

Venture Capital Due Diligence A Guide To Making Smart Investment Choices And Increasing Your Portfolio Returns 1st First Edition

The first book to offer a comprehensive framework for conducting the venture capital due diligence process. Venture capitalists and other professional investors use due diligence to uncover all of the critical aspects of a company in which they are considering investing in an attempt to estimate the ROI of this decision. The state of the market, management expertise within the firm, legal concerns, location, and environmental issues are just a few of the factors investors include in their due diligence analyses. This book is the only guide to provide investors with a rigorous due diligence framework that can be customized to fit the practice of the firm. The book provides readers with a clear and complete understanding of the due diligence process and formalizes the process for the VC community. The book is structured around key criteria presented in the form of questions. Each question is followed by in-depth explanations and analyses that incorporate the best practices of today's top VCs, including John Doerr, Don Valentine, Kevin Fong, and Ann Winblad.

Reflects on the experience of growing up female in the South, explaining the meaning of the southern heritage, the southern notion of the feminine ideal, and the reasons why southern women leave their roots

CHRISTIANITY. Christianity is the most popular of the world's major religions, with followers in every corner of the globe. Having long ago spread beyond its historic heartlands in Europe and the Near East, Christianity has been embraced by hundreds of millions in the Americas, Africa, Oceania and Asia. The backbone of Western civilization for centuries, this enduring faith has helped to shape the modern world. Beautifully illustrated throughout, the scholarly yet accessible text is enlivened by dozens of boxes and sidebars which emphasize the legacy of Christianity - from philosophical ideas and educational institutions to selfless traditions of charity and caring. Among the finest treasures are the countless works of art and architecture that the faith has inspired.

This research aims to shed light into the influence of trademarks on the due diligence process of VC funds. Finding the most-promising and eventually outpacing start-ups is at the core of a venture capitalist's activities. VCs seek herefor signals that ease the process. Previous research shows that intellectual property plays a significant role in a VC's decision-making. Due to the growing importance of trademarks, on the one hand, to protect incurred expenses, and on the other hand, as a reflection of the company's existing marketing know-how trademarks might have an influence on the amount invested in start-ups. The analysis at hand examines whether factors such as the presence of trademarks as well as the number of unique classes a trademark is registered in have an influence on the invested amount. Another layer that is added to the analysis are

interaction effects, namely do different types of investors value the presence of trademarks differently and does the industry of a start-up play a role in the valuation of trademarks.

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Doctoral Thesis / Dissertation from the year 2011 in the subject Business economics - Investment and Finance, University of Kassel (Research Group Entrepreneurship), language: English, abstract: Independent Venture Capital (IVC) has been paramount in the emergence of the information technology industry in both the United States and Europe. There are relatively few large global information technology companies in Europe. A widening gap is observable in the success rate of IVC backed start-ups between the U.S. and Europe in the information technology industry. This difference could be attributable to the differences in the venture capital financing of start-ups in the U.S., UK, Germany and France. This book deals with "Differences in Venture Capital Financing of U.S., UK, German and French Information Technology Start-ups." The comparative analysis is conducted on a microeconomic level (managerial venture capital research), i.e. on the venture capital firm level. The differences are analyzed for the whole venture capital investment cycle: contact phase, initial screening phase, due diligence phase, deal structuring and negotiation phase, management phase - value adding services, and exit phase. The research framework model examines the following differences in the venture capital investment cycle: average size of investment in the seed stage, average size of investment in the start-up stage, average size of investment in the growth stage, percentage of start-ups in pre-revenue phase at time of investment, percentage of start-ups not managed by founders but experienced managers, percentage of investment in start-ups with me-too products, percentage of market analysis due diligence done informal, typical liquidation preference multiple, percentage syndicated exits that are outperformers, number of tranches per investment round, number of board seats per partner and the cash multiple X that defines an outperformer. The empirical research work is based on an extensive STARTUP Financing, Equity & Tax provides insights into daily issues encountered by entrepreneurs, financial and executive professionals and other

individuals. It covers important topics such as the impact of JOBS Act and Dodd Frank Act on startup funding, important terms like angel, accredited investors, venture capitalists, stock options - NSOs vs. ISOs, Restricted Stock, RSUs and gives in depth examples and templates explaining important documents like Term Sheet, Cap Table, Convertible Securities plus the importance of 83(b) filing. The definitive guide to demystifying the venture capital business The Business of Venture Capital, Second Edition covers the entire spectrum of this field, from raising funds and structuring investments to assessing exit pathways. Written by a practitioner for practitioners, the book provides the necessary breadth and depth, simplifies the jargon, and balances the analytical logic with experiential wisdom. Starting with a Foreword by Mark Heesen, President, National Venture Capital Association (NVCA), this important guide includes insights and perspectives from leading experts. Covers the process of raising the venture fund, including identifying and assessing the Limited Partner universe; fund due-diligence criteria; and fund investment terms in Part One Discusses the investment process, including sourcing investment opportunities; conducting due diligence and negotiating investment terms; adding value as a board member; and exploring exit pathways in Part Two Offers insights, anecdotes, and wisdom from the experiences of best-in-class practitioners Includes interviews conducted by Leading Limited Partners/Fund-of-Funds with Credit Suisse, Top Tier Capital Partners, Grove Street Advisors, Rho Capital, Pension Fund Managers, and Family Office Managers Features the insights of over twenty-five leading venture capital practitioners, frequently featured on Forbes' Midas List of top venture capitalists Those aspiring to raise a fund, pursue a career in venture capital, or simply understand the art of investing can benefit from The Business of Venture Capital, Second Edition. The companion website offers various tools such as GP Fund Due Diligence Checklist, Investment Due Diligence Checklist, and more, as well as external links to industry white papers and other industry guidelines.

Studienarbeit aus dem Jahr 2002 im Fachbereich BWL - Investition und Finanzierung, Note: 1,7, Fachhochschule Braunschweig / Wolfenbüttel; Standort Braunschweig (FB Wirtschaft), Veranstaltung: Rechnungswesen 2, MBA Vertriebsmanagement, 0 Quellen im Literaturverzeichnis, Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: 1. Definition von Venture Capital (1) Finanzierung durch risikotragendes Kapital (2) in Form einer zeitlich begrenzten Beteiligung (3) mit unternehmerischer Betreuung bereitgestellt durch > Privatpersonen (Business Angels) > Institutionelle Investoren da > das Risiko für Banken zu hoch und > das Volumen für Freunde und Familie zu groß ist > zusätzliche Betreuung wichtig ist

The inside story on finding the capital your business needs to grow When it comes to finding capital--and the right investors for your business--entrepreneurs need all the help they can get. Brian Hilland Dee Power spent three years surveying 250 venture capital firms to find out what venture capitalists look for when putting their money in young businesses. Their results will give you all

the tools you need to make smart decisions and avoid pitfalls and unnecessary risks, including:

- * How to create and present a business plan to investors
- * Profiles of venture capitalists in action
- * Enlightening true tales in venture capital
- * How to organize a quality management team to attract investors
- * The truth about referrals
- * Tips on valuing your company realistically
- * Doing due diligence: scams, vultures, and bottom feeders
- * Negotiating the best terms for you and your business

Inside Secrets to Venture Capital will show you what it takes to attract the investors and the money you need to grow. It's everything you need to know to play the venture capital game--and win . . .

The venture capital and private equity industries are among the most characteristic and visible segments of today's global economy. As we approach the midpoint of the first decade of the 21st century, these industries have clearly matured and left behind the much-publicized excesses of the 1990s. It is now incumbent upon practitioners to thoroughly understand the legal structure of venture capital transactions, not only in their own country but also due to the typically cross-border nature of such transactions in numerous jurisdictions worldwide. This very useful book has been prepared under the auspices of the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA) following a working session held in Edinburgh in August 2003. It provides practitioners with the first overview of the legal requirements attached to venture capital transactions in a variety of jurisdictions, encompassing both developed and developing nations. An introductory chapter presents a global view, addressing venture capital issues that tend to arise under any legal circumstances. Then, for each of twelve countries, an experienced practitioner in the venture capital field offers detailed discussions of his or her country's legal system as it pertains to the protection of investors' rights and company's investments, regulatory issues, and enforcement. Specific topics discussed where applicable for each country include: documentation; due diligence; valuation standards; representations and warranties; intellectual property; compensation of key personnel; disclosure; exit strategy; corporate governance roles; tax issues; securities law requirements; restrictions on foreign direct investment; and availability of court orders. Global Venture Capital Transactions goes a long way to fulfilling the need of practitioners and entrepreneurs to structure cross-border venture capital transactions that are not only initially successful but enjoy continued profitability with the strength to overcome inevitable obstacles. It will be warmly welcomed by the venture capital and private equity community throughout the world.

Secure venture capital? Easy. Getting a business up and running or pushing a brilliant product to the marketplace requires capital. For many entrepreneurs, a lack of start-up capital can be the single biggest roadblock to their dreams of success and fortune. Venture Capital For Dummies takes entrepreneurs step by step through the process of finding and securing venture capital for their own projects. Find and secure venture capital for your business Get your business up and running Push a product to the marketplace If you're an entrepreneur looking

for hands-on guidance on how to secure capital for your business, the information in *Venture Capital For Dummies* gives you the edge you need to succeed.

The vast majority of businesses do not scale-up to their potential, despite the keen desire of the Entrepreneur to do so. Lack of Finance is one of the primary reasons for this. Providers of capital often do not find sufficient prospects which are ready to receive funding due to inadequate preparation and presentation by Entrepreneurs. The understanding of Venture Capital (VC) and how to go about receiving it is often incomplete, and sources of information are limited. The publications of "Start-Up to Scale-Up" are intended to partially bridge these gaps. This book provides information to the Entrepreneur on VC, practical tips on how to prepare to receive VC funding, review of the investment process, and an understanding of what the Venture Capitalist looks for when evaluating an investment. Keeping in mind the needs and constraints of the Entrepreneur the book is designed to be easy to read & understand. It seeks to equip the Entrepreneur with suggestions & formats for interaction with VC. Jargon has been minimized, accompanied with a free-flowing style of writing. The individual chapters (& overall publication) are short. The learnings should be at the back of the minds of Entrepreneurs when they interact with VC in future.

A little book full of enormous value for novices and seasoned venture capitalists alike After having been thrown for a loop by the bursting of the tech bubble more than a decade ago, the venture capital industry suddenly has come roaring back to life over the past two years. In 2011 alone, more than \$7.5 billion in venture capital was invested—representing more than a 19% increase over the previous year—in more than 966 companies. A majority of these companies reside in the life sciences, Internet, and alternative energy sectors. In today's weak job market, VC is more important than ever, since financing new tech, alternative energy, media, and other small to mid-sized companies is vital to creating new jobs. Written by Lou Gerken, a noted international authority on venture capital and alternative investments, this book tells you everything you need to know about the venture capital industry's important role in enhancing economic growth and employment. It is also the perfect go to primer on making venture capital investments to enhance portfolio returns. Highly accessible explanations of the ins and outs of venture capital for would-be investors and experienced VCs Highlights the historical VC track record, and offers expert advice and guidance on venture capital exposure, investment options, sourcing opportunities and due diligence Provides proven strategies for successful investment selection, timing, monitoring, and exiting for optimum returns Features endorsements from luminaries of the VC world, including Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers co-founder Frank Caulfield, and Dr. Art Laffer, among others Investors receive thousands of business plans, but only a few businesses receive funding. While there are many "how-tos" out there for entrepreneurs, no one has focused on the mind-set, tools, and foundation that are important to investors,

and therefore essential to entrepreneurs. Getting Funded examines and develops a framework on which to base a business concept, conduct due diligence research and risk analysis, refine a business model and reformulate a business strategy, and develop a risk and reward structure that protects investment money and incentivizes entrepreneurs to successfully manage the opportunity to create and share value. Getting Funded shows entrepreneurs the tools and framework critical to a venture's success, teaching entrepreneurs to refine their business model and strategy as well as to develop an investment model to improve the investability of the venture and thereby increase the chances of getting funded. Even without the need for external funding, these tools will improve a venture's potential odds of success. Listen to the author discuss the book on the UK-based radio show, The Evening Show with Simon Rose.

This insider look at what it takes to raise venture capital features insider perspectives by venture capitalists from some of the world's top firms such as TA Associates, Boston Capital Ventures, EuclidSR Partners, Battery Ventures, Bessemer Ventures, Polaris Venture Partners, Venrock Associates and over 10 tier one venture capital firms. This report includes actual term sheets, valuation methodology and analysis, assessment of stock option programs and their impact on valuations and capital structures and other real world documents used by leading venture capitalists and lawyers analyzed from multiple perspectives. Also included are over 30 case studies written by CEOs of the fastest growing private companies on how they started and grew their companies. And finally, this report includes a list of the top 400 venture capital firms, contact information and web site addresses. This report also includes all of the content from the books "Deal Terms," "Term Sheets & Valuations" and "Inside the Minds: The Ways of the VC."

In simple terms, venture capitalists are usually comprised of a group of investors with a lot of funds, ready to invest in any business venture that might present good possibilities of success. Get all the info you need here. This is the #1 Book on venture capitalist, venture capital, venture capitalism, venture capital firms, venture capital funding, venture capital due diligence, how to raise venture capital. On sale for \$9.99, Normally \$24.99.

Investing in China: The Emerging Venture Capital Industry is a unique and invaluable guide to venture capital in China. This important new book provides a detailed profile of the current state of the venture capital backed SME sector and an authoritative look at trends and future prospects. It provides an explanation of the mechanics of the investment process, from due diligence and investment monitoring, to exit, and a unique look at M & A opportunities and rules for foreign investors. The guide includes many detailed case studies and profiles of the IT, E-commerce, bio-technology and other sectors with potential for VC investment. ""This book is a must-read for those who invest or want to invest in start-ups and early stage Chinese companies. It is also worth reading by those who simply wish to learn more about the extremely exciting venture capital culture that is

rapidly developing in China." Julian Ha, Director, Evolution Securities China Limited

This book is for entrepreneurs who want to realize their vision, want to build a major enterprise, want to change the world. To win, you need two things: cash and speed. You need to get the money and then run like crazy. To get the money, you may want to raise it from venture capital (VC) firms. But the reality is far fewer than 1 in 100 companies approaching VCs ever get to "take the money." So, the first section of this book provides a behind-the-scenes look at how VC firms work, and more importantly how they think. You'll get first-hand insight into what you can do to improve your chances and what to avoid that can doom your hopes. The second section of the book will help you "run." It covers almost every segment of start-up operations, from product development to financing to staffing to sales and marketing. Gerry Langelier's 30 years as a successful venture capitalist and entrepreneur who raised money from top VC firms, provides the secrets to help you achieve your dreams.

Get the business insight that has raised millions in capital funding for over 50,000 entrepreneurs. If you're an entrepreneur or own a small, fast-growing businesses, Angel Capital provides a complete toolkit for raising capital in today's challenging economic landscape. The authors, who manage the largest angel network in the U.S., offer real-world advice on how to find investors and take control of the private placement process. Using revolutionary typology and unmatched proprietary research, they explain all stages of raising capital, from valuation to negotiation to due diligence. In addition, you'll find a comprehensive directory of alternative capital resources, based on research of over 2,000 organizations, and a legal appendix that serves as a short course in exempt offerings and provides the skills needed to have success with any early-stage business venture or investment. Order your copy today.

The new edition of the definitive guide for venture capital practitioners—covers the entire process of venture firm formation & management, fund-raising, portfolio construction, value creation, and exit strategies Since its initial publication, *The Business of Venture Capital* has been hailed as the definitive, most comprehensive book on the subject. Now in its third edition, this market-leading text explains the multiple facets of the business of venture capital, from raising venture funds, to structuring investments, to generating consistent returns, to evaluating exit strategies. Author and VC Mahendra Ramsinghani who has invested in startups and venture funds for over a decade, offers best practices from experts on the front lines of this business. This fully-updated edition includes fresh perspectives on the Softbank effect, career paths for young professionals, case studies and cultural disasters, investment models, epic failures, and more. Readers are guided through each stage of the VC process, supported by a companion website containing tools such as the LP-GP Fund Due Diligence Checklist, the Investment Due Diligence Checklist, an Investment Summary format, and links to white papers and other industry guidelines. Designed for

experienced practitioners, angels, devils, and novices alike, this valuable resource: Identifies the key attributes of a VC professional and the arc of an investor's career Covers the art of raising a venture fund, identifying anchor investors, fund due diligence, negotiating fund investment terms with limited partners, and more Examines the distinct aspects of portfolio construction and value creation Balances technical analyses and real-world insights Features interviews, personal stories, anecdotes, and wisdom from leading venture capitalists The Business of Venture Capital, Third Edition is a must-read book for anyone seeking to raise a venture fund or pursue a career in venture capital, as well as practicing venture capitalists, angel investors or devils alike, limited partners, attorneys, start-up entrepreneurs, and MBA students.

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A step-by-step guide to develop a flexible comprehensive operational due diligence program for private equity and real estate funds Addressing the unique aspects and challenges associated with performing operational due diligence review of both private equity and real estate asset classes, this essential guide provides readers with the tools to develop a flexible comprehensive operational due diligence program for private equity and real estate. It includes techniques for analyzing fund legal documents and financial statements, as well as methods for evaluating operational risks concerning valuation methodologies, pricing documentation and illiquidity concerns. Covers topics including fund legal

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documents and financial statement analysis techniques Includes case studies in operational fraud Companion website includes sample checklists, templates, spreadsheets, and links to laws and regulations referenced in the book Equips investors with the tools to evaluate liquidity, valuation, and documentation Also by Jason Scharfman: Hedge Fund Operational Due Diligence: Understanding the Risks Filled with case studies, this book is required reading for private equity and real estate investors, as well as fund managers and service providers, for performing due diligence on the noninvestment risks associated with private equity and real estate funds.

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As an experienced entrepreneur, technologist, and venture capitalist, Scott Chou brings you on the inside of today's startup world. Maxims, Morals, and Metaphors is a humorous and profound compilation of business metaphors assembled to teach the art of venture capital. Chou's book demystifies the VC game for all players new to the business.

The book provides one of the most comprehensive overviews of the internal and external challenges of processing venture capital deals, providing an eight stage investment model that breaks down each part of the deal into its own specific challenges and rewards.

Inside the Minds: Venture Capital Best Practices is an authoritative, insider's perspective on the ins and outs of venture capital and the future of the business on a global scale. Featuring managing directors and senior partners representing some of the nation's top VC and law firms, this book provides both an investor's and legal perspective for doing deals, offering proven strategies for valuing a company, raising capital, working with management teams, exiting an investment, and more. From the steps involved in conducting due diligence to strategies around negotiating deal terms, hitting on the importance of evaluating growth potential and minimizing risk, these experts articulate the finer points around venture capital now and what will hold true into the future. The different niches represented and the breadth of perspectives presented enable readers to get inside some of the great minds powering the venture world, as experts offer up their thoughts around the keys to success within this fascinating industry - where investing, strategizing, and deal-making intersect. About Inside the Minds: Inside the Minds provides readers with proven business intelligence from C-Level executives (Chairman, CEO, CFO, CMO, Partner) from the world's most respected companies nationwide, rather than third-party accounts from unknown authors and analysts. Each chapter is comparable to an essay/thought leadership piece and is a future-oriented look at where an industry, profession or topic is headed and the most important issues for the future. Through an exhaustive selection process, each author was hand-picked by the Inside the Minds editorial board to author a chapter for this book. This book is by: Joe Horowitz, Managing General Partner, JAFCO Ventures - "View from a Veteran

Venture Investor Reentering the Business Today" Howard M. Anderson, Senior Managing Director & Founder, YankeeTek Ventures - "Keys to Success in Venture Capital" Gary L. Benton, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP - "Legal Issues in Raising Venture Capital: An Overview for Entrepreneurs" John Higginbotham, Founder & Chairman, SpaceVest - "Essential Components for Investing in Venture Capital" Jon Staenberg, Partner, Rustic Canyon - "Creating Success in the Venture Capital Industry" Graham Burnette, General Partner, SBV Venture Partners - "The Many Layers of Venture Capital" Gerard H. Langelier, General Partner, OVP Venture Partners - "Exit, Stage Right" Charles D. Powell, Partner, Haynes and Boone, LLP - "The Role of Counsel in Early Stage Equity Financings"

Due Diligence and the Business Transaction: Getting a Deal Done is a practical guide to due diligence for anyone buying or selling a privately held business or entering into a major agreement with another company. When you're buying a business, it's wise to conduct due diligence. That's the process of investigating and verifying the firm's finances, labor record, exposure to environmental issues, store of intellectual property, hard assets, ownership structure, and much more. If you don't, you may later stumble into serious, costly problems, or you may pay an inflated price for the business. This book not only shows you how to conduct such an examination and what to look for, but it will also help you uncover hidden issues that some sellers might not want you to know about. Conversely, this book shows smart business sellers how to conduct due diligence on their own firms to arrive at the right sales price, uncover issues that might scare off buyers or investors, solve lingering problems before a sale, and more. Done right, due diligence can help sellers ensure they sell the business for the best price and with the least risk. Due Diligence and the Business Transaction will help you understand when to conduct due diligence, whom to include, and how to spot the red flags that signal danger. In addition, you will learn: How to conduct due diligence when contemplating a joint venture, business loan, franchise opportunity, or manufacturing deal How to calibrate the correct scope and breadth of the due diligence investigation depending on your situation How the results of due diligence may and often will change the elements of the final deal How to draft due diligence documents so they protect your interests What successful deals look like Corporate attorney and due diligence expert Jeffrey W. Berkman interweaves critical action points, guidelines and procedural steps, case studies, and due diligence questionnaires, checklists, and documents. The veteran of many business deals, Berkman's advice will help you avoid business-crippling mistakes and make the best deal possible.

The study extends the literature on venture capital by examining whether entrepreneur's choice for an external investor and certain firm characteristics have an impact on venture success or not. The focus is set on the differences in value creation by venture capitalists and business angels for ventures of the high- and low-technology sector. The assessment of a data set including 252

Series A financing rounds by venture capitalist firms, business angels and collaborative investments of both investors conducted between 2005 and 2012 unveils value enhancing aspects for all three financing solutions. Overall, start-ups initially financed by venture capitalist firms perform best with regard to general venture success, whereas start-ups collaboratively supported by venture capitalists and business angels have the highest chances to exit successfully through a trade sale. It becomes further apparent that ventures located in one of the high-technology industries 'internet', 'pharmaceuticals' and 'high-tech', ventures that are longer established in the market and ventures whose Series A financing round was executed more recently indicate an enhanced likelihood of success.

Building on the success of the author's previous book *Beyond the J Curve: Managing a Portfolio of Venture Capital and Private Equity Funds*, this work covers new and additional material and offers advanced guidance on the practical questions faced by institutions when setting up and managing a successful private equity investment programme. Written from the practitioner's viewpoint, the book offers private equity and venture capital professionals an advanced guide that will make high return targets more realistic and sustainable. Factors that can sometimes cause institutions to shy away from venture capital are the industry's opaque track record, unclear valuations and risks, perceived lack of transparency as well as the significant entry barriers to overcome before tangible results show. These issues are all addressed in details with practical solutions to the problems. Among other topics *J-Curve Exposure* includes discussions of: Experiences with the adoption of the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines to address fair value under IFRS. Approaches for splitting and prioritizing distributions from private equity funds. Techniques for track record analysis and other tools to help limited partners in their due diligence. Approaches to dealing with uncertainty, the relevance of real options, and co-investments and side funds as advanced portfolio management techniques. Questions related to limited partner decision making fallacies and how to manage portfolios of VC funds. Securitization backed by portfolios of investments in private equity funds. Real life case studies illustrate the issues relevant for the practitioner.

Entrepreneurs would do well to think strategically like investors. After all, founders are their own first investors. This book treats venture capital as a topic of entrepreneurial strategy, not finance, and includes a background of the industry, an explanation of all aspect of the VC Job Cycle and a framework called "VC Razor" for performing due diligence.

An essential guide to venture capital Studies have shown that venture capital backed entrepreneurial firms are on average significantly more successful than non-venture capital backed entrepreneurial firms in terms of innovativeness, profitability, and share price performance upon going public. Understanding the various aspects of venture capital is something anyone in any industry should be

familiar with. This reliable resource provides a comprehensive view of venture capital by describing the current state of research and best practices in this arena. Issues addressed include sources of capital-such as angel investment, corporate funds, and government funds-financial contracts and monitoring, and the efficiency implications of VC investment, to name a few. Opens with a review of alternative forms of venture capital Highlights the structure of venture capital investments Examines the role venture capitalists play in adding value to their investee firms This informative guide will help you discover the true potential of venture capital.

How to attract the venture capital needed to grow any business Venture Capital teaches entrepreneurs and small business owners everything they need to know about finding the venture capital they need to grow their businesses. Based, in large part, upon in-depth interviews with major players in the venture capital arena--including money managers as well as entrepreneurs who have dealt with them successfully--it provides powerful pointers on how to make a business attractive to venture capitalists, how to protect yourself in negotiating an agreement, how to manage a relationship with venture capitalists once a deal is signed, and much more. Perhaps most importantly, the reader learns what makes venture capitalists tick and sees things through a venture capitalist's eyes. Joel Cardis, Esq. (Blue Bell, PA), consults both Fortune 500 companies and small businesses on an array of venture and start-up issues. Hildy Richelson, PhD (Scarsdale, NY), is President of the Scarsdale Investment Group, Ltd. Offering a deep insight into the venture capital deal-making process, Raising Venture Capital also provides valuable introduction to the subject. The book is practical in focus but based on sound academic theory, research and teaching materials gathered over the last 4 years at Tanaka Business School. Part one covers the history of the venture capital industry, shows why entrepreneurs need venture capital finance, and looks at how venture capitals raise and structure their funds. It also covers valuation methods for venture capital investments, and portfolio management. Part two illustrates how successful entrepreneurs raise finance from venture capitals, and gives details on how to approach venture capitals, how to choose the right venture capital firm, and how venture capitals and entrepreneurs work together after the deal is done. Part three gives a blow-by-blow account of the structure of a venture capital deal. The business of helping firms to become 'investment ready' has long been seen as vital to the long-term development of any economy, but the process of identifying and attracting the right kind of investor can be a difficult process for many small- and medium-sized businesses. Venture Capital Funding gives you a detailed, step-by-step guide to obtaining venture capital - from building a management team, through to the maze of due diligence procedures and necessary legal procedures. The practicalities of competing for, and winning, additional capital are broken down into key areas, such as: - the significance of the business plan; - types of investor - targeting and attracting a funder; - negotiation and initial valuations; - the due diligence process; and - the available investment vehicles. It also explores the many reasons why companies seek out additional funding, and discusses the points in the business life cycle when such injections are appropriate.

FINANCING OPTIONS While there are numerous financing options there is no one size fits all or most. Where your company currently stands financially and its business credibility will be determining factors in which options are available to you. We begin by taking an in-depth look at what it takes to do business with a Venture Capitalist (VC). **CAPITAL RAISE** Venture capital is the process of raising money from individuals and firms that invest in high growth, high risk companies. To compensate for higher risk, venture capital investors (VCs) expect a large return on their investment, higher than say a bank would expect. In addition, in exchange for

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their investment, VCs get partial ownership in your company, called equity, and some measure of control over decision-making. Raising venture capital is a tough endeavor and isn't right for all companies. But if you're considering this route for raising money, read on to learn the answers to the burning questions you have about why you are not attracting money. "Financing Your NEXT Billion\$\$\$" will tell you everything you need to know about how to raise venture capital funding.

DOES MY BUSINESS FIT THE VC MODEL? The first step in raising venture capital (VC) is making sure venture capital is right for your business. For many businesses and business owners it is not. Here are some questions you should ask yourself to assess if you're a good fit.

ARE YOU WILLING TO LET GO OF SOME CONTROL OF YOUR BUSINESS? A lot of businesses owners underestimate the fact that raising venture capital means selling part of your company (i.e. equity) to sophisticated investors. Most business owners are used to being able to call all of the shots. Raising venture capital means being answerable to other people. You will need to have a plan that makes sense to your new partners. You will need to report monthly results to investors. And you will have to answer to others if you fall short of company goals. It's possible you may lose control of your company depending on how your capital raise is structured and how well you perform.

WHAT DO I NEED TO PREPARE? Every business is a little bit different in what it will need to prepare for a VC round. Here's a general list that most companies will need to prepare for potential investors. You won't need all of these to start but you should have them ready before any potential investors start asking for them.

Business Plan
Presentation Pitch 10-20-30
Product Demonstration
Detailed Product Documentation
References
Essentials in your 2-page Business Plan

Each plan is different here are some common things you should probably cover in the detailed portion: Market opportunity
Why your solution is 10 times better
Proof that you can sell and deliver your product
Go-to-market plan
Team, Board
Scalability
Financials and projections
Key risks

The order of these and any one item is less important than creating an overall convincing case that you've got a winner on your hands.

DUE DILIGENCE Most business owners think of due diligence as a formality that a financier goes through just before closing the deal. That thought process is highly flawed. Due diligence begins the moment a VC is approached. While actual due diligence questions will vary depending on the type of business you have, here are some common areas. It's best to get prepared for all of this before engaging a VC. Financing Your NEXT Billion\$\$\$ gives you a list of 26 Due Diligence items to get you on your way to investor compliance. To make the due diligence process go as smoothly as possible, do the following: Setup a Virtual Data Room. It's a good idea to keep a data room or a file sharing service (e.g. Dropbox), so investors can access and return to documents in an organized way.

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