

Financing the Growth of Your Business

Seton Hall University - Entrepreneurial class

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My Background



- Immigrant
- Electronic Engineer FDU
- 25+ Yrs. Career in Defense Electronics Industry
- Patents 6 US and 6 International.
- 1982 Founder of Electro-Radiation Inc.
- 2004 sold ERI to Honeywell
- 2007 Founder of Casabona Ventures
- 2009-12 Chrmn. Jumpstart NJ Angel Network
- 2012 Founder of TechLaunch
- Currently Angel Investor and Business Coach

My Portfolio Companies (>2007)































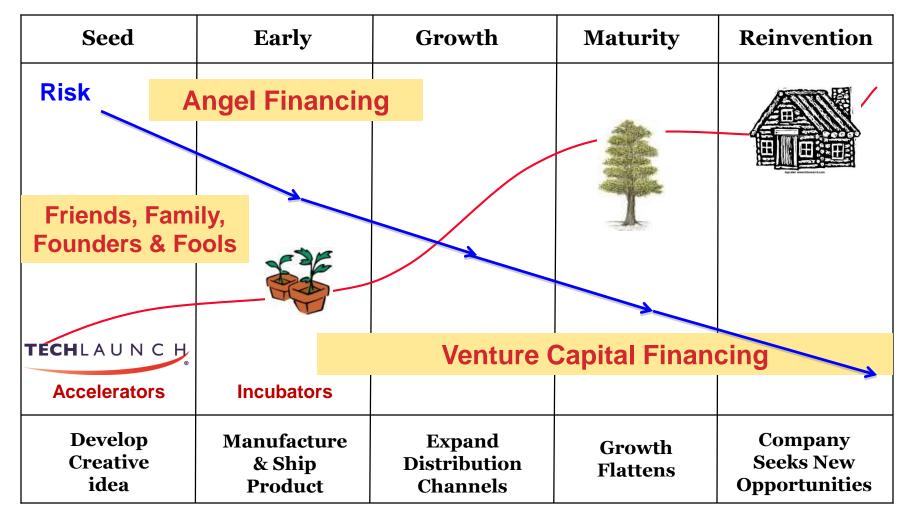


Oil Exploration Company

Oil Drilling Equipment

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Equity Funding Eco-System



Types of Financing



Equity

- Investment for shares in Company
- 4 F's, Angel and/or VC Fund
- Dilutive
- Faster growth rate

Loan

- Bank or Private Individual
- Collateralized
- Non-Dilutive
- Great source of Capital for Growth
- Medium growth rate

Bootstrapping

- Non-Dilutive
- Life Style Type of Business
- Use of Cash Flow for Growth capital
- Slower growth rate

Types of Equity Investors



- Seed The 4 F's (<\$150K)
 - Highest Risk
 - <u>Founders</u>, <u>Friends</u>, <u>Family</u> and <u>Fools</u>
 - Tech/Business Accelerators like TechLaunch

Early - Angel Investors (<\$2Million)

- Passive investors (provide money only)
- Value-added investors bringing operational and entrepreneurial experience
- Ideal angel investors (brings BOTH Money and experience)
- Angel Groups like Jumpstart NJ Angel Network

Growth - Venture Funds (institutional) (>\$1Million)

- Much less active than before at early stages
- Provide Growth Capital at Lower Risk Point
- Provide Strong Management Team for Exits

Tech/Business Accelerator Objectives

- Created to Accelerate the Commercialization of Technology.
- Shortens the 4 F's Phase.
- Identify and vet most promising idea, technology and team.
- Provides seed capital for equity
- Influences creation of Team
- Provides 16 week business boot-camp to de-risk early stage obstacles.
- Provide a venue for entrepreneurs to show case technology and find funding.

16 Week Program Activities





Access to Mentors (>130)





Typical Angel Investor Criteria

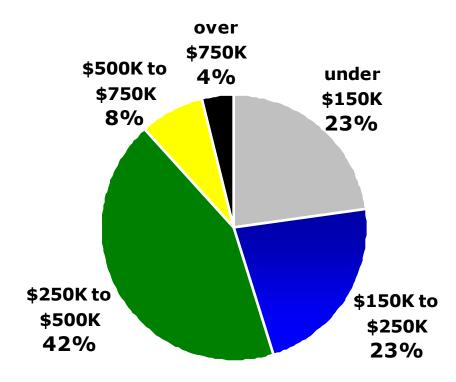
- Early Stage with Traction and/or Pre-revenue
- Identified Market Need
- Sound Business Plan
- Strong and Experienced Management Team
- Completed Proof of Concept
- IP Strategy for Sustainable Advantage
- Reasonable Valuation
- Realistic Exit Strategy
- Identified Funding Needs Subsequent Rounds
- Geographic location is important

Typical Angel Group Investment Size

67% of Angel Groups Invest \$150K to \$500K per Deal

- 265,000 Angels according to Center for Venture research
- Investment surprisingly broad
- Average deal size increasing
- Syndication needed among groups to fill rounds entrepreneurs need

Angel Group Investment Size



Source: ACA Confidence Survey, 2012

Introduction To Investors

Entrepreneur





Introduction by
Initial Investor,
Banker, VC,
Professor,
Accounting or
Law Firm,
Internet, etc.

ONE Page Executive Summary





10 – 15 Minute Presentation



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