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Press Release

Founders Future Opens San Francisco Office and Reinforces Its Transatlantic AI-First Vision

Paris and San Francisco — November 17, 2025 — Founders Future, an investment platform backing the next generation of global tech champions, is opening a San Francisco office to deepen ties between European and U.S. innovation ecosystems and accelerate the rise of AI-first leaders. This expansion is a key step in its transatlantic strategy and will be followed by the launch of a growth fund in 2026. To support this plan, Dulcie fforde and Jonathan Karlson are joining the team to lead investments and build the firm's U.S. presence. The San Francisco office is already operational and has closed two deals recently.

A strategic expansion at the heart of global tech

The opening of the new office in San Francisco's iconic One Ferry Building represents a pivotal milestone for Founders Future and embodies its mission to bridge entrepreneurs and investors across Europe and the United States. With this new foothold, the platform will support both European scale-ups looking to accelerate their expansion in the U.S. and high-potential American "AI-native" founders aiming to grow in Europe.

With Founders Future Inc., the firm now has a legal and operational presence in the United States, allowing it to invest directly in American startups. This move strengthens its ability to capture leading innovations in artificial intelligence and furthers its ambition to foster global tech leaders on both sides of the Atlantic.

A local team to drive U.S. growth

Founders Future has appointed Dulcie fforde and Jonathan Karlson to lead its San Francisco office, overseeing investments and the platform's development in the U.S. market. Their arrival marks a key step toward building an integrated transatlantic platform, uniting the Paris and San Francisco teams under a shared AI-first vision.

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Dulcie fforde, Principal

Dulcie fforde brings to Founders Future a dual background as both operator and investor. At Baillie Gifford, she participated in investments in global scale-ups such as Airbnb, Brex, Faire, and Nubank, before joining Homebound and Uber, where she experienced firsthand the growth challenges faced by tech startups. Active within Silicon Valley's entrepreneurial ecosystem, she has also served as a scout for leading funds such as Headline. At Founders Future, she leads the sourcing and evaluation of AI and consumer investment opportunities.

Jonathan Karlson, Senior Associate

Before joining Founders Future, Jonathan Karlson worked at ICONIQ Capital and BlackRock, advising leading families and tech entrepreneurs on their direct investments and venture capital allocations. A graduate in Economics and Computer Science from Dickinson College, he combines rigorous analytical skills with a deep understanding of venture capital. At Founders Future, he focuses on early-stage investment analysis, LP relations, and strengthening transatlantic synergies.

Additional hires are already planned in growth, investor relations, and operations to support the expansion of the U.S. office, which has already made its first two AI investments in San Francisco-based startups.

With its U.S. expansion, Founders Future is advancing its goal of reaching €1 billion in assets under management in the coming years and launching a transatlantic growth fund in 2026 to help scale the most promising tech companies from the US in the EU.

"*Our ambition is to build an international investment platform that supports visionary founders wherever they are. By connecting Europe and the U.S. with an AI-first approach, we are executing our transatlantic mission and backing the next generation of global tech champions*," said **Marc Menasé, Founding Partner, Founders Future**.

About Founders Future

Founded in 2018 by serial entrepreneur Marc Menasé, Founders Future is a transatlantic investment platform operating between Europe and the United States, backing a new generation of AI-first entrepreneurs driving deep transformation. Supported by leading entrepreneurs, major European family offices, and institutional investors, the platform manages nearly $400 million in assets and ranks among Europe's most active early-stage investors. With more than 120 portfolio companies and 300 founders supported, Founders Future has backed success stories such as Veesion, Raidium, Waterdrop, Riot, Alma, and Neat in Europe, as well as Databricks, Perplexity, and Function Health in the U.S. The firm's strategy focuses on high-impact sectors including artificial intelligence, fintech, SaaS, and healthcare, with a clear ambition: to support the most ambitious entrepreneurs in scaling globally. As part of this mission, Founders Future is actively strengthening its footprint within major U.S. innovation hubs.More information at www.foundersfuture.com

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