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Helios Orion Corporation



Ficus Venture Capital Sdn Bhd

Ficus Venture Capital signs cooperation agreement with Helios Orion to create linkage between Malaysian ecosystem with Silicon Valley

About Ficus Venture Capital

Ficus Venture Capital is the first Shariah Compliant Venture Capital company in the world. Co-founded by five individuals with a stellar track record and a combined experience of over 90 years in the startup ecosystem, Islamic finance, Shariah structuring, private equity and asset management.

Ficus Fund 1, with a target fund size of up to RM200 million presents a huge investment opportunities for HNWI, Family offices, Corporations and government agencies who are looking to invest into the ASEAN tech ecosystem in a Shariah compliant manner.

Being the strategic frontrunner for the Islamic Digital Economy (“IDE”) ecosystem, Ficus Venture Capital partners with Malaysian Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) and JAKIM to accelerate the IDE initiative by playing a vital role in providing future funding for IDE start-ups listed under MDEC.

Ficus Venture Capital plans to initiate start-up screening and first funding in mid-July this year. By the end of the year, it plans to fund a combined 15 Malaysian and ASEAN tech start-ups with high potential for growth.

About Helios Orion

Helios Orion, Corp. is a Silicon Valley based execution-focused corporate strategy advisory firm co-founded by Dr Ken Kengatharan, a biotech entrepreneur with significant experience in R&D, corporate development and venture capital, and Mr Xavier Sanso, a senior corporate finance executive with significant experience in corporate strategy and venture capital. The founders, the board members and the founding management team that includes Mr Hatim Chraibi, an experienced medtech commercialization expert, between them have extensive experience in helping to start technology companies based in Europe, Asia and USA, technology entrepreneur education, securing capital, company growth from initial set-up to IPO, commercialization of technology as well as cross-border partnerships and M&A.

Helios Orion's key focus areas include drug, diagnostics, medical devices, digital therapeutics, AI, and therapeutic foods as well as cross-border ecosystem collaboration and development (including venture co-creation) in these innovation areas. This includes enabling technology ecosystems in key cities around the world to establish a connection to and a presence in Silicon Valley.

Helios Orion has a presence in a number of cities worldwide. These are Santa Clara (Silicon Valley), California; Barcelona; Singapore and Hong Kong. In 2019-2020, the company plans to have a presence in Sydney, Kuala Lumpur, Taipei, and, other innovation-focused cities.

Commenting on the collaboration with Helios Orion, Rina Neoh the Co-Founder of Ficus Venture Capital said " We are excited to sign with Helios Orion because our collaboration will link up the Malaysian tech ecosystem with multiple eco systems (Silicon Valley, Hong Kong, Barcelona and Singapore) that Helios Orion have presence in. We have always felt that many Malaysian companies have great potential to succeed on the global stage, this collaboration therefore will create a path for these companies to get exposure from the other ecosystems".

"We are honored to be partnering with a premier organization such as Ficus Venture Capital on their mission to create a major tech ecosystem in Malaysia," said Dr Ken Kengatharan, co-founder and Executive Chairman of Helios Orion (USA), Corp. "We are looking forward working with Ficus to enable successful creation and growth of Malaysian companies with the goal of becoming global players in key markets."

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