



# Funding Essentials

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Singapore  
Bangkok  
Jakarta  
Fiji

80

80+ Global  
Communities

100

100+ Ecosystem  
Players Supported

25

\$25+ Million  
Raised

750

750+ Alumni  
Trained

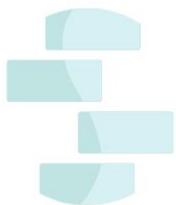
500

500+ Companies  
Supported



# Agenda for today

- How do I...?
- Goals
- Capital Raising overview
- Different types of funding
- Wrap up & next steps





# The first steps to Starting Your Round

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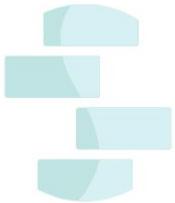


# How to get started



## 10 steps to a strong start

1. Set goals for the round
  - a. Amount, by when, ideal investors
2. Define the ideal investor and identify targets
  - a. AngelList, CrunchBase, Gust, LinkedIn
3. Select a lawyer with experience with funding rounds
  - a. You wouldn't get a painter to fix your car



# How to get started



4. Build your 3-5 year forecast
  - Ideally **3 scenarios**: Base, best, and worst
5. Start your Due Diligence folder
  - Dropbox or Google Drive
6. Ask the lawyer to create the draft financing docs
  - Start with the financing docs, then the term sheet



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### 7. Build your pitch deck

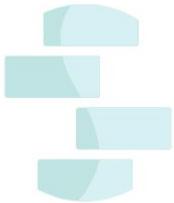
- Get it reviewed (at least 3-4 people)

### 8. Identify ways to get warm intros to key investors

### 9. Practice your pitch on others first

### 10. Start to reach out!

- Warm intros & do your homework on them





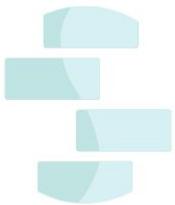
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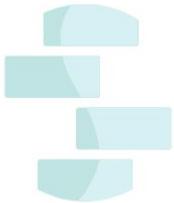
# The importance of goals

- Raising capital is a full-time job
  - But not *all* the time
- It needs to be done efficiently
- Goals help you achieve the right round



# Key goals to define

- Who is your ideal investor?
- How much do you want to raise?
  - Minimum, Target, Maximum
- What kind of money?
  - Grants, loans
  - Crowdfunding
  - Friends & Family
  - Angel investors
- When do you want the money in the bank?





Questions?



# Laying the Foundation

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# Look at All Types of Funding Equally

You

Friends & Family

Revenue

Grants

Loans

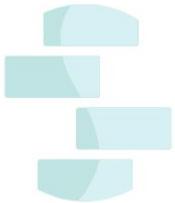
Equity

Equity Crowdfunding

**EVERYTHING IN MODERATION.  
EXCEPT CHOCOLATE.**

Except Chocolate by Spot\_Of\_Tees

Zazzle



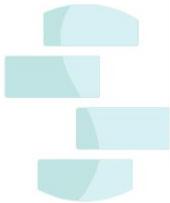
# Time to Close

Time (in weeks)



# Landscape of Paperwork

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Questions?



# Ideal Investors

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
SEGAL GRADUATE SCHOOL

Good Morning  
invests in business  
with a social or  
environmental  
purpose

FrontFundr  
Invest in the Future

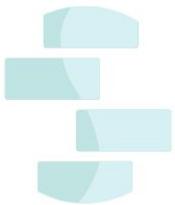
FrontFundr 2013/06/05  
Open Ocean Robotics \$1,000,000  
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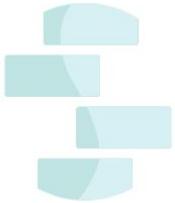
# Ideal Investor: Universal Truths

1. Industry
2. Business Model
3. The right network (investors, customers)
4. Has geographic relevance
5. Return and/or exit aligned
6. Focus on impact



# Ideal Investor for You

- Aligned values
- Easy to work with
- A long-term partner



# Where to Find Them

- **What** they've invested in:
  - industry, business model
- **Who** they've invested in:
  - Other CEOs and investors

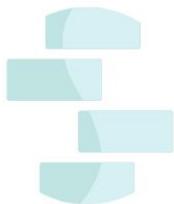
 **AngelList**

**gust** 

**Linked in**

**cb**

 **NACO**  
National Angel  
Capital Organization

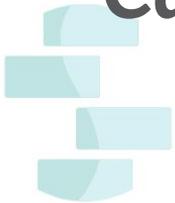


## Key Questions: Early Stage Investing

When will I get my money back?

Why else am I doing this?

*Can I trust you & your team with my money?*





# Questions



# Managing the Funnel

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# Managing the Funnel

1. Initial Call / Meeting



2. Interested? (10%)



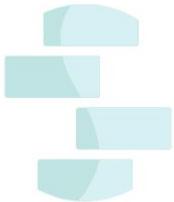
3. Follow-up Meeting (25%)



4. Due Diligence Commences



5. You Verbally Commit (50%)



# The Funnel

6. Additional due diligence



7. Reviewing paperwork (60%)



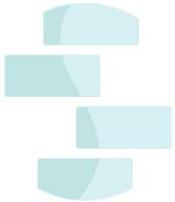
8. Negotiation (70%)



9. Signed paperwork (90%)



10. Money clears the bank!! (100%)





# Getting Out There

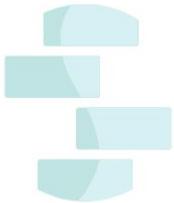
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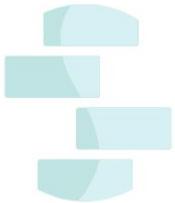
# Getting to Them: Prerequisite Checklist

- Know the state of your business
  - Metrics, Wins
  - Financing paperwork
- Pitch deck ready and tested
- Due Diligence
  - Folder Ready
  - Financials - drafted/built and understood
- Team
  - core team in place, profiles in all the right places
- Progress
  - Plan Ahead



# Meeting investors

- CEOs they have invested in
  - 2nd/3rd meeting
- Fellow investors
- Stalking on LinkedIn, events
- Asking for advice first
  - Only for been there / done that investors
- Being very precise on fit
- Running it like a sales process
  - Minimum 3 attempts





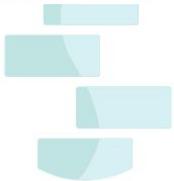
# Tips & Tricks

# Sample Due Diligence Process

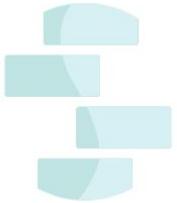
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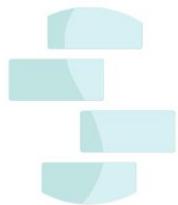
Source: Invested Development, 2013.



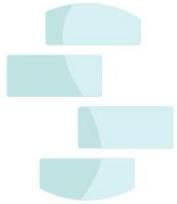
# Know your audience



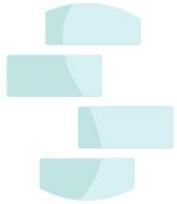
You drive the bus



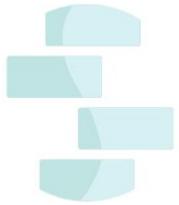
# Monthly updates increase success rates



# Remember, life happens



# Relationships rule





# Crowdfunding

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# Crowdfunding: Increasing alternatives

## Impact Analysis of COVID-19



### Consumer Discretionary

The Consumer Discretionary sector will see **NEGATIVE** impact due to COVID-19 outbreak and is expected to register a low growth rate compared to the global GDP growth



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### Market Impact

This market will have **NEGATIVE IMPACT** due to the spread of COVID-19



Pandemic Impact on Market

**INDIRECT**

## Global Crowdfunding Market 2020-2024

Market growth will **ACCELERATE** at a CAGR of almost

**18%**



Incremental growth



**USD 124.35 bn**

Growth for 2020

**17.11%**



Market growth in 2020 likely to **INCREASE** compared to 2019

Expected time by when the impact on market will normalize



**Q3-2021** [Best Case]



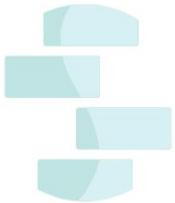
**Q1-2022** [Worst Case]



Market estimates to be revisited and updated in Q3-2020, based on the revaluation of the impact as the pandemic spread plateaus. The update will be available free of cost to all customers.

# Crowdfunding

- Why?
  - Marketing pre-launch!!
- Physical product component
- You have a well established community
- You have a budget to spend



# Equity Crowdfunding

## Why?

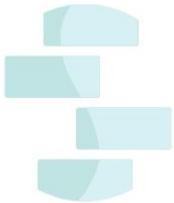
- Marketing & brand BEFORE funding

## Good when:

- Investors can easily relate
  - B-to-C, Finance
- You have a well established community
- You have a budget to spend

## Caveats

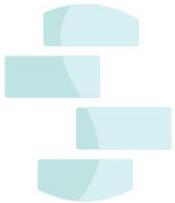
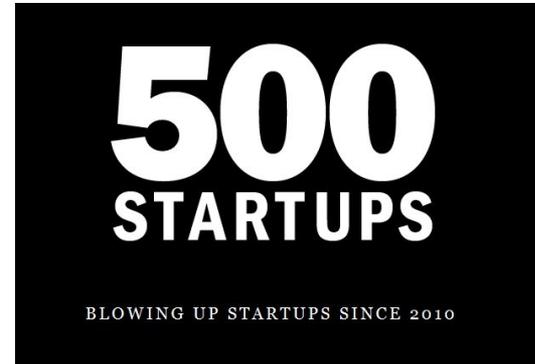
- Varied investor types, perception impact





# Surrogate - Accelerators

# Accelerators to catalyze a round





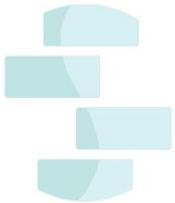
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***I can do it!***

# What's Next?

- Spring Funding Roundtables - June, September
- Fall Impact Investor Challenge: \$100K investment!



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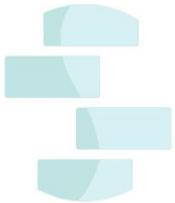


Spring Activator



Spring Activator

# Building your Pitch Deck



# Overall: 10-20 Slides

- Title Slide
- Company Tagline
- Problem/Opportunity
- Market
- Market Validation
- Market Size
- Solution
- Product
- Competition
- Business Model
- Traction
- Team
- The Ask

## Bonus Slides: After the Thank You

- Financial summary
- 1-2 additional finance slides
- Metrics
- 1-2 additional slides on competition
- Why?
  - Why are you doing this?
- Why Now?
  - If you are in a new space, or have lots of competition, or
  - If people are used to an old way of doing things

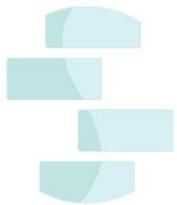
# Two Great Pitch Deck Examples



<http://www.slideshare.net/pitchenvy/square-pitch-deck>

<http://www.slideshare.net/500startups/launchrock>

# Competitive Landscape



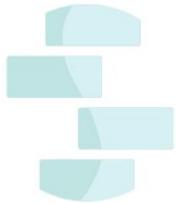
# Matrix Approach

## Competitive Landscape

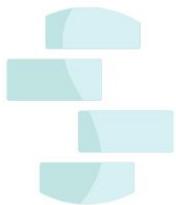
	A	B	C	Company
Feature	○	◐	●	●
Feature	○	○	○	●
Feature	●	●	○	●
Feature	○	○	○	●
Feature	◐	●	○	●
Feature	○	●	◐	●

# Quadrant

- Map out competitors based on their brand positioning or key benefits. Your business should be positioned in a clear whitespace, i.e.:



# Are you Really Different?



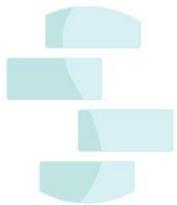
# Sustained Competitive Advantage



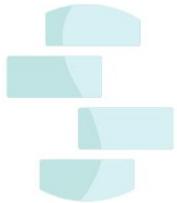
## **The goal**

To show that you will continue to increase your competitive advantage over time

# Traction / Progress

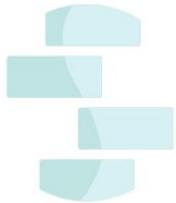


**This is the biggest impact on speed of due diligence and round success.**



# Traction

- Decide now how you are going to frame traction
- What are your key metrics?
- How are they evolving?
  - Sales, users, product development, marketing, PR,



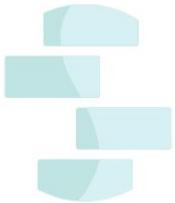
team

# Show

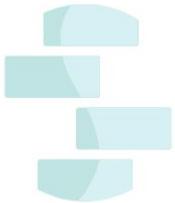
Are you learning?

What are you learning?

How are you adapting?



# Financial Forecast



# Financial Forecast

- Shows you are smart and understand how it COULD grow
- You understand the levers
- You understand the risks, opportunities, and how to respond to either

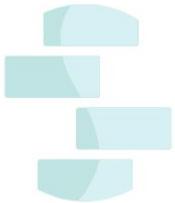


# Need to have

Base Case

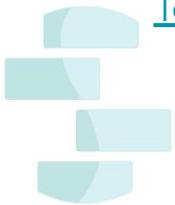
Worst Case

Aggressive Case



# Exercise 5: Draft Monthly Update

[Template](#)



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# Grants & Loans



# Grants

## Pros

- No dilution
- Link to specific projects and opportunities

## Cons

- Time & effort to apply
- Reporting and overhead
- Repayment?
- Covenants including guarantees, etc.



NRC Industrial Research Assistance Program Programme d'aide à la recherche industrielle du CNRC



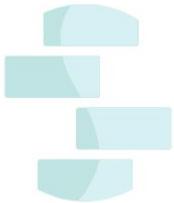
# Loans: Pros & Cons

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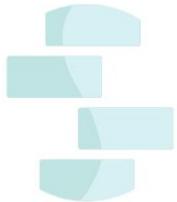
- No dilution
- Can be viewed favourably by investors
- Can help secure grants
- Great pre-launch (small), and once you are cash flow positive

## Cons

- Repayment
- Collateral?
- Debt-to-equity ratio
- Death for a Pivot



# Loans



# Tips

- Consider
  - Pre-launch (loans up to \$60K)
  - When you are profitable and growing
- Have a real Business Plan ready(Futurpreneur)
- Have a 3-5 year forecast (Futurpreneur)
  - Ideally minimum two scenarios

