



JIC and Atomico Co-Host a Discussion Event on Developing Global Venture Capital Talent

Tokyo, February 17, 2026 – Japan Investment Corporation (“JIC”) held a joint event with Atomico (UK) Partners LLP (“Atomico”) on January 29, 2026, as part of its “Go Global Strategy,” which aims to increase the number of venture capital firms capable of supporting startups seeking to expand into overseas markets.

The event, titled “Lunch Session with Niklas: Perspectives from Building a Global VC” (hereinafter “the Event”), was organized to facilitate discussions on developing globally competitive venture capital talent. This marks the third co-hosted event with Atomico, following ongoing collaboration between the two organizations.

Atomico is the founder-built European venture capital firm. They partner with the most ambitious entrepreneurs using technology to drive transformation across industries and society. In February 2024, JIC announced its LP commitment to a fund managed by Atomico.*

* JIC makes LP investments in Atomico Venture VI SCSp and Atomico Growth VI SCSp (February 29, 2024)
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■ About the event

Niklas Zennström, founder of Atomico and a serial entrepreneur known for establishing globally recognized technology companies such as Skype and Kazaa, joined the Event and engaged directly with 17 representatives from Japanese venture capital firms in which JIC has invested. The discussion covered a wide range of topics—including organizational development and team building, governance, and diversity, equity & inclusion (DE&I)—providing a valuable opportunity to share Atomico’s insights and experience in operating a global venture capital firm.

Participants raised practical, operational questions such as how to prioritize organizational development within a VC firm, the appropriate role of an external director in supporting portfolio companies, decision-making processes within investment committees, evaluation and development frameworks for investment professionals, and the effectiveness of DE&I initiatives in fund management. In response, Mr. Zennström offered thoughtful advice grounded in his extensive experience building Atomico and evolving it into a structured VC organization, including lessons learned through trial and error. He emphasized that “for a VC firm to develop in a healthy and sustainable manner, it is essential to create an environment where psychological safety is ensured and diverse team members can express their views from multiple perspectives.”



Participants engaging in the discussion session



Mr. Zennström giving advice during the session

■ About JIC's "Go Global" strategy

To foster the development of Japan's startup ecosystem, JIC is advancing the following initiatives:

- Investment in overseas VCs to strengthen collaboration between domestic VCs/startups and overseas VCs
- Promotion of collaboration between domestic and overseas VCs through investment in leading overseas VC firms
- Transfer of global knowledge and expertise back to Japan's startup ecosystem

JIC leverages the expertise of major overseas VCs in nurturing entrepreneurs and fund professionals. In collaboration with portfolio VCs, JIC is committed to providing networking events and opportunities for domestic VCs and entrepreneurs to deepen their understanding of best practices. JIC will continue to focus not only on LP investments in private funds and investments in companies by funds under its umbrella, but also on creating opportunities, like this event, for sharing advanced knowledge from overseas and networking activities.

About Japan Investment Corporation (JIC)

Japan Investment Corporation ("JIC") was established in September 2018 under the Industrial Competitiveness Enhancement Act. JIC's investment focus areas are creating a virtuous cycle of domestic investment and innovation; creating and fostering startups; leveraging promising untapped management resources lying dormant in local areas, including startups from academia and medium-sized companies; and promoting business restructuring in response to changes in market and business environments. JIC provides risk capital to these areas through funds independently established by JIC and LP investment in private funds to promote open innovation in Japan, strengthen the competitiveness of Japanese industries, and contribute to expansion of Japan's investment ecosystem.

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