



ASTER CAPITAL APPOINTS GAËTANE SUZENET AS VENTURE ADVISOR TO RAISE A FUND DEDICATED TO WATER.

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Aster Capital announces the appointment of Gaëtane Suzenet as Venture Advisor. Gaëtane will strengthen the Aster team, who is made up of about ten investors.

Formerly Managing Director of DREAM, the 'Water and Environment' competitiveness cluster for the Centre - Val de Loire Region of France, and Director of European Affairs at Water UK, Gaëtane will be in charge of bringing together water sector's players, and other stakeholders interested and active in water technologies and services, in a dedicated investment fund.

Aster Capital is an investor specialised in high-growth companies in the areas of energy, intelligent transportation, advanced materials and the Internet of Things.

'Gaëtane Suzenet will develop a new expertise – water technologies – which is coherent with and complementary to our core business. Her joining Aster Capital will enable us to promote our value proposition to new industry players and strengthen our geographic coverage in Europe and in the US', explains Jean-Marc Bally, Managing Partner of Aster Capital.

The water market is undergoing a profound change. The momentum is no longer driven exclusively by infrastructure development, but also by the development of new technologies and services. With this dedicated fund, Aster Capital expects to support and accelerate this market momentum in Europe and in the US.

'We are closely looking at smart water initiatives and new developments in water treatment. We are going to source the best technologies, and provide them with capital as well as advisory services and access to markets via our open innovation processes', said Gaëtane Suzenet, Venture Advisor at Aster Capital.



Before joining Aster Capital, Gaëtane Suzenet was Managing Director of DREAM, the 'Water and Environment' competitiveness cluster for the Centre - Val de Loire region of France, and the Director of European Affairs at Water UK, the professional federation of industrial water operators in the UK. Gaëtane is also Independent Reviewer for Ireland's Environmental Protection Agency and a Member of the European Experts' Panel for the European Collaborative Research Initiative on water (Water JPI).

ABOUT ASTER CAPITAL:

Aster Capital invests in teams who develop superior solutions or business models to solve global challenges in the fields of Digital Energy, Connected Mobility and Inspiring Resources, from Series A to growth stage. Aster Capital is located in San Francisco, Paris and Beijing and has more than \$250 million under management in several funds raised from large global corporations and institutional investors. The Aster team has extensive experience in supporting high growth companies by leveraging its networks and opening partnership opportunities with its corporate sponsors. Since its launch in 2000, Aster Capital has invested in more than 40 innovative companies, including Solairedirect (France, acquired by Engie in 2015), Connectblue (Sweden, acquired by u-blox in 2014), and CPower (US, acquired by Constellation Energy in 2010).

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