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FLORIDA VENTURE FORUM ADDS NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Christine Gagnon of EisnerAmper and Josh Paul of Hyde Park Capital join nearly 50 other venture and private equity leaders

MIAMI & TAMPA, Fla – September 30, 2021 – [Florida Venture Forum](#), the leading statewide support and member organization for venture and private equity professionals and entrepreneurs, today announced two new appointments to its board of directors.

The new members join a group of nearly 50 board members who work together to promote and further the Forum’s mission of helping entrepreneurs connect with the funding and services they need to grow and scale.

The new board members are:

- Christine Gagnon, Partner and Co-leader of the Florida Life Sciences and Technology Group, EisnerAmper
- Josh Paul, Investment Banking Associate, Hyde Park Capital

Christine joins fellow EisnerAmper partners Artie Unger and Alan Wink, who will continue to serve on the Forum’s board as board alternates. Josh will be joined by Alex McDermand, associate with Hyde Park Capital, who will serve as board alternate.

Additionally, John Hill, Senior Managing Director and co-founder of Hyde Park Capital will join other past Forum leaders as Board Director Emeritus.

“We are extremely excited to welcome Christine and Josh to an already strong board,” said Carolyn Mathis, partner at Harbor View Advisors and 2021-2022 Florida Venture Forum board chair. “The Forum’s strength lies in its strong membership comprised of the most active players in venture capital and private equity. The commitment and support members like EisnerAmper and Hyde Park Capital bring to the Forum - and to the founders we serve – is extremely valuable and greatly appreciated.”

More information about the Forum’s newest board members:

Christine Gagnon, Partner and Co-leader of the Florida Life Sciences and Technology Group, EisnerAmper

Christine provides services to public and private clients in a variety of industries, including financial services, retail, manufacturing, software and life science and technology. Her expertise includes audits, reviews, compilations and agreed upon procedures. Christine is active in several organizations in the technology, life sciences and financial services industries, including the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County and their industry cluster groups. Christine is a chairperson for EisnerAmper Cares, the firm's community volunteer organization aimed at serving those in need through donations of employees' time and skills to charitable, civic and environmental projects and programs, and also leads the Women of EisnerAmper Florida Chapter.

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Josh Paul, Associate, Hyde Park Capital

Josh specializes in mergers and acquisitions and holds the Series 79 securities license for Investment Banking Registered Representatives. Prior to his role with Hyde Park Capital, Josh served as an associate for Cross Keys Capital, a middle market investment bank located in South Florida. At Cross Keys, Josh specialized in mergers and acquisitions in the healthcare services space. He is a graduate of the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Finance

Hyde Park Capital is an institutionally focused investment banking firm specializing in mergers and acquisitions and serving the corporate finance needs of middle market public and private companies. Its principals have extensive investment banking experience executing merger and acquisition engagements across numerous industry sectors including industrial and manufacturing, business services, technology, healthcare, consumer and financial. Investment banking services include purchase and sale of company assignments, recapitalizations, financial advisory, fairness opinions and raising growth capital and acquisition financing for companies, including equity, mezzanine, and senior debt. Hyde Park's bankers have significant experience in the industrials, utilities, and construction services sector. Hyde Park Capital is headquartered in Tampa, Florida and is a member of FINRA and SIPC. www.hydeparkcapital.com.

About the Florida Venture Forum: The Florida Venture Forum is Florida's largest statewide support organization for investors and entrepreneurs, helping fast-growth companies connect with sources of capital from across the country. Since 1984 more than 1500 companies have presented at Forum events and have gone on to raise upwards of \$11B in equity capital, producing billions more in economic value to Florida. The Forum's 250+ members represent a "who's who" of venture capital and private equity dealmakers, including equity and debt investors at all stages, as well as major law, accounting, and investment banking firms, and large corporates active in the innovation ecosystem. The Forum provides programs and programming statewide throughout the year in addition to hosting major annual conferences like the Florida Venture Capital Conference, the Statewide Collegiate Startup Competition,

the Early Stage Capital Conference, and industry-focused events including aerospace and healthcare. For more information, visit: <http://www.flventure.org>.