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JSR Life Sciences Launches Corporate Venture Fund to Foster Investment in New Companies and Innovative Technologies

Company Appoints Seasoned Life Science Investment and Business Development Executive Dr. Jason Yuanxin Zhang to Lead the Fund

SUNNYVALE, California, March 23, 2021 – JSR Life Sciences, LLC today announced the launch of its ‘JSR Life Sciences Corporate Venture Fund.’ As part of a continued effort to identify and accelerate novel therapies and innovative technologies, JSR will leverage the new fund to invest in multiple deals within the next few years.

The fund is initially focusing on emerging life science companies with novel platforms and approaches to improving therapeutic outcomes and those with innovative technologies to support life science research, development, and manufacturing. To facilitate the fund’s operations, JSR has appointed Jason Yuanxin Zhang, Ph.D., whose experience includes life science research and investment consultation, to Head-Corporate Venture Fund.

“JSR Life Sciences has extensive global knowledge and experience with early-stage research, discovery, and technology that improves clinical outcomes. We are uniquely positioned to understand what works and what the market needs,” said Jean-Pierre Wery, Ph.D., chief technology officer for JSR Life Sciences. “Initiating this fund and offering the ability to invest in the life sciences sector is a natural extension of our core expertise. Jason’s ability to connect with contacts in many different facets of our industry, along with his experience in forging relationships and identifying promising assets, make him optimally qualified to identify opportunities for long-term value in our industry.”

Dr. Zhang brings to JSR extensive experience in international equity markets focused on the life sciences, having held multiple leadership roles with Prudential Equity, BMO Capital Markets, and Edison Group. He also served as Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategy, at Medisun Holdings, and most recently with Humanwell Healthcare Group, serving as Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director, International Investment and Business Development. Prior life sciences work includes several research positions with Eli Lilly and holding Board positions with several biotech companies, including Mirata Pharmaceuticals and Denovo Biopharma. Dr. Zhang holds a Ph.D. in Botanical Sciences (Plant Pathology-Cell, Molecular, and Neurosciences) from the University of Hawaii, an MBA from Indiana University Kelly School of Business, and an MS from China Agricultural University in Beijing.

“I look forward to working with JSR Life Sciences as the Company enters a major inflection point with its new corporate venture fund,” said Dr. Zhang. “I value JSR’s dedication to discovering new therapies and technologies and look forward to bringing my experience in leadership, growth, and business development to support their work.”

To learn more, contact the JSR Life Sciences Venture Fund [here](#).

About JSR Life Sciences, LLC

A business unit of JSR Corporation, JSR Life Science LLC (JSR LS) is changing human health as a strategic partner and pathfinder for the life sciences industry. Rooted in a history of materials innovation, JSR LS provides specialized products, materials, and services to biopharmaceutical companies and academic researchers. Together with its world-class affiliates, JSR LS offers best-in-class integrated services that de-risk molecule selection, accelerate biologic development timelines, increase clinical success rates, and develop novel *in vitro* diagnostics. JSR LS’s global network of affiliates includes Crown Bioscience, KBI Biopharma, Inc., Selexis SA, and MEDICAL & BIOLOGICAL LABORATORIES CO., LTD. The company operates R&D and applications labs, manufacturing facilities, and sales offices worldwide. For more information, visit JSRLifeSciences.com



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