

# Eric Buatois

## General Partner

Eric Buatois has 15 years of active venture capital experience, first at Sofinnova Ventures as a General Partner from 2001 until 2013 managing several funds of 250M\$ and then General Partner at BGV since 2013. He is a lead investor who truly enjoys building global companies and has demonstrated experience in executing spin-offs from large companies. Eric served as Chairman of the Board of Upek from inception until 2009 including IPO filing in 2006 (and ultimate acquisition by Apple, Nasdaq: AAPL), Chairman of Crocus Technology from inception until January 2010, Chairman of Laszlo systems until its merger with Critical Path, Inc.

In his role at BGV, he is a very active lead investor and serves on the boards of several companies including Identity Mind Global, Profitect, NGD Systems, Intellivision and Crocus Technology.

Prior to becoming a venture capitalist, he spent over 20 years in the Computer and Telecommunications industry. He held several senior management and operational roles at Texas Instruments, Hewlett-Packard and Ericsson. He also negotiated, created and managed a joint venture in Sweden between HP and Ericsson. In his corporate roles, Eric pioneered and led the development of several very successful products such as Texas Instruments digital signal processors for the cellular market, Hewlett-Packard's telecommunications products Opencall and Openview and Ericsson's operational support systems for telecom networks. At the joint venture between Hewlett-Packard and Ericsson, Eric built a software business of several hundred millions dollars in the management of telecom and networking infrastructures on a global basis.

Eric Buatois, 57, is a French citizen and resides in the Bay Area with his wife and 4 children. He enjoys outdoor activities, such as fly fishing, scuba diving, hiking, skiing and golfing. He is involved in various European activities to grow and stimulate innovation.

Eric received his MSc In Computer Science and Communications Engineering From Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications in Paris in 1982 and graduated from INSEAD Advanced Management Program in 1991.

His investments include Upek(AAPL), Cortina systems(INPHI), Hellosoft (Imagination Technology), Laszlo Systems(Critical Path).

