

Autobot Capital Invests in 'The Legend of 1900' Musical Tour, Pioneering New Cultural Investment Models

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Autobot Capital, a venture capital firm focused on social behavior and long-term value, has announced its investment in the 2025 national tour of the musical *The Legend of 1900*, produced by Ran Space. Adapted from Alessandro Baricco's acclaimed novel, the production features a cast including Bai Jugang and Liu Lingfei and is set to captivate audiences across China with its themes of identity, solitude, and belonging. This investment comes at a time when capital markets are cautious, signaling Autobot Capital's confidence in the growing demand for special cultural experiences.

The musical, a fresh take on the classic story, transforms the traditional theater experience into an interactive, immersive event designed to resonate with younger audiences, particularly Generation Z. By supporting this project, Autobot Capital is not only backing a creative endeavor but also exploring new ways to connect cultural content with evolving consumer behaviors.

A Shift from Industry Labels to Behavioral Insights

Autobot Capital, established in 2014, has built a reputation for its forward-thinking approach to venture capital, moving beyond traditional industry categories like technology or entertainment. The firm's founding partner, Zheng Lan, has spearheaded a shift toward investments grounded in user behavior and cultural trends. "We're not just asking if a project fits into a sector like cultural tourism," Zheng said in a recent interview. "We're asking whether it meets a real need for self-expression and connection."

This perspective stems from Zheng's observation that industry boundaries are blurring. A company might start in one sector, like consumer electronics, and evolve into a social platform, or a content creator might pivot to e-commerce. To navigate this complexity, Autobot Capital has



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developed a framework called “cognitive validation,” which prioritizes understanding how people make choices over rigid financial projections. This approach has guided the firm’s investments across diverse fields, from gaming to consumer goods, and now into cultural projects like The Legend of 1900.

Redefining Cultural Consumption as Scene Recreation

At the heart of Autobot Capital’s investment in The Legend of 1900 is a belief that cultural consumption is about creating spaces where people can engage authentically. Zheng’s team has identified a shift among younger audiences, particularly in smaller cities, where there’s a growing desire for localized, meaningful cultural experiences. “Young people don’t just want quick digital content,” Zheng noted. “They’re looking for real-world spaces where they can express themselves and feel connected.”

This insight has led Autobot Capital to develop a model of “cultural consumption as scene recreation.” Rather than investing in traditional tourist attractions, the firm focuses on projects that foster participation and community, such as reimagined urban spaces, youth-driven creative camps, or interactive cultural events. The Legend of 1900 fits this model by turning the audience into active participants, moving beyond passive viewing to create a shared emotional experience. This approach aims to build lasting cultural resonance rather than focusing solely on immediate financial returns.

Tapping into Generation Z’s Offline Renaissance

Autobot Capital’s research highlights an unexpected trend: Generation Z, often labeled as digital natives, is increasingly drawn to offline cultural experiences. While many assume young people prioritize short-form digital content, Zheng’s findings suggest otherwise. In less urbanized markets, young audiences crave in-person settings that allow them to engage with stories and ideas that reflect their values. The Legend of 1900 taps into this by exploring universal themes like identity and belonging, which strike a chord with younger viewers.

By investing in this musical, Autobot Capital is betting on the power of live experiences to meet this demand. The production’s special staging and audience engagement strategies aim to create a sense of community, making it more than just a show—it’s a cultural moment that invites participation and dialogue.

Zheng Lan’s Human-Centric Investment Philosophy



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Zheng Lan, Autobot Capital's founding partner, brings a special perspective to the firm's strategy. With a background in journalism at NetEase and investment experience at IDG Capital, Zheng has a track record of identifying potential in unconventional projects. Her past investments include a mobile gaming company that became a market leader and a skincare brand that gained traction among young consumers. What sets her apart is her focus on the human elements of a project—specifically, the vision and resilience of the founding team.

"I don't just look at numbers or outcomes," Zheng explained. "I'm interested in the depth of a team's understanding and their commitment to their idea." Her approach, which she calls "cognitive density," involves evaluating how founders think, resolve conflicts, and learn from setbacks. This philosophy has shaped Autobot Capital's ability to take calculated risks on projects like The Legend of 1900, where the cultural and emotional impact outweighs traditional metrics of success.

Learning from Risk: A Framework for Resilience

Autobot Capital's investment strategy embraces risk as a learning opportunity. The firm maintains a "failure archive," a system for analyzing past projects to refine its decision-making process. Zheng views setbacks not as losses but as chances to deepen the firm's understanding of markets and teams. "Failure isn't the problem," she said. "The problem is when our thinking isn't aligned with reality."

This iterative approach has allowed Autobot Capital to navigate the uncertainties of cultural investments, where outcomes are harder to predict than in traditional sectors. By supporting The Legend of 1900, the firm is testing its hypothesis that cultural projects can drive long-term engagement, even if their financial models are less conventional.

Building Cultural Infrastructure for the Future

Looking ahead, Autobot Capital aims to expand its impact by partnering with local governments to transform urban spaces through cultural initiatives. The firm sees projects like The Legend of 1900 as more than standalone productions—they're part of a broader effort to create "regional narratives" that enhance community identity and economic vitality. By embedding cultural IPs into public spaces, Autobot Capital hopes to build infrastructure that makes culture accessible and meaningful.

"Culture has to take root in real places," Zheng said. "It's not about exporting ideas—it's about creating spaces where people can live them." This vision positions Autobot Capital as a leader in redefining how cultural investments can shape cities and communities.

About Autobot Capital

Founded in 2014, Autobot Capital is a venture capital firm dedicated to understanding social behavior and investing in long-term value. With a portfolio spanning hard tech, consumer goods, artificial intelligence, gaming, and cultural projects, the firm takes a cross-disciplinary approach to identifying opportunities. Headquartered in China, Autobot Capital manages funds from global investors, listed companies, and long-term partners, with a mission to support innovation

that resonates with human needs.

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