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Florida Venture Forum Announces 20 High Quality Companies to Present and Exhibit at the 2017 Florida Venture Capital Conference, Taking Place February 2-3, 2017, in Orlando

Tampa, Orlando and Miami, FL – January 10, 2017 - The Florida Venture Forum, Florida’s largest statewide support organization for investors and entrepreneurs, is pleased to announce its lineup of 21 high quality companies that will present and exhibit at the 2017 Florida Venture Capital Conference, to be held at the Waldorf Astoria in Orlando, FL.

“Our investor-only selection committee has done an outstanding job of selecting 20 companies that will make the Conference one of the best in the event’s 26-year history,” said Travis Milks, Chairman of the Selection Committee of the 2017 Florida Venture Capital Conference and a partner with Stonehenge Growth Equity Partners in Tampa.

“The Conference is always a must-attend event for anyone involved in the venture capital and private equity industry in Florida,” added Casey Swercheck, Chairman of the 2017 Florida Venture Capital Conference and Vice President of Capitala Group. “This year will be no exception. With outstanding programming and 20 leading companies, we are on track to set attendance records.”

The diverse group of presenters includes companies focused on multiple industries and technologies selected from over 100 applicants by a committee of active equity investors.

Central/East Central Florida

Captozyme Inc., (www.captozyme.com), **Gainesville**, develops and manufactures highly effective enzymes in superior manufacturing processes allowing for consumer food products and therapeutics with exceedingly high margin.

Fattmerchant, (www.fattmerchant.com), **Orlando**, is a subscription-based merchant services provider and payment technology company revolutionizing the industry by providing a transparent, wholesale model where merchants pay direct cost of credit card processing with no markups, no ancillary fees, and no contract, for a flat monthly membership.

Fortress Information Security, (www.fortressis.com), **Orlando**, is the leading third party risk management (TPRM) security technology and services provider for organizations that have large, complex vendor and supply chain networks.

ProAct Health Solutions, (www.proacthealthsolutions.com), **Celebration**, is a Florida based provider of a nationally scalable, technology enabled, turnkey solution for obstructive sleep apnea.

Vestagen Protective Technologies, (www.vestagen.com), **Orlando**, develops and markets advanced performance textile products and technologies.

Southeast Florida

Breezer Holdings, LLC, (www.powerbreezer.com), **Deerfield Beach**, their products combine custom fan technology with a highly efficient water atomizing system that delivers the cooling effect of misting (at distances up to 100 feet) without getting people or machinery wet.

Citizen, (www.citizen.co), **Miami**, provides its customers with a frictionless, convenient experience in filling-out and submitting U.S. government forms.

Everyware, (www.everyware.com), **Boca Raton**, is a consumer relationship platform targeted to businesses who are underserved by technology. Ease of adoption, low cost and a virtual marketing assistant give the business owners capabilities in marketing, CRM and mobile engagement.

iraLogix, (www.iralogix.com), **Miami**, provides the only institutionally priced, fully managed, paperless IRA technology platform, including advice and education.

MyTaskit, (www.mytaskit.com), **Hobe Sound**, is a comprehensive software solution for coordinating and managing tasks within companies and between multiple businesses and their customers.

VortexLegal, (www.vortexlegal.com), **Ft. Lauderdale**, disrupts the “agency” business model and connects law firms and corporate legal departments with all legal vendors resulting in savings of 10-20% on all services by using our technology platform to “go direct” to each vendor.

West Central/Southwest Florida

Catalyst OrthoScience LLC, (www.catalystortho.com), **Naples**, is a medical device company that is commercializing a novel design for a total shoulder replacement system known as the Catalyst Shoulder Replacement System (the “CSR”).

Happy Grasshopper, (www.happygrasshopper.com), **Safety Harbor**, their service combines the strengths of marketing automation and professional copywriting to help salespeople acquire more opportunity and close more business.

Mize, (www.m-ize.com), **Tampa**, enables durable goods manufacturers to maximize customer lifetime value by helping them to retain the customers and grow the revenues and profits from the loyal customer base.

PikMyKid, (www.pikmykid.com), **Tampa**, is the first and only communication portal to simplify student dismissal process in K-12 schools, increasing teacher efficiency & student security while reducing traffic around schools. PikMyKid was the winner of the 2016 Florida Early Stage Capital Conference.

That’s Us Technologies, (www.lotvantage.com), **Tampa**, is a digital marketing company for dealerships. The company is acquiring a tablet-based, end-to-end sales process for dealerships and eventually,

technology to complete the online purchase process for the dealer and to remove the hassle for the consumer.

Georgia

NanoLumens, (www.nanolumens.com), **Norcross**, designs, builds and sells display solutions to hundreds of the world's largest retailers, airports, corporations, transit stations, hospitals, casinos, universities and sports teams. With a large intellectual property portfolio and a proprietary building block called a "Nixel", NanoLumens is proud to include hundreds of the largest and best brands as their clients.

Texas

RSVP Loans, LLC, (www.rsvploans.com), **Hurst**, is an online provider of personal loans to nonprime consumers. Their proprietary technology platform automates the entire loan process from marketing offer through loan origination and servicing, resulting in superior cost position and scalability.

Exhibiting Companies:

BioTools, Inc. (www.btools.com), **Jupiter**, is a Life Sciences tools company. It is recognized worldwide as the innovator that commercialized two of the most advanced techniques for critical structure characterization of molecules. They specialize in two types of pharmaceuticals – chiral and biologics - both kinds comprising blockbuster examples which include drugs such as Plavix, Lipitor and Humira.

Society Plus, (www.societyplus.com), **Melbourne**, is a vertically-integrated brand selling plus size clothing directly to millennial women through its website (B2C) and to wholesale customers (B2B).

StarGate Studios, (www.stargatestudios.net), **Pasadena, CA**, is an international film and television production studio specializing in visual effects and high tech entertainment solutions. With ten production facilities world wide.

About The Florida Venture Forum

The Florida Venture Forum is Florida's largest statewide support organization for investors and entrepreneurs, helping emerging Florida companies connect with sources of capital from across the country. The organization provides programs statewide throughout the year in addition to hosting the Florida Venture Capital Conference, the Statewide Collegiate Business Plan Competition and the Early Stage Capital Conference. www.flventure.org.

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