



C4 Ventures

Valère Rames joins C4 Ventures as Investment Partner to strengthen its European early-stage focus in AI and deep tech

Paris, September 8, 2025 – C4 Ventures announces the appointment of seasoned tech VC investor **Valère Rames** as **Investment Partner**, reinforcing its European early-stage strategy in artificial intelligence and deep tech, technologies that will shape the global economy for decades to come.

Valère joins C4 Ventures' Partners: **Pascal Cagni** (Founder; former VP & GM Apple EMEA), **Boris Bakech** (Co-founder and Managing Partner), **Eric Boustouller** (former President, Microsoft Western Europe), **Michel Sassano** (Deep Tech Partner), and **Mathieu Bourdié** (CFO & Head of Investor Relations).

Valère Rames brings more than a decade's experience in early-stage venture capital. His hands-on approach, recognized by the founders he backed, helped them shape their organizations and contributed to a strong track record in the software industry.

As Partner at Hi Inov–Dentressangle, Valère participated in 25 investments, leading a dozen of them, resulting in successful exits to strategic cross border buyers and private equity firms.

This experience, coupled with significant board involvement at companies such as **Deepki** (sustainability solutions for real estate), **Zelros** (AI platform for banking and insurance), and **Per Augusta** (procurement performance management software), positions Valère to reinforce C4 Ventures' founder-first ethos, and its mission to back ambitious teams shaping the future of technology.

"I'm excited to join C4 Ventures at such a pivotal moment for European tech. The firm's DNA as a fund led by former operators, with a strong track record of standing alongside founders, deeply resonates with me. Over the past decade, I've had the privilege of working closely with entrepreneurs, helping them structure their organizations and scale internationally, and supporting them through to exit. I look forward to bringing this experience to C4 Ventures, to support founders as they navigate the opportunities and challenges of the AI revolution with ambition and rigour," said **Valère Rames**.

"Valère's appointment reflects our commitment to reinforcing C4 Ventures' edge in early stage European investments. His proven ability to deliver results across the full investment cycle, combined with his European perspective, makes him a perfect fit for our partnership," said **Pascal Cagni**.

Boris Bakech, Co-founder and Managing Partner, added: "C4 Ventures was built on a vision of operators backing entrepreneurs with global ambitions and strong involvement. Valère's hands-on experience alongside the founders he backed from inception to exit will be key assets as we deploy our next funds."

C4 Ventures: early-stage AI and deep tech

C4 Ventures has always been convinced by the potential of the European venture asset class, and its ability to generate future global leaders. The firm sees artificial intelligence as the defining technological shift of our time, which will transform both **Software Applications**, where much of the industry is currently focused, and **Physical AI (robotics and autonomous systems)**, where **C4 has been a pioneer since its inception**.

C4 Ventures is recognized for its hardware expertise with five hardware unicorns and leading portfolio companies such as **NEURA Robotics** (cognitive robots), **PsiQuantum** and **Alice & Bob** (quantum computing), **Graphcore**, and more recently **Arago** (AI semiconductors).

This conviction is grounded in the belief that **Europe has the talent, research base, and entrepreneurial drive to lead the AI revolution**.

The appointment of **Valère Rames**, a recognized investor with a proven early-stage track record, and a reputation for working shoulder-to-shoulder with entrepreneurs, comes at the perfect time to capture this once-in-a-lifetime technological cycle.

About C4 Ventures

Founded in 2014, C4 Ventures is a leading European Venture firm led by former Apple and Microsoft executives, a team of business operators backing ambitious tech entrepreneurs. More than an investor, C4 Ventures strives to create value through deep understanding, strong involvement, and concrete operational support, notably companies' development in Europe.

Since inception, C4 Ventures has backed 54 startups of which 12 became unicorns, a unique ratio in European Venture Capital. Its most recent fund stands out for having delivered liquidity to investors faster than most of its peers, earning a top-decile ranking within its vintage.

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