

Jalak Jobanputra – Abbreviated Bio

Jalak Jobanputra is the Founding Partner of Future\Perfect Ventures, an early stage venture capital fund in NYC focused on next-generation technology such as blockchain and machine learning. FPV's portfolio includes Abra, Open Garden, Blockstream, Bitpesa, FuseMachines, Everledger and Blockchain. Jalak was awarded Institutional Investor's Top Fintech Dealmakers in 2017 and 2016. In 2017, she was cited as a "Top 5 Investor Powering the Blockchain Boom" and CB Insights noted FPV as one of the top VC funds in blockchain "before it was cool". Jalak also received the Microsoft Top VC Trailblazer Award for her "valuable contribution to the blockchain community" in May 2018. Since founding the firm, she has spoken on blockchain technology at many global conferences, including the Milken Global Institute, Dutch Development Bank/FMO annual meeting, and The Economist Buttonwood Gathering. Additionally, Jalak is the Founder of Collective Future, a global initiative to foster diversity, inclusion, and education in the blockchain sector.

Prior to FPV, Jobanputra was the Director of Emerging Market Mobile Investments at Omidyar Network, a philanthrocapitalist fund started by Pierre Omidyar, co-founder of eBay. Previously, she worked at Intel Capital investing in enterprise software in Silicon Valley from 1999-2003. as well as New Venture Partners and the NYC Investment Fund where she formed one of NYC's first seed funds and helped establish the Fintech Innovation Lab in 2010. She started her career as a media/tech/telecom investment banker in NYC and London.

Jobanputra is also active in supporting education reform and social entrepreneurship. She served as a Trustee of Achievement First Bushwick Charter Schools (Brooklyn). She is on the Board of Directors for the Center for an Urban Future, Advisory Board of L'Oreal's Women in Digital Initiative, member of Mayor DeBlasio's Broadband Taskforce, and former Access to Capital Committee member of the US Secretary of State Clinton Women's Leadership Council.

She is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, with a B.S. in Economics (concentration in Finance) from The Wharton School and a B.A. in Communications from the Annenberg School. She received her MBA from Kellogg in 1999.