

Via Venture Partners raises a new fund of EUR 134 million

Via Venture Partners has raised its second fund of EUR 134 million. The new fund will invest in Nordic IT and telecommunication companies with strong development and growth potential. The additional EUR 134 million in committed capital makes Via Venture Partners one of the largest venture capital players in the Nordic market with a total committed capital of EUR 268 million.

“Despite the financial crisis, Via Venture Partners has been a very active investor over the last 4 years. We have established ourselves as a good partner for entrepreneurs, management teams and syndication partners across Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. As a result, we are very happy to have raised another EUR 134 million, so that we can continue our Nordic investment activities”, says John Helmsøe-Zinck, managing partner in Via Venture Partners.

Via Venture Partners established its first fund in 2006 – Via Venture Partners Fund I K/S. The fund is already today among the absolute biggest funds in the Nordic region with a focus on growth companies within the fields of IT, technology, service, content and telecommunication. The fund is a multi-stage fund and has so far made investments along the entire range of companies from very small companies without any revenue to larger buyouts.

Examples of portfolio companies in Fund I: Beneq Oy (Finland), Adra Match AS (Norway), Projectplace AB (Sweden). An example of an early stage investment is Radiocomp ApS (Denmark) where Via Venture Partners invested in the company 6 months after it was founded, and after planned development successfully sold it to MTI, a global Taiwan based telecom equipment manufacturer. An example of the fund’s buyout activities is KMD A/S (Denmark) where Via Venture Partners has invested in syndication with EQT.

The newly established venture fund – Via Venture Partners Fund II K/S – will have the same strategy and size as Fund I. The fund will be able to invest up to EUR 20 million in a single company and will thereby also be able to participate in private equity transactions as well as in normal venture capital investments.

“Our first fund has a number of interesting growth companies in its portfolio that, managed by very capable management teams, are developing very positively. The new EUR 134 million will be used to invest in new Nordic based growth companies with an international potential.” says John Helmsøe-Zinck.

ATP, Denmark’s largest pension fund, is the only investor in both Fund I and Fund II.

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