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POELLATH advises HZG Group on the launch of HZG Additive Manufacturing Tech Fund with a volume of EUR 60 million

Venture capital investor group <u>HZG</u> launches its first venture capital fund, the HZG Additive Manufacturing Tech Fund, with a volume of EUR 60 million. The fund's investor base includes experienced entrepreneurs and investors, as well as major family offices.

Based in Coburg, Bavaria, HZG Group is comprised of venture capital investments, business angel investments and its own research and development center with a clear focus on additive manufacturing (3D printing). The company's investment focus is on early-stage investments in innovative start-ups in the DACH region. The investments are focused on all areas of additive manufacturing and related industry fields: from machines and processes to applications and services in the context of Industry 4.0, such as machine learning, robotics, automation, Internet of Things (IoT) and AI applications. In the future, two to three investments per year are planned.

The founders and managing partners of HZG Group, Kerstin Herzog and Frank Carsten Herzog, have more than 20 years of experience in 3D printing and, in addition to their know-how and understanding of the industry, complement the capital investment with a corresponding network and their passion for technology.

Additive manufacturing is becoming increasingly important in more and more industries. Nearly half of German companies expect to utilize additive manufacturing for end products as early as 2022, according to management consultants EY.

POELLATH advised HZG Group on all contractual and regulatory aspects of fund structuring and marketing, as well as on investor negotiations regarding the launch of the fund with the following Berlin-based team:

- Dr. Philip Schwarz van Berk (partner, private funds).
- Katharina Schröter (associate, private funds)
- Dennis Fordan (associate, private funds)



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