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February Newsletter

Ascension's First Investor Event of the Year

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our first investor event of the year, and to Google for hosting us.

Malli Kini, Partner at [Blick Rothenberg](#), provided a deep dive into the Autumn 2024 Budget, sharing valuable insights with the founders and investors in the room.

We also heard from some of the brilliant founders in our portfolio:

- Johnny Siu, Co-founder of [Vinnu](#) - an AI-powered property management platform
- Yousef Oghanna, Chief of Staff at [Togather](#) - the operating system for events
- Pahini Pandya, Founder of [Panakeia](#) - AI platform for rapid molecular testing to accelerate precision treatment and drug development

It's always a pleasure to bring together investors, founders, and partners from across the Ascension community - we can't wait to see you at the next one!



Ascension's EIS Funds (2025/26 Tax Year) Open for Investment

If you're interested in exploring tax-efficient investment opportunities, Ascension offers the following EIS funds (our SEIS fund is now 95% subscribed):

Ascension **EIS** and **KI** Funds

Our Generalist Technology Ascension EIS fund is open for Tax Year 25/26, as well as our Knowledge Intensive fund, closing on April 3rd 2025

Carry-Back EIS Fund

Co-invest in our last investments of the tax year to and 'carry back' relief to the 2023-24 tax year by this April, while building a diversified portfolio.

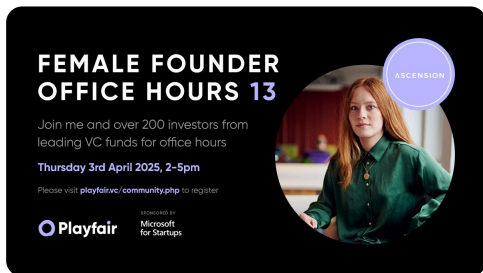
Capsule



The [Capsule Insurance Scale-Up 50](#) List celebrates visionary leaders who drive innovation and transformation. We are excited that four of our portfolio made the list:



Office hours with Freya and Investor Insights with Jean



Freya, Ascension Associate, Returns to Playfair's Female Founder Office Hours

Freya will be representing Ascension at the Europe-wide Female Founder Office Hours on 3rd April 2025.

This great initiative, led by Playfair Capital, brings together more than 190 VCs from across Europe to support, mentor, and build meaningful connections with female founders.

If you're a female founder interested in taking part, please sign up [here](#) 🚀



Investor Insights with Jean: How to Stand Out and Secure Your Next Funding Round

Jean de Fougerolles, Managing Partner at Ascension, recently provided valuable insights at the Startup Grind London event.

Drawing on his extensive experience, having invested in over 150 startups since 2015, Jean shared practical advice and strategies to help founders differentiate themselves, increase their chances of success, and harness technology to tackle global challenges.

Stablepharma Secures €2.5M EIC Grant to Revolutionise Vaccine Storage

Stablepharma has been awarded a €2.5 million grant from the European Innovation Council (EIC) Accelerator for its groundbreaking fridge-free vaccine technology. This funding recognises the potential of StablevaX™, a solution that eliminates the need for refrigeration, addressing critical cold-chain logistics challenges.

Chosen from over 1,200 proposals, Stablepharma's solution allows scalable production of thermostable vaccines. Clinical trials start in March 2025, with results expected by Q4 2025. Read more [here](#).

More Portfolio News

Ascension witnesses lots of exciting developments across its 150+ portfolio - here are a few highlights

- [Juniver](#) named one of New York's top 100 Digital Health companies by Digital Health New York
- JULIENNE BRUNO [launches](#) new product 'Mozzafiore Pearls,' exclusively available in Whole Foods
- Jarvis [shortlisted](#) for 'Pensions Tech of the Year' award at the UK FinTech Awards
- Congratulations to Ina, CTO and Co-Founder of Anathem for being recognised as a [winner](#) of Innovate UK's Women in Innovation Award
- [Wagestream](#) featured at Nasdaq HQ

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