



# Advantage

BC Advantage Funds

*Investing in the future of British Columbia*

## Advantage – At a Glance

Advantage is a venture capital fund that offers anyone in BC the opportunity to invest in a portfolio of some of BC's most promising life science, technology and clean technology companies and to receive a 30% refundable tax credit from the BC Government on investments of up to \$200,000 per year.

## Advantage – Experience

Our management team has over 100 years of experience in successfully building life science and technology companies.



### Frank Holler, CEO and Partner

Founding CEO of ID Biomedical, which was sold to Glaxo Smith Kline in 2006 for \$1.6 billion. Founding Director of Angiotech Pharmaceuticals. Founding CEO of Xenon Pharmaceuticals.



### Jim Heppell, President and Partner

Former corporate finance lawyer in the life science sector. Co-founder and Fund Manager of Advantage Life Sciences Fund I, the best performing retail fund in Canada over five years.



### David Raffa, COO and Partner

Former Corporate Finance lawyer in technology sector. M&A specialist. Co-author of "Everything I Need to know about Business...I Learned from a Canadian"



### Tanner Philp, CFO & Partner

CA with experience in M&A and financing. 2007 BC CA Institute Early Achievement Award.



### Ray Matthews, VP Sales & Marketing and Partner

Co-Founder of Advantage Life Science Fund I. Leads our fundraising and investor relations activities.

## Advantage - Proven Track Record

Advantage has raised over \$95 million and is the largest VCC in BC.

In 2006, Advantage received the Canadian Venture Capital "Deal of the Year" Award for achieving the highest return on a single investment (23.4x return on its investment in Aspreva Pharmaceuticals) realized in that year.

## Advantage - Tax Savings

### Tax Savings

Amount invested	\$10,000
Less refundable credit	-\$3,000
Less RRSP tax deduction*	-\$4,370
<b>Net cost of investment</b>	<b>= \$2,630</b>

\*Assuming an investor in the top tax bracket of 43.7% contributes Advantage to his or her RRSP.

The Province of British Columbia provides our investors with a 30% refundable tax credit. If an investor does not owe any taxes, the investor will receive a cheque from the Province for the full amount of the tax credit. Individuals investing in Advantage directly from their RRSP, RRIF or TFSA will still receive their 30% tax credit personally. In either case, investors will receive their tax credit payments on a tax-free basis.

The Province allows each resident of BC to invest up to \$200,000 into Advantage, and to receive tax credits for up to \$60,000 each year.

BC corporations investing in Advantage will receive a 30% tax credit against taxes payable. Tax credits may be carried forward for up to five years.

In exchange for the tax credit, the Province requires investors to hold their shares of Advantage for five years from when we invest their funds in eligible small business. After the five year period, investors may redeem their shares for their net asset value at the time of redemption.

## Advantage – The Mentor Model

Successful investing in young companies requires more than just financial capital – it requires human capital. We provide this by applying the Mentor Model.

We have built a team of over 70 mentors – successful, experienced life science, technology and clean technology entrepreneurs - willing to be directors, officers and mentors of our portfolio companies.

Learn more about our Mentor Model and about our team of Mentors at our web site: [www.bcadvantagefunds.com](http://www.bcadvantagefunds.com)

## Take Advantage!

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## **Risk Factors**

This document is neither an offer to sell securities nor a solicitation of an offer to buy securities. The securities of our VCC funds are sold only by prospectus and through registered investment advisors. Investors should consult with their own investment advisors and obtain a copy of our applicable prospectus before making a decision to invest in one of our VCC funds.

An investment in one of our VCC funds is speculative and high risk. This material includes reports of past performance. There is no guarantee that past performance will be indicative of future performance. The Company assumes no obligation to update the information in this document.

There is no market for our securities and liquidity may depend upon our ability to redeem our shares after the required hold period which is five years following the date we have invested our investors' funds. There is no guarantee that we will be able to redeem our shares if, as and when requested to by an investor. Investors should consider this investment a long-term investment.

An investment in our securities includes a tax credit in prescribed circumstances. Investors should review our prospectus for a full discussion on the tax aspects of an investment in our securities.