Bio

Peter Ziebelman started his career as a venture capitalist 30 years ago.

He later co-founded Palo Alto Venture Partners in 1996, after starting the US Information Technology Operations of the UK venture capital firm, Thompson Clive Partners in 1988. Peter has served on the boards of early stage companies that ultimately became public companies, such as AvantGo (AVGO), Persistence (PRSW) and Vicinity (VCNT).

Peter has also served on the boards of dozens of privately held high technology companies across a range of sectors from cloud based computing (DemandForce) to calendaring (When.com) to online car insurance (esurance) to security (PostX). He is also an independent director to a select number of privately held companies. Many of those start-ups were students who graduated from the GSB.

Peter was named to AlwaysOn’s Venture Capital 100 – the top 100 VC’s for 2012.

Peter started his career in sales and sales management with the Semiconductor Group at Texas Instruments. He later became the business products manager at a venture backed software start-up – Ryan-McFarland (now MicroFocus, Plc).

Peter is on the Stanford Graduate School of Business MSx Advisory Board, on the board of the National Council on Aging (www.NCOA.org) on the advisory board of the Ronald McDonald House at Stanford and formerly on the executive board of the Pacific Skyline Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a past president of the Yale Club of Silicon Valley.

Peter received a Bachelor of Science in Combined Sciences (with honors and distinction in the major) from Yale University in 1978, a Master of Science in Management from the Stanford GSB in 1987.

Peter and his wife, Cindy, live in Palo Alto and have three sons.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

• Lecturer, Graduate School of Business
Teaching

COURSES

2019-20

• Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital: Partnership for Growth: STRAMGT 330 (Win)

2018-19

• Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital: Partnership for Growth: STRAMGT 330 (Win)

2017-18

• Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital: Partnership for Growth: STRAMGT 330 (Win)

2016-17

• Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital: Partnership for Growth: STRAMGT 330 (Win)