

Japanese Firm Future Venture Capital Co., Ltd. expands to US Market, Opens Operations HQ in Colorado

Ft Collins Company EnConnect Holdings, LLC, to operate as FVC Americas, bringing resources to local startup community

FORT COLLINS, CO, UNITED STATES, November 10, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Fort Collins, Colorado, US (November 10, 2016) – [Future Venture Capital](#), Co., Ltd. (FVC), one of Japan's most prestigious venture capital firms, announced today its expansion into the US Market, specifically northern Colorado. FVC will operate a fully owned subsidiary in the US as [FVC Americas](#) (FCVA) with Denichiro "Denny" Otsuga, serving as President. Whereas Colorado's venture capital firms have traditionally been based in Denver or Boulder, FCVA will be headquartered in Fort Collins, a city recently heralded by The [Smithsonian](#) Institution as "the next city of innovation" after Silicon Valley. FCVA will provide additional – and unique – resources to Colorado's already burgeoning startup community.

"Colorado already leads the globe with regard to its density of entrepreneurial activities," says FCVA President, Denichiro "Denny" Otsuga. "With a presence in Fort Collins and a comprehensive approach to supporting small and startup businesses, FCVA builds on an already strong community. It will undoubtedly bolster our growing network of entrepreneurs in northern Colorado and beyond."

FCVA will offer a multitude of resources to small businesses and entrepreneurs through its partners and FVC, including venture capital investment - which is only one of its many tools available. Recognized for its unique and non-traditional approach, FVC offers a breadth and depth of resources to startups including workspace, education, events, mentors, strategic partners, and exit support. Seasoned advisors can guide in critical areas like prototype development, sales and marketing channel development and Intellectual Property (IP) strategy.

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the forefront of FVC's mission. FVCA will help us connect promising venture enterprises in Colorado to large Japanese companies interested in working with and investing in Colorado ventures." remarked Yuji Fujinaga, Chief Strategy Officer of FVC. "After working closely with Dr. Otsuga, we became aware of a vibrant start-up environment in Colorado, and we look forward to positively impacting its community. For nearly 20 years we have contributed to the growth and success of ventures in small and medium communities in Japan. We're excited to continue our work in the United States, starting in Colorado."

What Colorado Thought-Leaders are Saying:

City of Fort Collins

"Today's announcement continues to solidify the collaborative relationship between the City of Fort Collins and Future Venture Capital that was initiated earlier this year," said Josh Birks, City of Fort Collins Economic Health Director. "With FVC and its strengths, we're excited to integrate valuable international experience and influence into our innovation ecosystem, energizing our already vibrant local economy. We look forward to working together in an effort to retain, develop, and recruit innovative startups and small businesses."

Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation

"We applaud the news of FVC's location of its Americas headquarters office in Fort Collins," said Tom Clark, CEO of the Metro Denver EDC. "Given Colorado's position as one of the most innovative U.S. states, we look forward to working with FVC to elevate Colorado's enterprising business climate and innovative companies in order to promote vital connections between investors in Japan and entrepreneurs in Colorado."

Rockies Venture Club

Executive Director, Peter Adams said "We're excited to have Future Venture Capital come to Colorado and become a part of our thriving ecosystem. Having access to great investment opportunities here in Colorado is a benefit both to FVC and to great Colorado companies with a strategy to grow through venture capital funding. Rockies Venture Club is pleased to be able to work with such a well respected international venture capital firm."

About FVC:

Future Venture Capital Co., Ltd. (FVC) is a publicly traded venture capital investment company in Japan on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's JASDAQ market (Code: 8462) founded in 1998. FVC has invested in 350 deals since its inception and currently manages 25 funds totaling over \$200M USD in assets. FVC often invests in early stage deals and as the lead investor. Read more about Future Venture Capital Co., Ltd. at www.fvc.co.jp

About FVCA:

Headquartered in Fort Collins, Colorado, EnConnect Holdings, LLC, co-founded by Hope Hartman and Denichiro "Denny" Otsuga (which retains its legal name), will also do business as FVC Americas as a fully owned subsidiary of FVC. FVCA works with FVC to incubate a value creating ecosystem for the small and early-stage venture companies in small and medium size communities. Additional FVCA offices will emerge as FVC grow its regional presence in the United States and in other

countries of the Americas. Read more about EnConnect at www.enconnect.org

About City of Fort Collins:

The vision of the City of Fort Collins is to provide world-class municipal services through operational excellence and a culture of innovation. Our mission is to provide exceptional service for an exceptional community. Learn more at www.fcgov.com

About Metro Denver EDC:

The Metro Denver EDC is the nation's first regional economic development organization. An affiliate of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Denver EDC focuses on six areas to expand the economy in the nine-county region: national marketing, existing business, mobility, DEN/international air travel, tax reform, and special opportunities. The organization also leads four industry-focused affiliates: the Colorado Energy Coalition, the Colorado Investment Services Coalition, the Colorado Space Coalition, and the Metro Denver Aviation Coalition. For more information, see or follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

About Rockies Venture Club:

Rockies Venture Club is the oldest and one of the largest Angel Groups in the U.S.A., founded in 1985, with a mission is to advance economic development by actively connecting the most promising entrepreneurial companies with angel investors, venture capitalists, and other community members. The Club sees nearly 1,000 deals per year and is able to be highly selective in the companies that pitch and those that receive investment. Rockies Venture Club offers a HyperAccelerator program with six action packed, mentor driven days leading to complete venture capital readiness. Throughout the year, the group offers over 150 educational programs, mastermind groups, angel forums, and two major conferences for both investors and entrepreneurs each year.

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