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# Golden Equator Capital Appoints Family Office Professional Pooja Gurbani As Partner for its Venture Team

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- Helped set up two Asian multi-family offices: Crossbridge Capital and Fusang

**Singapore, 9 October 2019** – Golden Equator Capital (GEC), a Singapore-based fund management arm, today announces the appointment of Pooja Gurbani as a Partner for its Venture Investments team. Her responsibilities include mentoring portfolio companies and maintaining strategic partnerships across the innovation and investment communities.

Pooja joined Golden Equator Capital with more than 20 years of experience managing different types of investments in global financial hubs including London, New York, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Prior to joining Golden Equator, she was most recently managing her family office during which she oversaw investments in various asset classes and developed a keen interest to help and invest in new innovative businesses.

She has mentored and invested in successful startups including <u>Canopy</u>, an online wealth management platform and <u>Amazin' Graze</u>, a healthy snacks and breakfast delivery company. Currently, Pooja is also an advisor to Green Monday Ventures – a private equity fund investing in ventures that resolve existing and potential global issues such as climate change, food insecurity, health, and animal welfare.

Pooja Gurbani, Partner, Venture Investments at Golden Equator Capital, said, "With Southeast Asia being the focus of growth for VCs and startup, the next few years will see an exciting amount of growth and opportunities for startups and investors in this region. I am thrilled to be a part of this dynamic team and community, and I hope to bring my network and leverage my experience gleaned from working across functions and financial hubs globally in helping GEC's portfolio companies and in identifying opportunities."



Pooja Gurbani, Partner, Venture Investments at Golden Equator Capital

While managing her family office, Pooja has advised several family offices in her network on their investments and in securing private investment deals for them. She also helped establish two Asian multi-family offices: Crossbridge Capital and Fusang.

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Daren Tan, Managing Partner, Venture Investments at Golden Equator Capital, said, "Pooja will be a valuable addition to the Venture team with her global experience and perspectives, having strong track record working with and advising startups, and her keen personal interest in health- and impact-related investments would provide fresh perspectives for us in identifying opportunities."

Golden Equator Capital currently runs S\$120m GEC-KIP Technology and Innovation Fund, with co-manager Korea Investment Partners. In September, the GEC-KIP fund announced a US\$2.3m investment in leading Vietnamese PropTech <u>Rever</u> and a US\$2.5m investment into Southeast Asia's #1 digital talent agency <u>Gushcloud International</u>. To date, the fund's portfolio companies include Indonesia's fashion e-commerce platform <u>Sorabel</u> and Singapore's online-to-offline PropTech platform <u>Ohmyhome</u>.

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#### **About Golden Equator Capital**

Golden Equator Capital (GEC) is a Singapore-based fund management firm holding a Capital Markets Services (CMS) licence with funds across real estate, high-growth technology, and prime currencies, available to accredited and institutional investors.

Our Technology and Innovation Funds invest in high-growth technology companies. Our Private Capital Funds provide investors access to investment opportunities in companies and projects in Southeast Asia's growing economies. Our Prime Currency Income Fund helps manage our clients' liquidity and produce absolute returns.

GEC is a subsidiary of the Golden Equator Group. Through its five businesses, the conglomerate embraces its core pillars of Capital, Technology, and Community, to build financially rewarding businesses and create social impact in the world.

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