



ASTER CAPITAL NOMINATES HERVÉ TOUATI AS VENTURE ADVISOR TO STRENGTHEN ITS EXPERTISE IN ENERGY.

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Aster Capital announces the nomination of Hervé Touati as a Venture Advisor. After the recent nomination of Gaëtane Suzenet as a water technology specialist, Aster continues its growth strategy by welcoming a renowned expert in renewable and distributed energy.

Formerly an executive member of the E.ON group in charge of renewable energy and currently Managing Director of the Rocky Mountain Institute, an American 'think-and-do' tank on energy, Hervé will contribute to Aster Capital's investment strategy for the United States.

With an office in San Francisco since 2010, Aster Capital has already made a dozen investments in North America. The pace of investment in the US is increasing, with the VC-firm having already announced two investments for early 2016 in the startups CustomerMatrix and EnTouch Controls.

'Hervé Touati is a key expert in the US on renewable energy and distributed energy. He is also greatly involved with startups as an angel investor. He will provide us with his expertise to identify the most promising areas and develop our network with new investors', said Jean-Marc Bally, Managing Partner of Aster Capital.

'Technology is opening up new opportunities to energy markets, increasing the reliability and decreasing the cost of energy production and management. The most promising companies to look at are those in the energy efficiency, energy monitoring software, storage, renewable energy and microgrids sectors', explained Hervé Touati, Venture Advisor for Aster Capital.

Hervé Touati is also the Managing Director of the Rocky Mountain Institute, an American 'think-and-do' tank on energy, Chairman of Black Bear Energy Inc. and a member of the Bidgely, Green Tech Capital Advisors and OneShore Energy advisory boards. Previously, Hervé Touati was the Managing Director of E.ON Climate & Renewables, then CEO of E.ON's distributed energy business.



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 \$300 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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