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PRESS RELEASE

## **Z-Cube Announces €67m Seed-Stage Life Sciences Funding Opportunity**

Z-Cube, the €67m corporate venture capital arm of Zambon Group (an Italy-based multinational pharmaceutical company), has appointed CPP Advisors, a Boston-based transaction advisory firm focused on the life sciences, to assist it in its screening and investment process. CPP Advisors is actively accepting applications from qualified parties seeking investment.

Z-Cube is actively seeking to make 60 investments of up to €100k each over the next six years in commercializable life science opportunities (such as academic and corporate R&D projects) in product areas such as therapeutics and medical devices, in a wide spectrum of indications (with a particular emphasis on respiratory, allergy/immunology, anti-infectives, pain relief, and women's health but other areas will be seriously considered as well), and in early stages of development (idea, prototype, discovery, development).

Z-Cube's seed-stage funding is intended to take a commercial opportunity through the business plan preparation and venture fundraising process. In addition to providing funding, Z-Cube will be offering portfolio companies commercialization services, including project coordinators, skilled experts, some infrastructure, and access to the Z-Cube network for corporate partnering and additional fundraising. After the initial €100K investment, and substantial assistance and access to Zambon resources with which to research and write high-quality, investor-grade business plans, Z-Cube would select approximately 24 or so of these projects to support with larger investments of up to €4m, recruiting, and co-investing with traditional life science VC funds in the process.

A full overview of the Z-Cube fund and application process, can be found at [www.z-cube.it](http://www.z-cube.it). Please send any responses, completed proposal applications, or referrals to the attention of [z-cube\\_cppadvisors@z-cube.it](mailto:z-cube_cppadvisors@z-cube.it).

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### **About Z-Cube and Zambon Group**

Z-Cube is a private company arm of Zambon Group. Zambon Group is a pharmaceutical and chemical company with a reputation for inventive and innovative thinking, flexibility and customer focus. Zambon Group has grown to become a leading multinational firm with about 2,500 employees in 16 countries and 438 million euro in consolidated sales. Operating directly in three continents - Europe, South America and Asia - Zambon Group is a multicultural group with close links to its local markets and the international

research communities alike. These strengths, combined with diversified research, product and distribution channel strategies, ensure that Zambon Group consistently outperforms its competitors and the market. Zambon is proud of its rich portfolio of ground-breaking products and dosage forms, which improves the quality of life of thousands of people world-wide. For more information, visit <http://www.zambongroup.com/>.

**About CPP Advisors**

CPP Advisors LLC is a Boston-based transaction-oriented consultancy focused exclusively on the life sciences industry. CPP works closely with its clients to establish and implement strategies that maximize client corporate and R & D asset value through the creative structuring of strategic alliances and financings. Founded in 1995, CPP Advisors has a strong track record of success in the life science sector. Since its founding, CPP Advisors has secured over \$250 million of funding commitments by designing and executing a wide variety of transactions, including R&D collaborations, co-development agreements, investments, licenses and royalty purchases.

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