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ABB TECHNOLOGY VENTURES (ATV)

# Profile



Grant Allen  
Head of Ventures, ABB Technology Ventures

## Background/Biography

Grant Allen leads ABB Technology Ventures (ATV), ABB's venture capital arm. Based out of ABB's Silicon Valley headquarters, he leads ABB's direct and fund investment activities globally and serves on ABB's Technology Leadership Team, reporting to the Group CTO.

A VC for over a decade, he has personally led investments in Bonsai (acq. by Microsoft), Industrial Defender (acq. by Lockheed Martin), Validus (acq. by ABB), Persimmon Technologies (acq. by Sumitomo), Atom Power, Element Analytics, Kespry, Soft Robotics, TaKaDu, Trilliant and Vicarious. Areas of interest include robotics, AI, vision/sensing, advanced manufacturing, industrial IoT and cybersecurity.

Prior to ABB, Grant was with Core Capital Partners, a \$400M venture fund focused on enterprise software; Microsoft in their Mobile & Embedded Devices division; Jingle Networks (acq. by Marchex for \$63M); a strategy consulting firm where he developed complex econometric models; and several start-ups. He is also an active angel investor and a founding member of NextGen Venture Partners in Washington, DC (acq. by Brown Advisory).

Listed on Global Corporate Venturing's Powerlist 100, and a member of the World Economic Forum's Technology Pioneer Committee, Allen has been an invited speaker at the ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit (Washington, DC), GCV Symposium (London), Global Capital Summit (San Francisco), Katapult Future Fest (Oslo), St. Gallen Symposium (St. Gallen, CH), SLUSH (Helsinki), Sting Day (Stockholm), TechCrunch Sessions (Boston), and at MIT, Stanford and Wharton. Allen holds degrees from Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering and The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He has also completed executive education at IMD Business School in Lausanne, Switzerland.

- Location: San Jose, California, USA