



SmartGateVC

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SmartGateVC, Silicon Valley seed venture capital fund, is pleased to announce, starting February 2018, all SmartGateVC portfolio companies will have access to up to \$120,000 of free Azure credits (Microsoft BizSpark), as well as explore opportunities provided by Microsoft Accelerator and Microsoft Ventures.

The announcement was made at Microsoft Technology Center in New York on January 25, 2018 during **FutureIsTech**, an event devoted to the Armenian Tech Industry and its future. Ashot Arzumanyan, co-founder of SmartGateVC, spoke in detail about the individuals involved in the sector, the progress and the next steps for tech entrepreneurship in Armenia. The event opened with a speech by Harout Topsacalian, Head of Strategic Partnerships & Business Development at Cognituum AGI followed by Robert Gates, Partner Architect at Microsoft, who spoke at length about Microsoft's solutions available for seed stage startups during the event.

The keynote speeches were followed by open discussions with guests interested in the Tech Industry and its future in Armenia as well as with Armenian founders of tech startups currently based in NYC.

About SmartGateVC: SmartGateVC is newly launched venture capital firm backed by top-tier investors from Silicon Valley targeting Armenian tech companies in Artificial Intelligence, Cyber-Security and Internet of Things.

About Microsoft BizSpark: Microsoft BizSpark is a global program that helps startups succeed by giving them free access to Microsoft Azure cloud services, software, and support.