

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Alternative Asset Commitments

Background and Summary: Under a May 1994 Request for Action, the university may commit to follow-on investments in a new fund sponsored by a previously approved partnership, provided the fund has the same investment strategy and core investment personnel as the prior fund.

Pursuant to that policy, this item reports on the university's follow-on investments with the previously approved partnerships listed below.

Alternative Asset Commitments

Eclipse Ventures is a Palo Alto, CA, based venture capital firm that will make equity investments in early-stage U.S.-based technology startups. Targeted companies will be hardware and core technology companies domiciled or with substantial operations in the United States, Canada, and Israel. Areas of investment focus will typically be in sectors where the investment team has prior experience. The primary area of focus will be hardware solutions, which Eclipse Ventures believes remains an essential factor in developing important businesses.

In April 2021, the University committed up to \$55 million to two Eclipse Ventures sponsored investments.

Chengwei Ventures, a venture capital firm located in Shanghai, China, will invest in Chinese companies with significant growth potential and provide goods and services to the Chinese economy. Chengwei will invest across various industries, including manufacturing, consumer goods, and the internet, and will fund early-stage entrepreneurial and established businesses in need of expansion capital. The firm manages an evergreen fund that enables value creation over the long term.

In March 2021, the University committed up to \$40 million for the next four-year investment cycle of Chengwei Ventures Evergreen Fund, L.P.

Respectfully submitted,



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