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# CAPBRIDGE BRINGS ON MORE PARTNERS, STRENGTHENS PLATFORM AND PREPARES FOR PILOT RUN NEXT MONTH





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CapBridge ([www.capbridge.sg](http://www.capbridge.sg) (<http://www.capbridge.sg/s/>)), a capital-raising platform dedicated to connecting high-growth companies globally to investors and smart monies from key markets, has brought in new partners to strengthen both the platform and operational team. Initially set up by Singapore Exchange (SGX) and Clearbridge Accelerator (CBA), CapBridge has now brought on board HealthiosXchange as a strategic partner and DBS Bank as a strategic and marketing partner.

“We are delighted to join CapBridge as a strategic partner,” says David Loucks, CEO of Healthios Xchange. “As the global financing markets continue to evolve, technology is playing an extraordinary role in transforming private capital investment markets. CapBridge is at the centre of this transformation, providing investors with the means to improve returns while moderating risk and enabling the most promising growth companies to expand their access to much-needed financing.”

CapBridge is launching its first batch of companies seeking capital in July 2015. A total of ten (10) companies from around the world will be featured in this pilot run with a combined indicative deal value of approximately SGD\$138 million.

“Our partnership with CapBridge demonstrates SGX’s commitment to support the growth of SMEs in Singapore. We believe that the CapBridge platform will play an important role in enabling early-stage SMEs to raise funds more efficiently,” said Mohamed Nasser Ismail, Head SME Development & Listings SGX.

SGX announced that it will provide up to \$1.5 million to CBA to support the development of CapBridge platform today.

The CapBridge platform have been well received internationally from recent roadshow. Accredited investors and Institutional Investors can benefit from better quality deal flow in high growth, innovative technology

companies. Companies will benefit from access to smart money, as well as an efficient and cost-effective way to raise funds.

“The launch of this platform is timely as it will help investors to be involved in companies with exciting technologies and great potential. We look forward to having our A\*STAR spin-off companies to be onboard the CapBridge platform. We are confident that A\*STAR’s R&D portfolio will continue to build a strong pipeline of Singapore companies that will be attractive to investors,” said Philip Lim, CEO of ETPL, the commercialisation arm of A\*STAR.

“Together with CapBridge, DBS will organise joint forums under the DBS BusinessClass programme to educate our SME and accredited investing customers on the intricacies of equity crowdfunding and capital raising. We hope this will lend a helping hand to our innovative start-up customers, who are interested in leveraging equity crowdfunding as a capital raising instrument. Equity crowdfunding compliments DBS VentureDebt, which is a form of debt financing specially structured for innovative start-ups that have earlier raised at least S\$1million from partner venture capital firms,” Benny Chan, Executive Director, DBS SME Banking.

“CapBridge is well positioned to take advantage of this global trend in equity funding and we have been privileged to be able to partner best-in-class professionals. We look forward to continuing our growth trajectory given the rapid growth opportunities in key technology markets such as the U.S.A. and Asia,” said Dr Steven Fang, CEO CapBridge and Partner Clearbridge Accelerator.

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**About CapBridge**

CapBridge is a capital raising platform dedicated to financing promising high growth companies globally, with a focus in Asia. Combining advanced financial technologies with comprehensive service throughout the investment and development horizon, CapBridge connects mid or late-stage high growth companies with financial intermediaries, accredited investors and strategic buyers globally across key industry sectors.

CapBridge is based in Singapore, featuring a premier geographic presence, an unparalleled legacy of growth, and superior access to the global financing markets. We seek to transform the manner in which capital is invested – and value is realized – throughout the emerging growth community. CapBridge is well positioned through its extensive experience in developing a world-class capital markets system, championing the interests of entrepreneurs and high growth companies, and successfully financing many of the promising growth companies in the world.

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### **About Singapore Exchange (SGX)**

Singapore Exchange (SGX) is the Asian Gateway, connecting investors in search of Asian growth to corporate issuers in search of global capital. SGX represents the premier access point for managing Asian capital and investment exposure, and is Asia's most international exchange with about 40% of companies listed on SGX originating outside of Singapore. SGX offers its clients the world's biggest offshore market for Asian equity index futures, centred on Asia's three largest economies – China, India and Japan.

In addition to offering a fully integrated value chain from trading and clearing, to settlement and depository services, SGX is also Asia's pioneering central clearing house. Headquartered in Asia's most globalised city, and centred within the AAA strength and stability of Singapore's island nation, SGX is a leading Asian counterparty for the clearing of financial and commodity products. For more information, please visit [www.sgx.com](http://www.sgx.com) (<http://www.sgx.com>)

### **About Clearbridge Accelerator (CBA)**

Launched in early 2010, Clearbridge Accelerator is one of Singapore's leading venture capital and incubation firms that invests in game-changing healthcare, infosecurity and technology companies. We have a strong track record in leading early stage investments, partnering with visionary

entrepreneurs and world-leading institutions. Our team consists of serial entrepreneurs with deep domain expertise, extensive networks and operational experience. Supported by the National Research Foundation's Technology Incubation Scheme, CBA provides the necessary funding, mentorship, operational and execution discipline to deliver determined and accelerated results. In 2012, CBA became one of the two successful recipients of SPRING Singapore's Biomedical Sciences Accelerator (BSA) programme, and set up a subsidiary, Clearbridge BSA, to manage a S\$40 million fund for medical technology start-up companies. For more information, please visit [www.clearbridgeaccelerator.com](http://www.clearbridgeaccelerator.com) (<http://www.clearbridgeaccelerator.com>)

### **About HealthiosXchange**

HealthiosXchange is the premier financing platform dedicated exclusively to the global healthcare industry.

In a single market environment, HealthiosXchange assembles 6,000 Emerging Growth healthcare companies from (37) countries, together with 30,000 investors in (10) asset classes and 2,000 strategic partners representing (46) market sectors. Since 2013, companies listed on HealthiosXchange have raised more than \$350 million.

### **About DBS Bank**

#### ***DBS - Living, Breathing Asia***

DBS is a leading financial services group in Asia, with over 280 branches across 18 markets. Headquartered and listed in Singapore, DBS has a growing presence in the three key Asian axes of growth: Greater China, Southeast Asia and South Asia. The bank's capital position, as well as "AA-" and "Aa1" credit ratings, is among the highest in Asia-Pacific. DBS has been recognised for its leadership in the region, having been named "Asia's Best Bank" by The Banker, a member of the Financial Times group, and "Best Bank in Asia-Pacific" by Global Finance. The bank has also been named "Safest Bank in Asia" by Global Finance for six consecutive years from 2009 to 2014.

DBS provides a full range of services in consumer, SME and corporate banking activities across Asia. As a bank born and bred in Asia, DBS understands the intricacies of doing business in the region's most dynamic markets. These market insights and regional connectivity have helped to

drive the bank's growth as it sets out to be the Asian bank of choice. DBS is committed to building lasting relationships with customers, and positively impacting communities through supporting social enterprises, as it banks the Asian way. It has also established a SGD 50 million foundation to strengthen its corporate social responsibility efforts in Singapore and across Asia.

With its extensive network of operations in Asia and emphasis on engaging and empowering its staff, DBS presents exciting career opportunities. The bank acknowledges the passion, commitment and can-do spirit in all of our 21,000 staff, representing over 40 nationalities. For more information, please visit [www.dbs.com](http://www.dbs.com).(<http://www.dbs.com>)

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