# o9 Solutions Raises \$295 Million From Strategic Investors to Continue its Growth Across Industry Verticals & Markets

General Atlantic, Its BeyondNetZero Venture, and Generation Investment Management Join KKR as Investors in o9, Valuing the Company at \$2.7 Billion

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o<u>9 Solutions</u>, a leading enterprise Al software platform provider for transforming planning and decision-making speed and quality in companies across industry verticals, today announced that it has received equity investments totaling \$295 million from <u>General Atlantic</u>, including <u>BeyondNetZero</u>, its climate investing venture, <u>Generation Investment Management</u>, a pure-play sustainability investment manager, and existing investor <u>KKR</u>. This significant investment will help o<u>9</u> build on its momentum and accelerate growth for its Al-powered Integrated Business Planning platform it calls the "Digital Brain" across industry verticals and markets. It will also help o<u>9</u> drive continued innovation in R&D, industry knowledge models and partner ecosystem development that will help companies implement o<u>9</u>'s game-changing platform faster and realize greater value.

Today, leading companies across varied industry verticals that include retail, consumer and industrial products manufacturing, high-tech and semiconductor, life sciences, automotive, telecom, and oil and gas leverage o9's Digital Brain platform for transforming their supply chain, commercial and integrated business planning capabilities. These companies are using o9's Digital Brain platform to build a live, digital model of enterprise data and knowledge that helps them detect demand and supply risks and opportunities, forecast demand more accurately, and evaluate what-if scenarios all in real time. By matching demand and supply intelligently and driving greater alignment and collaboration between customers, internal stakeholders and suppliers across the integrated supply chain, clients can realize significant value from their commercial plans and decisions while making measurable positive impact to the environment.

"We have an unprecedented opportunity in front of us," said Chakri Gottemukkala, Co-founder and CEO of o9. "Demand and supply volatility and complexity has been growing and the pandemic has only accelerated the challenges companies face in meeting customer service and financial goals. At the same time, there is significant pressure on boards and executives from customers and employees to also drive meaningful improvements in sustainability goals. And we believe that o9 is poised perfectly to help companies deal with these mega trends with a differentiated, proven platform.

Executives are increasingly seeing that transforming planning and decision-making capabilities need to be more agile, and integration is the most mission critical, high-value initiative going forward. And because global supply chains are the majority source of environmental impact, we believe transforming planning is key not just for improving P&Ls, but also the health of the planet. The new investments and strategic partnerships with General Atlantic's BeyondNetZero and Generation Investment Management, along with our established strategic partnership with KKR, will help us accelerate this sacred mission of making the o9 Digital Brain the most value-creating enterprise platform."

General Atlantic's BeyondNetZero and Generation Investment Management join KKR as investors in o9, valuing the company at \$2.7 billion. This marks an increase from the \$1 billion valuation in April 2020 at the time of the company's first-ever external investment led by KKR, which is also participating in this funding round. This capital raise follows a record year during which the company reported a greater than <a href="threefold-increase">threefold-increase</a> year-over-year in annual recurring revenue (ARR) from new customers.

"Not only is an agile, intelligent and resilient supply chain one of the most important growth accelerators, it also inherently leads to a reduced carbon footprint – especially for organizations that operate on a global scale," said

Sanjiv Sidhu, Chairman and Co-Founder, o9. "A sustainable supply chain requires companies to digitally transform their planning and decision-making capabilities. o9's Digital Brain platform makes us the partner of choice for companies across the world and we are pleased and honored that General Atlantic's BeyondNetZero and Generation Investment Management recognize this at such a pivotal phase of our growth trajectory."

"We believe that o9 is uniquely positioned at the intersection of technology, supply chain, and sustainability," said Tanzeen Syed, Managing Director, General Atlantic. "The business fits squarely within our theses at General Atlantic and BeyondNetZero to support companies that are leveraging innovation to tackle some of the most pressing issues in the world. o9 helps large organizations transform their costly, complex and resource-intensive supply chains into profitable and environmentally sound models – playing a critical role in enabling them to work toward net zero targets."

Joy Tuffield, Partner in the Growth Equity strategy at Generation Investment Management, said, "Generation's brand is predicated on the belief that long-term commercial opportunity is synonymous with sustainable outcomes. We believe the best businesses stand for something significant. Sustainability and supply chain issues have never been more important. o9 is one of the rare companies that we believe can help global enterprises leverage the power of digital technologies to deliver on both imperatives. We are excited by the commitment of o9 to be an enduring company with a positive influence on the world, in both what the company does and how it operates."

To learn more, contact o9 here.

### About o9 Solutions, Inc.

o9 offers a leading Al-powered Planning, Analytics & Data platform called the Digital Brain that helps companies across industry verticals transform traditionally slow and siloed planning into smart, integrated and intelligent planning and decision making across core supply chain, commercial and P&L functions.

With o9's Digital Brain platform, companies are able to achieve game-changing improvements in quality of data, ability to detect demand and supply risks and opportunities earlier, forecast demand more accurately, evaluate what-if scenarios in real time, match demand and supply intelligently and drive alignment and collaboration across customers, internal stakeholders and suppliers around the integrated supply chain and commercial plans and decisions. Supported by a global ecosystem of partners, o9's innovative delivery methodology helps companies achieve quick results in customer service, inventory and resource utilization and ESG and financial KPIs while building a long-term, sustainable transformation of end-to-end planning and decision-making capabilities. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.o9solutions.com">www.o9solutions.com</a>.

# About BeyondNetZero, the Climate Investing Venture of General Atlantic

The BeyondNetZero team seeks to invest in growth companies delivering innovative climate solutions and aims to help them achieve scale. BeyondNetZero looks to identify companies that have the potential to meet and exceed net zero emissions targets, with a focus on decarbonization, energy efficiency, resource conservation and emissions management. BeyondNetZero combines General Atlantic's growth equity experience with a global team of proven climate investors, advisors and industry executives, including Lord Browne of Madingley, who serves as Chairman of BeyondNetZero. This diverse team of experts brings decades of experience in both addressing climate-focused problems and building pioneering growth companies. For more information on BeyondNetZero, please visit the website: <a href="https://beyond-net-zero.com">https://beyond-net-zero.com</a>.

General Atlantic is a leading global growth equity firm with more than four decades of experience providing capital and strategic support for over 445 growth companies throughout its history. Established in 1980 to partner with visionary entrepreneurs and deliver lasting impact, the firm combines a collaborative global approach, sector specific expertise, a long-term investment horizon and a deep understanding of growth drivers to partner with great entrepreneurs and management teams to scale innovative businesses around the world. General Atlantic currently has over \$86 billion in assets under management inclusive of all products as of September 30, 2021, and more than 215 investment professionals based in New York, Amsterdam, Beijing, Hong Kong, Jakarta, London, Mexico City, Mumbai, Munich, Palo Alto, São Paulo, Shanghai, Singapore and Stamford. For more information on

General Atlantic, please visit the website: www.generalatlantic.com.

## **About Generation Investment Management**

Generation Investment Management LLP is dedicated to long-term investing, integrated sustainability research and client alignment. It is an independent, private, owner-managed partnership established in 2004 and headquartered in London, with a U.S. office in San Francisco. Generation Investment Management LLP is authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority. <a href="https://www.generationim.com">www.generationim.com</a>.

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