



Janet Bannister

Partner at Real Ventures | Founder at Kijiji.ca

Janet is passionate about helping entrepreneurs and their businesses reach their full potential. General Partner at Real Ventures, Janet has led investments in a dozen companies and works actively with Real's portfolio companies to help them accelerate growth and create meaningful impact. Her background is a combination of founding and building successful entrepreneurial ventures and making an impact at leading companies such as Procter & Gamble, McKinsey & Co., and eBay.

Janet launched Kijiji.ca and grew it to become one of the most visited websites in Canada. Subsequently, she led the Kijiji Global business, accelerating growth in North America, Europe, and Asia. Prior to launching Kijiji, Janet was at eBay in Silicon Valley where she led multiple "non-collectibles" categories and helped transform eBay from a collectibles to a mainstream marketplace. She also founded and built a successful consulting business and was CEO at a Toronto-based start-up in the online content and commerce space.

Janet was a varsity long-distance runner and competed internationally in triathlons. Today, she balances her active lifestyle with being a wife, and mother to her ten-year old son.