

## **Investment in Robotic Skies—Providing Maintenance Services for Industrial Drones**

DRONE FUND announces that DRONE FUND III (Official name; DRONE FUND III Investment Limited Partnership), managed by Kotaro Chiba and Soki Ohmae in Tokyo, Japan, has invested in Robotic Skies, Inc. (hereinafter Robotic Skies), led by Brad Hayden of Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA.



### **【About This Investment】**

Robotic Skies is a U.S.-based startup that provides a marketplace for certified drone maintenance in the U.S. and 49 other countries around the world.

In the U.S., traditional general aviation aircraft are commonly used not only by on-demand airlines, but also by individuals for daily commuting, transportation, and leisure. The FAA has developed maintenance-related regulations as well as other policies and systems to ensure the safe operation and continued airworthiness of these and other aircraft. As a result, there are well-established repair stations for traditional general aviation aircraft located across the United States.

Against the backdrop of this macro environment, Robotic Skies is developing a maintenance service network for commercial and industrial drones based on the existing skills and abilities of traditional aircraft repair stations.

Specifically, the company provides contracted repair stations with detailed support on how to maintain and repair drones, including technician training and drone component supply. Robotic Skies also offers a standardized software platform that can manage the entire maintenance process, including the provision of maintenance manual data and the creation of maintenance reports.

In January 2021, Robotic Skies' CEO Brad Hayden was appointed to the FAA Drone Advisory

Committee to help develop strategy for the safe integration of drones into the National Airspace System.



DRONE FUND has decided to invest in Robotic Skies based on its innovative and scalable business model, which is based on the direction of drone policy and legislation in the United States; its robust network of repair stations; and Brad Hayden's impressive career and vision. Brad Hayden's leadership has positioned the company well to respond to market and institutional changes.

DRONE FUND will continue to accelerate investment in a wide range of services and solutions that can contribute to expanding the scope of the industrial drone market and deepening the industrial domain toward the realization of a "drone and air-mobility based society."

**【Robotic Skies Overview】**

- **Official name** : Robotic Skies, Inc.
- **Founder/Representative** : Brad HAYDEN
- **Headquarters** : Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA
- **Established** : 2014
- **Business** : Provision of maintenance services for industrial drones at the level of manned aircraft
- **Website** : <https://roboticskies.com/>

**【DRONE FUND III Overview】**

DRONE FUND is a venture capital specializing in drone and air mobility with the vision of a "drone and air mobility-based society." Through existing funds, it has formed an investment portfolio of more than 40 startups from Japan and overseas.

The 3rd fund will broadly invest in drone and air mobility, and technologies that contribute to their social implementation.

- Official name : DRONE FUND III Investment Limited Partnership
- Managing company : DRONE FUND Inc.
- Representative : Kotaro Chiba, Soki Ohmae
- Headquarters : Tokyo, Japan
- Established : May, 2020
- Business : Investment in drone and air mobility-related startups
- Website : <https://dronefund.vc>

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