

Press Information

Kyocera launches KVF-I Corporate Venture Capital Fund in the US

New fund expands Kyocera's total venture capital funding to US \$ 100 million globally.

Kyoto/London, 8th October 2024. Kyocera Corporation has established a U.S. \$60 million corporate venture capital (CVC) fund, the Kyocera Venture Fund-I LP (KVF-I), which will invest mainly in start-ups in the U.S. and EMEA¹ to strengthen Kyocera's system for creating new businesses. KVF-I joins Kyocera Venture Innovation Fund-I(KVIF-I), which Kyocera announced in March 2024 as a CVC fund investing mainly in Japan and Asia. Together, the two funds expand Kyocera's global venture capital funding portfolio to approximately U.S. \$100 million.

Kyocera has a long history of supporting start-ups through direct investment and collaboration using its unique technologies to enhance research and development and build new enterprises. KVIF-I and KVF-I will focus on the fields of environment and energy, information and communications, medical and healthcare, mobility, advanced materials, software (including AI), aerospace and defense, semiconductors, and nuclear fusion as potential investment areas. Through these CVC activities, Kyocera will further accelerate open innovation in anticipation of market changes by strengthening its search and support for start-ups.

Overview of the Fund

Entity name	Kyocera Venture Fund-I LP (KVF-I)
Establishment date	April 9, 2024
Fund size	USD 60 million (approximately 53.897 million Euro ²)
Operating period	10 years
Investment areas	Environment and energy, information and communications, medical and healthcare, mobility, advanced materials, software (including AI), aerospace and defense, semiconductors, and nuclear fusion
Investment stage	Early stage (Seed, Series A-B)
Investment size	USD 0.2-2 million (less than 20 % equity)
General partner	Kyocera Venture Partners Fund-I GP LLC
Website	https://www.kyocera.vc/

¹ Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

² As of September 16, 2024.



For more information on Kyocera: uk.kyocera.com

About Kyocera

Kyocera has been successful in Europe for over 50 years. From its European headquarters in Esslingen am Neckar, KYOCERA Europe GmbH operates 26 sites including manufacturing facilities, with products ranging from fine ceramics, electronics, automotive, semiconductor and optical components to industrial tools, LCDs, touch solutions, industrial printing components, solar systems and consumer goods such as kitchen and office products.

KYOCERA Europe GmbH is a company of the KYOCERA Corporation headquartered in Kyoto/Japan, a world leader in semiconductor, industrial and automotive components as well as electronic components, printing and multifunction systems, and communications technology. The technology group is one of the world's most experienced manufacturers of smart energy systems, with more than 45 years of industry expertise. The Kyocera Group comprises 292 subsidiaries (31 March 2024). In England, Kyocera has a subsidiary in Frimley, KYOCERA Fineceramics Ltd. With around 79,200 employees, Kyocera generated net annual sales of around EUR 12.29 billion in the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Kyocera is ranked 672 on Forbes magazine's 'Global 2000' list for 2023, and ranked as 'The 100 Most Sustainably Managed Companies in the World' according to the Wall Street Journal. For the second year in a row, Kyocera qualified for the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Asia-Pacific). As well, Kyocera receives a Gold rating on EcoVadis Sustainability Survey for the second consecutive year and was acknowledged as a 'Top 100 Global Innovator 2023', being one of the world's leading innovators, for the eighth time by Clarivate.

The company also takes an active interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, a prominent international award, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation — established by Kyocera founder Dr Kazuo Inamori — to individuals worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (equivalent to approximately €596,500 per prize category).

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