



JIC makes LP investment in Dual Bridge Capital 1, LP

Tokyo, December 18, 2023 – Japan Investment Corporation (“JIC”) has announced its decision to make an LP investment of JPY2 billion in DBC No.1 Investment Limited Partnership (“DBC1”), which is managed by Dual Bridge Capital (“DBC”), a company that supports pre-seed/seed stage startups.

JIC aims to stimulate a virtuous cycle of risk capital to support next-generation industries in Japan. To achieve this vision, JIC promotes open innovation as a means for supporting growth and enhancing the international competitiveness of businesses. JIC approaches these challenges by stimulating private sector investments in open innovation together with JIC’s own investment, while fostering investment professionals.

To achieve its mission, JIC invests in policy-relevant strategic business areas through LP investments in funds under JIC’s umbrella and in private funds.

About LP investment in DBC1

(1) JIC investment criteria

JIC’s investment criteria* list “Creating unicorn startups” and “Driving the creation of new businesses for Society 5.0” as focus areas. A long-term, large-scale supply of risk capital is required for the creation of unicorns—defined as privately held companies with an enterprise value of USD1 billion or more—that can grow their business sustainably with competitive global economic strength.

*<https://www.j-ic.co.jp/en/investment/criteria/>

(2) Current status of investment market

To accelerate the creation of unicorns from Japan, actively supporting entrepreneurs who are trying to create new businesses and increase the number of promising startups that have the potential to grow into unicorns in the future is critically important, but the supply of risk capital for pre-seed/seed stage startups in the domestic market remains limited.

(3) About DBC1

As DBC’s first fund, DBC1 will focus on investments at the pre-seed/seed stage, leveraging the unique network cultivated by its management team, which has a track record of investment and support for startups at these stages. Midas Capital, an affiliate of DBC, has a vision of “creating a world-class group of companies” and invests in unlisted startups and other businesses. DBC will be able to use the human network of the companies in Midas Capital’s portfolio for its sourcing. In addition, DBC has a policy of investing in areas where market changes are occurring due to technological innovation, and in startups and other businesses in existing industries that are using new technologies and business models such as AI as a competitive advantage.

JIC expects the LP investment in DBC1 to lead to the creation of new businesses and new industries for Society 5.0. JIC also expects that strengthening investment activities in pre-seed/seed stage startups will increase the number of unicorn candidates, bolstering the startup ecosystem in Japan. In addition, JIC will support DBC1 in developing its ability to respond to the needs of institutional investors to increase the supply of risk capital raised from these investors as well as offer risk capital.

Overview of DBC1

Name:	DBC No.1 Investment Limited Partnership
Established:	2023
Duration:	10 years (with a possible extension of 2 years)
GP:	MV Limited Liability Partnership

Overview of management company

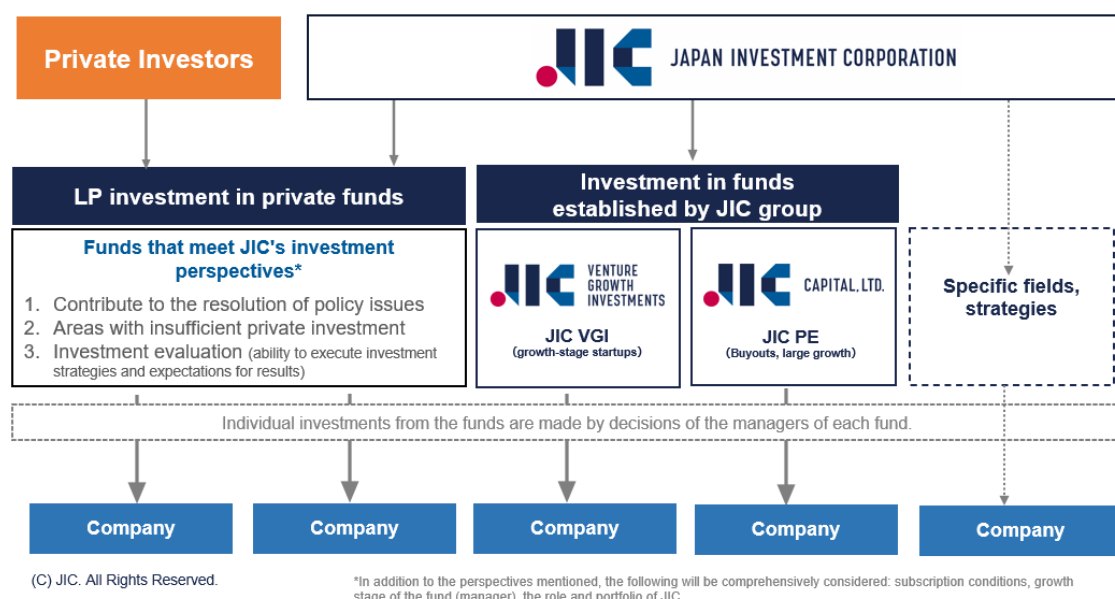
Name:	Dual Bridge Capital
Established:	2022
Address:	Tokyo
Representatives:	Shun Ito, Shusuke Terada

(For reference)

JIC's fund investment strategy

JIC's Fund Investment Strategy (overall) 株式会社産業革新投資機構

- JIC aims to provide risk capital to enhance the growth of next-generation companies and competitiveness based on its philosophy and its principle of complementing the private sector.
- JIC's investment strategy includes 1) investment in funds established under JIC's initiative and 2) LP investments in private funds.



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Objectives of JIC's LP investments

1. Stimulate the supply of risk capital to help companies grow and to enhance their competitiveness
JIC intends to provide capital to areas that are essential from the perspective of strengthening industrial competitiveness but lack private investment capital (investment strategies, sectors, stages, regions, etc.) with the aim of stimulating private investment capital in the short term and medium-long term.
2. Create diverse investment teams, professionals, and strategies to support a virtuous cycle of risk capital
 - 1) Investment teams
JIC promotes growth of the investee funds as a leader in the intermediary of risk capital provided by institutional investors (pension funds, foreign investors, etc.) towards the establishment of future funds. This will be achieved by expanding experience and track records among its fund investment team (management company) and by further improving its ability to respond to institutional investors.
 - 2) Investment professionals
With the cooperation of industry organizations such as JVCA, institutional investors, and investee managers, JIC supports the research and introduction of best practices of managers and the development of human resources serving as investment professionals.
 - 3) Investment strategy

JIC will add diversity and depth to the market by making an LP investment in funds even for those with strategies that are not common in Japan yet, in response to their fund raising, including at the time of its establishment.

About Japan Investment Corporation (JIC)

Japan Investment Corporation (“JIC”) was established on September 25, 2018 under the Industrial Competitiveness Enhancement Act. JIC’s investment focus areas are driving the creation of new businesses for Society 5.0, creating "unicorn startups", leveraging promising untapped regional technologies and promoting business consolidation across industries and organizations. JIC provides risk capital to these areas through funds independently established by JIC and LP investment in private funds to promote open innovation and contribute to strengthening the competitiveness of Japanese industries and expanding the investment ecosystem.

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