

Tech VC, Future\Perfect Ventures Brings on Minerva Tantoco as Senior Advisor July 29, 2016

NEW YORK—**Jalak Jobanputra**, Founder and Managing Partner of [Future\Perfect Ventures](#) today announced Minerva Tantoco will be joining the woman-run tech VC as Senior Advisor this September. Tantoco brings over 30 years of private sector tech experience and valuable public sector insight, having most recently served in the de Blasio administration as Chief Technology Officer.

“I return to the New York City tech sector as an entrepreneur and advisor to companies, and can continue the mission of creating impact with tech, on a global scale. I am so proud of my work with Team de Blasio. We built a bridge between government and the tech sector, spurring change on everything from open data portals to elementary school computer science. My passion for inclusiveness in the tech sector and humanizing tech, combined with the opportunity to leverage my expertise in artificial intelligence, mobile, fintech, data intelligence, and Internet of Things, makes Future\Perfect Ventures a great fit” said **Minerva Tantoco**. “I am a huge fan of Jalak Jobanputra – she is one of the few women VCs out there and is a veteran in the space – and I look forward to working with her on my next challenge: finding opportunities and helping build great businesses with the transformative power of tech.

"Tech is in everything and should be for everyone. Tech can help solve some of the world's toughest problems," Tantoco adds, "and investing in those problem-solving companies is a great way to deliver that."

"I am thrilled to have Minerva on board. Her vast experience in tech, spanning startups and large enterprises, patents in intelligent workflow, a decade in fintech, international experience in Asia, and now government, will be a huge asset to the fund," said Jalak Jobanputra, Founder and Managing Partner for Future\Perfect Ventures. "As we got to know each other, it became apparent that Minerva embodied the core thesis of the fund—that the next generation of great technology companies will be created by a diverse set of founders and will be built on distributed and global platforms. Minerva has the rare ability not only to develop a future-facing strategy, but also execute on it by building businesses that respond to rapidly changing environments. We also both believe that NYC will be one of the most important innovation centers in the 21st century."

Tantoco helped shape the City's tech strategy on talent, access, and innovation, and contributed to major City initiatives including the IoT Guidelines and CSForAll, a public-private partnership to bring computer science education to NYC's 1.1 million public school students in the next 10 years. As Chair of the NYC Technology Development Corporation, Tantoco led the non-profit consulting firm that delivered private sector expertise at low cost to 15 City agencies, saving millions of dollars.

"Mayor de Blasio made an inspired choice in selecting Minerva Tantoco as the first CTO for the City of New York, and she has done a fabulous job," says **Kevin Ryan**, Chair of Alley Corp, "She led important tech initiatives and set in motion the innovation strategy

that will take NYC into the next century and beyond. Minerva has been an outspoken champion for and crucial partner to NYC's unique tech community and will continue to be as she brings her government experience back to the private sector."

"Because of Minerva Tantoco's groundbreaking role as New York City's first CTO our city's government is more innovative, open, and connected to citizens than ever before" said **Andrew Rasiej**, founder of Civic Hall and Chairman of NY Tech Alliance. "As she returns to the private sector we look forward to her continued leadership contributions to making NYC the most diverse and empathetic technology community in the world."

About Future\Perfect Ventures (FPV)

Founded in 2013, Future\Perfect Ventures is an early stage venture capital fund investing in the next wave of computing, backing entrepreneurs who share the fund's core values and a passion to create a better world via innovation. Founder Jalak Jobanputra has been a VC since 1999, and has over 20 years of experience in the tech sector. Future\Perfect Ventures was one of the first investors in the blockchain sector, investing in now market-leading companies including Blockstream, Abra, Blockchain. and Case Wallet; and invests in emerging technology sectors such as machine learning, artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things in addition to blockchain.

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