

Atomico partner Yann de Vries joins Lilium as VP Corporate Development



Lilium GmbH, the disruptive aviation start-up developing a revolutionary on-demand air mobility service, is further strengthening its senior team by appointing Yann de Vries as VP Corporate Development.

Yann will play an important role in the strategic development of the company, including leading long-term partnership development and investor relations. Yann joins from Atomico, the leading European venture capital firm, who has championed Lilium since leading the company's Series A round in 2016.

As a Partner at Atomico, Yann focussed on the mobility sector, working on the sourcing, evaluation, negotiation and due diligence of new investment opportunities. Yann worked closely with Atomico founding Partner and CEO Niklas Zennström on Atomico's investment into Lilium, and led investments into GoEuro and Teralytics among others.

Having worked in the tech industry for the past 20 years in various leadership roles across Europe, US, Asia, Africa and Latin America, Yann brings extensive experience in both developed and emerging markets. This will be a significant asset in his new role as he helps create a global ecosystem for Lilium.

Daniel Wiegand, Lilium co-founder and CEO said : "In his role at Atomico, Yann was a supporter of Lilium and our plans from day one. We are thrilled that Yann demonstrates his trust in Lilium by bringing his invaluable wealth of expertise and leadership to us in his role as VP Corporate Development."

Dr. Remo Gerber, Chief Commercial Officer at Lilium said: "As we enter some very exciting stages in Lilium's growth, Yann's expertise in strategic development will play a significant role in helping us achieve our vision of revolutionizing air mobility."

Yann de Vries, VP Corporate Development at Lilium said: "After working closely with the founders for the past two and a half years, I have become so passionate about the Lilium team and their mission that I really wanted to join them on their extraordinary journey. I am excited to continue to work closely with the incredible Atomico team to help Lilium scale into Europe's next global category defining success!"

Niklas Zennström, CEO and Partner of Atomico, and Lilium board member said: "Lilium is on a very exciting trajectory, and Yann's experience makes him a perfect fit to lead their corporate development strategy. As an investor, we are very supportive of the transition and have confidence in the impact Yann will have at Lilium. As a board member I look forward to continuing to work with Yann in the next phase of his career."

Yann joined Atomico from Redpoint e.ventures (RPeV), one of Brazil's leading venture capital funds, where he was a Managing Director and co-founder, leading investments in Farfetch and Gympass. Prior to starting RPeV, he was the head of Corporate Development for Cisco in EMEA and Latin America, and spent five years in Silicon Valley working for a start-up and in Venture Capital. Yann began his career in engineering and operating roles at large tech companies across Europe and Emerging Markets, including Hong Kong and Egypt.

Yann holds an MSEE from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETH) and an MBA from Harvard Business School. A keen traveler, he has lived in 15 cities in 9 different countries and speaks four languages; English, French, German and Portuguese, supporting his passion for working across different cultures in a global environment.

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