

# Profile



**Grant Allen**

Senior Vice President, ABB Technology Ventures

## Background/Biography

Grant Allen is Senior Vice President of ABB Technology Ventures (ATV) and is based in Palo Alto, California. Grant leads ABB's innovation efforts in Silicon Valley and invests in companies across North America and Western Europe. He has personally led investments in Industrial Defender (cybersecurity for industrial control systems and other critical infrastructure; acquired by Lockheed Martin), Validus DC Systems (datacenter power conversion; acquired by ABB), Persimmon Technologies (vacuum robots and 3D printed motor parts), Scotrenewables (offshore tidal power) and TaKaDu (cloud analytics for water utilities). Areas of interest include Internet of Things (IoT), industrial sensing, analytics and other software, robotics, and energy efficiency.

Before joining ABB in 2010, Allen was with Core Capital Partners, a \$400 million venture fund based in Washington, DC focused on investments in enterprise software and network security. Prior to that, he was with Microsoft in their Mobile & Embedded Devices division; Jingle Networks (backed by First Round Capital and Goldman Sachs; acquired for \$63 million); and several start-ups including a web services firm he founded at 19. Allen has also invested personally in a number of companies including Uber, Alibaba (NYSE: BABA), LivingSocial, AltspaceVR, Avizia and EquityZen, and is a founding member of NextGen Angels. He is an advisor to numerous startups and an invited speaker at SXSW, the ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit and the Watt D'Or Swiss-US Energy Innovation Day where ABB received Best Achievement in the Energy Sector. Grant holds degrees from Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering and The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and has completed executive education at IMD Business School in Lausanne, Switzerland.

- **Location:** Palo Alto, California, USA