



INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FIRM

BELLUS VENTURES

CASE STUDY

BACKGROUND

In 2017, Bellus Ventures (“Bellus”) pioneered carbon credits as an asset class by launching the first fund investing in California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (“LCFS”) credits. Founder Zachary Singer convinced investors that state carbon markets could perform even under a federal government that was rolling back environmental regulations. The Bellus LCFS fund raised \$29 million and returned 1.8x net within two years.

Following the success of the LCFS fund, Bellus launched dedicated investment vehicles for California Carbon Allowances (“CCAs”), Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) Allowances, and Washington Carbon Allowances (“WCAs”). Bellus selects carbon investments based on rigorous supply and demand forecasts and analysis of the political and regulatory framework.

To date, Bellus has raised more than \$500 million for its carbon funds. Investors include endowments, foundations, investors, fund of funds, family offices, and high-net-worth individuals. As environmental commodity investment products have proliferated, Bellus Ventures has emerged as a thought leader in the category. www.bellusventures.com

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Best-in-Class Fund Administration Services

Bellus Portfolio Manager Ben Lewittes shared, “NAV Fund Administration Group has been a trusted partner of Bellus since inception, setting standards and best practices for fund administration. NAV has been our administrator since the very beginning. I can’t begin to list everything NAV has helped us with over the years: back-office accounting, tracking investor flows, setting up payments, adapting to new liquidity provisions and fund structures – NAV really does so much for us. For six years, it has been a very productive relationship.”

Specialized Procedures of Carbon Credit Trading

Ben continued, “NAV has done an incredible job with the specialized settlement procedures of carbon credit trading. NAV has handled bilateral trades, deals involving physical commodities, carbon credit auctions, and reconciliation with government-run credit registries. NAV has always risen to the challenge. NAV has done a great job navigating these nuances so our funds can operate efficiently.”

Seamless Operational Management

Bellus Associate Brian McKibbin added, “We spend a lot of time on researching, modeling, fundraising, trading, etc. The administrative component of our business is complex and comes with challenges. NAV does a great job of operational management and making everything as seamless as possible both for us and for our investors. We wouldn’t have been able to accomplish what we have without this partnership. NAV has been an incredible administrator and we could not ask for more.”