Investor Insight: Preparing for Investment Readiness

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My Introduction

- Angel Investor, a Serial Entrepreneur and an active Startup Mentor.
- Alumni of IIT Bombay & Majors in Finance and International Management from Thunderbird School of Global Management.
- Director at JVS Foods Pvt Limited, one of India leading institutional food producers working with TATA Trusts, Bill Gates Foundation and the University of Toronto.
- Past CII-Yi, Jaipur Chair and Current Learning Chair for EO (Entrepreneurs Organisation) and a member of TiE Rajasthan
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What we will cover today!

- Writing an effective Elevator Pitch
- Gearing up for investor due-diligence
- Understanding critical parts of term-sheets
- Valuing your startup
- Exit plan

Writing an effective Elevator Pitch

Components of an

Elevator Pitch

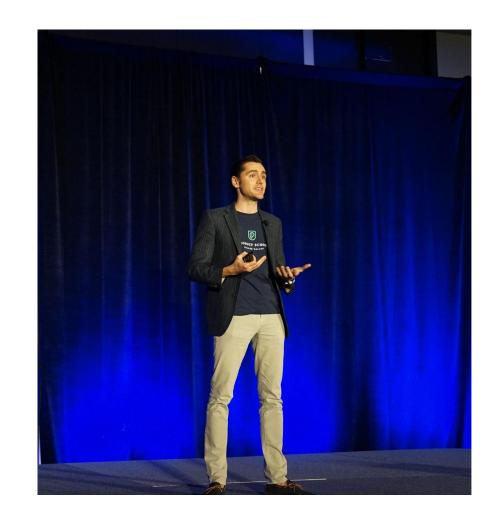
- 1. Who you are? Basic intro
- 2. State a fact that emphasise a problem that you are solving
- 3. What do you do / what do you offer?/ Your solution
- 4. How are you different?
- 5. End with a 'Call to Action'



Tips for writing an

Elevator Pitch

- Know what's motivating your audience
- 2. Show social proof
- 3. Craft a story that gets your audience on your team
- 4. Anticipate and answer key questions.



Gearing up for investor due-diligence

Gearing up for investor

Due-Diligence

- 1. Be Honest in your Presentation
- 2. Identify Key Risks
- 3. Do your Homework & Alignment with the Investment Thesis
- 4. Acknowledge "What Needs to Be Believed" to Invest



Three stages of

Due-Diligence

- Screening (Technical) due diligence
- 2. Business & Financial due diligence
- 3. Legal due diligence



Understanding critical parts of term-sheets

Common terms used in a

Term-Sheet

- 1. Who is issuing the note or stock
- 2. The valuation
- 3. Amount being offered
- 4. Shares and Share prices
- 5. Liquidation preference
- 6. IPO/Strategic Buyout



Common terms used in a

Term-Sheet

- 7. Voting rights
- 8. Board seats
- 9. Conversion options
- 10. Anti-dilution provisions
- 11. Investors rights to information
- 12. Founders obligations



Common terms used in a

Term-Sheet

- 13. Who will pay legal expenses
- 14. Non-disclosure requirements
- 15. Rights to future investment
- 16. Tag along and Drag along



Things to check / understand in

Term-Sheet

Different types of Share

- Convertible
 - OCPS
 - CCPS
- Direct issue of shares

Capitalization table



Valuing your startup

What is startup

Valuation

Startup valuation is the process of calculating the value of a startup company. Startup valuation methods are particularly important because they are typically applied to startup companies that are currently at a prerevenue stage.



Important factors for pre-revenue / early stage

Startup Valuation

Traction / Proof of Concept

The Value of a Founding Team

Prototypes/ MPV

Supply and Demand

Emerging Industries and Hot Trends

Positive Unit Economics



Most common startup valuation

Methods

- Standard Earnings Multiple Method
- 2. Discounted Cash Flow Method
- 3. Comparison Valuation Method
- 4. Combo Platter Method
- Gross Profit x Competitor's Multiple Method
- 6. Best For Me Method



Exit Plan

Three main questions about

Exit Plan

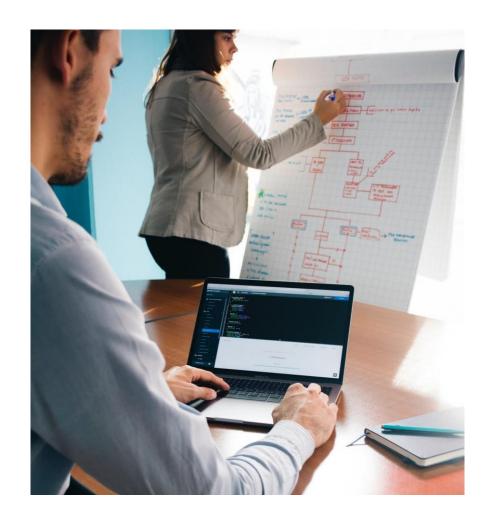
- 1. How long do you want to stay involved in the business?
- 2. What are your financial goals?
- 3. Do you have investors or creditors to pay off before exiting?



Common

Exit Plans

- 1. Acquisition
- 2. Initial Public Offering (IPO)
- 3. Management buyout
- 4. Family succession
- 5. Liquidation



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