

Kevin Chavanne

An investor's judgement. A builder's perspective.

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Head of Startup Ecosystem Development at Startup Estonia, a programme of EIS; founder of Kollektiv Club; and Venture Partner at Tenity. I turn business cases into investment cases, drawing on European investment experience since 2015, accelerator leadership and cross-border founder and investor relationships.

Investment judgement

Investment analysis, diligence, committee preparation and founder assessment.

Capital & execution

Fundraising strategy, investor relations and cross-border deal coordination.

Ecosystem leadership

Connecting founders, capital, institutions and commercial partners.

Current leadership & venture roles

Startup Estonia

Sep 2026 - Present

Head of Startup Ecosystem Development

A programme of the Estonian Business and Innovation Agency (EIS), developing Estonia's startup ecosystem and the conditions for startup and deep-tech growth.

Connecting founders, investors, universities and public institutions. Ecosystem initiatives, access to capital, deep tech, commercialisation and international partnerships.

Kollektiv Club

Nov 2025 - Present

Founder

Investor community connecting members with startup opportunities, shared learning and founder access.

An angel community bringing commercial expertise, go-to-market insight and hands-on support alongside capital.

Tenity

Oct 2025 - Present

Venture Partner

Fintech investment and innovation platform connecting founders, capital and corporate partners.

Continuing venture involvement following an Investment Manager role leading Nordic and Baltic venture activity; based in Tallinn.

Ugly Baby

Dec 2025 - Present

Founder

Building an investor-readiness platform that turns founder materials into investment memos, due diligence reviews and fundraising roadmaps.

Estonian Business Angels Network (EstBAN)

Sep 2023 - Present

Seed Investor

Member-led business angel network supporting early-stage companies through investment, mentoring and syndication.

Part of the network via Tenity, focused on early-stage fintech, insurtech and sustainability in the Baltics and Nordics.

Investment & execution

Tenity

Aug 2023 - Oct 2025

Investment Manager

Fintech investment and innovation platform combining early-stage venture capital with corporate innovation programmes.

Spearheaded venture capital activity in the Nordics and Baltics and ran an accelerator from 2023 to 2025, combining investment decisions with hands-on founder development.

Blast.Club

Jan 2023 - Apr 2023

Investment Manager

Private startup investment club co-founded by Anthony Bourbon and Samuel Guez, built around investment selection and member co-investment.

Worked alongside Anthony Bourbon, the French entrepreneur behind Feed and co-founder of Blast Club. Responsibilities spanned investment analysis, committee presentations, due diligence, founder coaching and negotiations.

Funderbeam

Mar 2015 - Jan 2023

Private-market investment platform combining fundraising infrastructure with secondary trading for private-company shares.

Progressed from analyst to investment team leadership while working in Estonia, Denmark and Spain. Built an extensive cross-border network of founders, investors and partners through regional development, fundraising and deal execution.

Lead Investment Manager

Jan 2022 - Jan 2023

Investment team leadership, portfolio oversight, founder support, investor relations and coordination across legal, compliance and finance.

Funding Manager

Jan 2021 - Jul 2022

Investment offers, cross-border investor coordination, fundraising campaigns and early-stage company advice.

Investment Associate

Apr 2018 - Jan 2021

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May 2015 - Apr 2018

Analyst

Mar 2015 - Apr 2017

Education & professional development

University of Tartu / Johann Skytte Institute

Master's Degree, Democracy & Governance / 2016 - 2018

University of Oxford

Cyberspace and the State / Cyberdefense Crisis Management training (non-degree) / 2017

University of Tartu

Bachelor of Business Administration / 2012 - 2016