

Top Women In Venture Capital


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This year, three women made the Midas List— Jenny Lee at GGV Capital, Mary Meeker at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, and Theresia Gouw at Accel Partners. Lee first broke onto the List last year at #94, and she made a big jump this year to #36, largely driven by the recent IPO of Sinosun Technology, in addition to her older investments in 21Vianet and YY. Meeker has generated plenty of headlines as a leader of KPCB's digital growth strategy, and she splashed onto the Midas List at #42 last year. Her pulse on the direction of information technology is still on target, and her yearly presentation on Internet trends remains a must-read. She has led high-profile investments in companies such as Spotify, 360buy.com and Lending Club. Meeker checks in at #47 this year. Gouw, ranked #82, is easily the go-to venture capitalist for consumer Internet companies, but she also has a deep understanding of security. Gouw has had successful exits in both sectors after the IPOs of Imperva in 2011 and Trulia in 2012, and she has been on the Midas List since 2011.

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Rebecca Lynn

As partner at Morgenthaler Ventures, Rebecca Lynn focuses on early-stage investments in mobile, health 2.0, Internet services and financial services. She led the investment in Practice Fusion, and serves on the boards of Doximity, Lending Club, Pageonce and Socrata. She joined Morgenthaler's Menlo Park office in 2007.

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While we had hoped for a few more women to break onto the list, we are pleased to note that Rebecca Lynn at Morgenthaler Ventures has made our list of 2013 Hot Midas Prospects. Lynn and Adele Oliva of Quaker Partners (who was on the Midas List in 2012) were both in the top 150 but just outside of the Midas List this year. We fully expect Lynn to join the Midas List next year, given her early involvement in companies such as Evernote, Lending Club, and Practice Fusion. Oliva, in addition to being one of the best female investors, also makes our list of Top Ten Life Sciences Investors. A Class 3 Kauffman Fellow, Oliva has been a believer in companies such as EKR Therapeutics and Prometheus Labs, and she is clearly a leading investor in pharmaceuticals and medical devices.