



TheFunded Ranks The Most Loved VCs Of 2009

Some VCs are getting an early Valentine's Day gift from [TheFunded](#), the site where CEOs [rate venture capitalists](#) and their firms. Below you will find the top-ranked individual VCs, as determined by their ratings in 2009. What makes this ranking particularly useful to entrepreneurs is that it is ratings by other CEOs, often CEOs who have had direct dealings with the VCs they are rating.

While this is still a popularity contest of sorts (for instance, the rankings are not based on individual investment returns), presumably CEOs are smart enough to take investment performance into account. But they also take into account their own personal experiences with the individual VCs. These are the VCs who CEOs love the most, and not just because they are nice but because they help CEOs do their jobs, which is to build great businesses.

Anyone who is on this list is well-liked and respected by CEOs. A total of 84 individual VCs (and some angel investors) made the cut out of 17,834 investment pros listed in TheFunded's directory. To get on the list, each VC had to have at least an average rating of 4 out of 5 and have at least five separate reviews from CEO members of the Funded. (There are 13,480 CEO members). No more than one of the five ratings can be negative (a score of 3 or less).

You can compare this list to the [most active VC firms of 2009](#) to get a sense of the overlap between these rankings and which firms are doing the most deals. Some other insights that TheFunded shared with us: there was a lot of turnover in VC firms in 2009. When TheFunded sent emails to all the investment pros in its directory, 38 percent either bounced back or replied with an automated message saying they've left their firms. None of those people are on this list. And about one or two firms a week became inactive, or 9 percent of the 4,005 firms listed in its directory.

TheFunded.com is offering two free tickets to the [Future of Funding](#) event on February 18th in San Mateo, where many of the top-ranked venture capitalists will be attending an awards ceremony. The tickets will go to the two best comments about the state of venture capital (as determined by us or TheFunded's Adeo Ressi).

Top-Ranked VCs by TheFunded

41.) Dave Fachetti, Managing Director at Globespan Capital Partners, rated 4.2 by 5 CEOs

73.) Jonathan Seelig, Managing Director at Globespan Capital Partners, rated 4 by 7 CEOs