



JIC and Atomico host “Local Funds Summit” to promote development of Japanese startup ecosystem

- Co-hosted with prominent European VC to share best practices, other insights
- Opinions exchanged on issues related to startup support
- Knowledge shared regarding overseas expansion of domestic startups

Tokyo, August 1, 2025 – Japan Investment Corporation (“JIC”) has announced that on July 24, 2025, it co-hosted a two-way event aimed at developing the Japanese startup ecosystem—the “Local Funds Summit”—together with Atomico (UK) Partners LLP (“Atomico”), a venture capital firm investing primarily in the European technology sector. In February 2024, JIC announced that it had made LP investments in funds managed by Atomico*; this was the second joint event, following the first event in November 2024.

■ About the event

The event was attended by core members of the Atomico investment team, who engaged in roundtable discussions and other activities with approximately 40 Japanese VC and LP investors to exchange opinions and build relationships.

Leveraging the opportunity of discussions with Atomico team, participants actively shared their opinions, resulting in a meaningful exchange of ideas. Discussions were held on topics that included securing talents and supporting growth at investee companies, and measures required to raise funds from global investors. Atomico team also provided guidance to participants on the importance of domestic and international partnerships for growing investee company businesses, and on preparations for fundraising from institutional investors.

Additionally, a discussion was held between Akifumi Kobashi, co-founder and CTO of CADDi, which received an investment from Atomico in March 2025, and Atomico partner Luca Eisenstecken. The discussion covered topics that included overseas expansion and fundraising, and best practices were shared with participants.



Discussion between CADDi Director and CTO Kobashi (right) and Atomico Partner Eisenstecken



Discussion between Atomico Partner Richards and participants.

■ About JIC initiatives

JIC's mission is to create a virtuous cycle of risk capital that supports Japan's next-generation industries. JIC promotes private investment and the development of investment professionals by providing funds that allow companies to grow and strengthen their competitiveness through open innovation.

To develop Japan's startup ecosystem, JIC has designated "Go Global" as one of its priority investment focuses, and it is investing in overseas VCs with the aim of strengthening collaboration between domestic VCs/startups and overseas VCs. Through this initiative, JIC seeks to promote collaboration between domestic and overseas VCs by investing in leading overseas VCs and by sharing accumulated knowledge and expertise across the Japanese startup ecosystem. Major VCs in Europe, the United States, and Asia have a high level of expertise in nurturing promising young entrepreneurs with a global perspective and in developing fund management professionals. JIC is collaborating with its investee VCs to organize networking events for domestic VCs and entrepreneurs, and to provide domestic VCs with opportunities to learn global best practices. JIC will continue to focus not only on LP investments in private funds and investments in companies by funds under JIC's umbrella but also on creating opportunities to share cutting-edge overseas knowledge, such as this event, and on networking activities.

Event overview

Name	Local Funds Summit	
Date / Time	July 24, 2025 (Thu) 16:00-18:00	
Co-Organizers	Japan Investment Corporation, Atomico (UK) Partners LLP	
Main Program	Opening Remarks	Toshiyuki Kumura (JIC CIO)
	International Expansion Fireside Chat & Q&A	Akifumi Kobashi (CADDi co-founder and CTO) Luca Eisenstecken (Atomico Partner)
	Roundtable Discussions	Theme 1: Building a best in class team Theme 2: What international investors look for Theme 3: Building commercial partnerships Theme 4: Building an institutional LP Base
Attendees	Approx. 40 people from Japanese VCs and related companies	

* JIC makes LP investments in Atomico Venture VI SCSP and Atomico Growth VI SCSP (February 29, 2024)
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About Japan Investment Corporation (JIC)

Japan Investment Corporation (“JIC”) was established in September 2018 under the Industrial Competitiveness Enhancement Act. JIC 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 in Japan, strengthen the competitiveness of Japanese industries, and contribute to expansion of Japan’s investment ecosystem.

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