

Jim Hornthal

Venture Partner

Jim Hornthal joined CMEA Capital in 2006 as Venture Partner to focus on investments in digital media and the Internet services. Jim brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in early stage private equity investing and advising to venture capital and hedge funds in the areas of high technology, biotechnology, and consumer services. Jim was the Founder of Preview Travel, which was one of the first online travel companies. The company's IPO was in November 1997 (NASDAQ: PTVL). In March, 2000, Preview Travel merged with a division of Sabre Holdings to form a new publicly traded company called Travelocity.com (NASDAQ: TVLY), where Jim served as Vice Chairman until 2002, when Sabre acquired the remaining public interest in Travelocity.

Jim is a Fellow at the Lester Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business, where he works as an advisor, mentor, lecturer, and judge for their annual Business Plan competition. Jim is also the Chairman of YPO's Peace Action Network (Young Presidents Organization), a collaboration of business leaders on both sides of international conflicts who are working together to find a constructive role for the private sector in bridging those divides. Jim was the co-founder of one of PAN's ongoing initiatives, the American Arab Action Forum, addressing issues and opportunities between the US and the Arab World. Jim's interest in Middle East affairs also extends to his participation as an active member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a founding member of the Clinton Global Initiative, and an active board member of the One Voice Movement; a grass roots campaign that has united over 600,000 Palestinian and Israeli youth in an effort to amplify the mainstream desire for a two state solution.

Mr. Hornthal received a Bachelor's Degree from Princeton University, cum laude, and an MBA from Harvard Business School, where he was a Baker Scholar.