doesn't equal being a misfit, but being unique.

And because there are so many different ways of being different, the EU VC team has designed a prize to reward those who have mastered their uniqueness, those who take risks by walk first in line, unveiling a new realm of possibilities and showing us the way.

Celebrating change-makers

The European VC has launched the first-ever *The European VC Awards* in collaboration with *Isomer Capital*, *HSBC Innovation Banking*, and *SuperVenture*. Designed to celebrate change-makers in European venture capital, the awards are dedicated to recognising and honouring the firms and individuals making a

difference in the ecosystem.

“Since we launched EU VC, our mission was to connect and champion the European venture capital industry.” says Andreas Munk Holm, Founder & Host of The EUVC.

“As we’ve grown in the past few years and witnessed the growth and changes across our beloved ecosystem, we wanted to celebrate the industry’s finest and have partnered with three great organisations to recognise the faces shaping and shifting venture capital in Europe.”

Isomer Capital is managing nominations for the awards, and everyone across the ecosystem will be able to nominate for the awards.

The entry period is open from February 1st until March 31st 2024.

Finalists will be announced in May before the awards ceremony, which will take place at SuperVenture in Berlin on June 4th.

Rewarding innovation

“The European VC Awards are poised to acknowledge past achievements and inspire the next wave of innovation and investment strategies that will propel our ecosystem forward.” says David Cruz e Silva, Founder of The EU VC

The award categories include:

Hall of Fame Award: Celebrating a lifetime of achievement in European venture for those who have shaped the industry through their investments, contributions, and thought leadership over 20+ years.

Firm of the Year Award: Recognising a firm from a fully holistic view, including pure financial performance and portfolio performance as well as innovation, impact on the ecosystem, diversity, transparency and fairness, as well as the team and culture.

Newcomer of the Year Award: Honouring emerging managers, this award goes to a fund that has had its first close in the past year, recognising their remarkable success in bringing something new and innovative to the European Venture market while building traction around their fund and vision.

Achievement of the Year Award: This category is for the outstanding achievements and contributions in the European VC ecosystem in the past year, whether from an individual, company, or fund.

Exit of the Year Award: Honouring the firm with a successful exit that has created the most value back to the VC and, therefore, back to the European Venture ecosystem. This is about venture capital returns as opposed to “the biggest exit” and will also encompass strategic aspects of the exit, such as timing in relation to market conditions and exit strategy.

Perfect Panel

In assembling the judging panel, the EU VC team turned to LPs with over a decade of experience in investing in VC funds that would form a recognisable and fair panel. Among the judges are:

[Thomas Kristensen](#), Partner at [LGT Capital Partners](#)

[Jonathan Sibilia](#), Partner & Head of FoFs at [Molten Ventures](#)

[Giulia Van Waeyenberge](#), Member of the Executive Committee at [Sofina](#)

[Stephen Lowery](#), Head of Investor Coverage & Business Development
at [HSBC Innovation Banking](#)

[Joe Schorge](#), Founding Managing Partner at [Isomer Capital](#) (co-chair)

[Chris Wade](#), Founding General Partner at [Isomer Capital](#) (co-chair)

“An official award is a way to recognise the greatness of the year. In venture capital, people work excessively hard and more hours than most industries because they have a real passion. It’s a passion to change the world, make great investments, and bring new products to life. We should celebrate the people who stand out above the rest and take the time to step back and recognise them publicly.” says [Joe Schorge](#), Founder & Managing Partner of Isomer Capital

For more information, head to isomercapital.com/awards/

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