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## Firsthand Technology Value Fund Board Engages Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. to Explore Strategic Options to Increase Stockholder Value

San Jose, CA, November 27, 2023 – Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc. (OTCQB: SVVC) (the "Fund"), a publicly-traded venture capital fund that invests in technology and cleantech companies, today announced that its Board of Directors (the "Board") has engaged Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. ("Ladenburg") to evaluate strategic options for the Fund, with the goal of increasing stockholder value. There can be no assurance that this exploration of strategic alternatives will result in the Fund entering or completing any transaction. The Fund does not intend to make any further disclosures regarding the strategic review process unless and until a specific course of action is identified and approved.

## **About Firsthand Technology Value Fund**

Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc. is a publicly-traded venture capital fund that invests in technology and cleantech companies. More information about the Fund and its holdings can be found online at <u>www.firsthandtvf.com</u>.

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The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end investment company that elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Fund's investment objective is to seek long-term growth of capital. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets for investment purposes in technology and cleantech companies.

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