



My Passion: Tech Startups

Experience:

- -starting them (tech entrepreneur, mentoring)
- -raising capital for them & investing in them

Observation over 30 years:

"good" companies will always get funded startups are getting better each year

Conclusion:

It's all about Entrepreneurship & Leadership Beware of the E-myth!



A Great time to start a Company

- Prime at 2.25%, low inflation, GDP: ? %
- **▼** Lower taxes (small bus. rate, cap gains exempt)
- Zero Low R&D costs (SRED Credits)
- ☐ Great Infrastructure (see www.hitechbc.com)
- Overhaul of securities regs (easier financing)
- ▼ Special incentives: SBVCA VCC program
- Make a list of all un-invented things!
- Americans will buy anything!



- -Lower Valuations
- -More investors at smaller amounts
- -Business Structuring is getting more attention
- -It's all about EXITS!! need a "Plan" (What's better 5X in 5? Or 10X in 10?)
- -Politics?



Early Stage vs Startup?

尽 Early stage:

Team

Products

Business Plan

Customers

VCs - maybe

尽 Start Up:

one or two people ideas and/or IP

VCs – forget it!



[See www.garage.com]



What's An Angel?

ANGEL:

a term borrowed from Broadway (successful "stars" helping "starlets")

TWO key (ideally) characteristics of Angels:

- 1.Been there, done that (entrepreneur, CEO)
- 2.*Invests Own Capital, \$25K-\$1M+ (no agents, no OPM)

(* essential criterion)





The Alternatives

Go to www.hitechbc.com for MONEY LINKS:

- → Golden Gov't funding
- **尽** Love Money
- → Angels & Angel Funds
- Private Investors
- → Hedge Funds
- ▼ Venture Capitalists
- Public Markets
- → Strategic Partners
- Customers
- → Debt, VISA, sharks, etc.

		MONEY LINKS
SOURCE	LINK	COMMENTS
EQUITY Capital	(Green Money)	(Green is for Gr
ANGELS and other investors (VANTEC)	http://www.vef.org/angels/ index.html	As you can appre mike@volker.org monthly.
ANGEL FORUM	http://www.angelforum.org/	A periodic forum i chaworth@direct
BDC Venture Capital	http://www.bdc.ca/site/nght/financ/ venturecap/index.html	BDC is a governm and \$90M in 9 of Investments* fund
Banyan Capital Partners	http://www.cclgroup.com/banyan/ bcp/index.jep	Est in 1999, Bany
Barkely Capital Corp	http://www.barkleycapital.com	Innovative warrant 10% of the compa
B.C. Advantage Funds (VCC) Inc	http://www.bcadwantagefunds.com	Formed in 2003," venture start-up fu the general public
B C Discovery Fund (VCC) Inc	http://www.bcdiscoveryfund.com	This is another pro BC-based tech co
Bell Mobility Investments	http://www.bellmobility.ca/bmi	BMI wants to inve offered. Contact.
BIRC Corporation	http://www.birc.net	BIRC is focused of the drug industry.
BMO Capital Corp (BMOCC)	http://www.bmo.com/bmocc/	Est. in 1996, Bank potential at all stag
Canadian Science and Technology		T



Why Entrepreneurs like Angels

- The *best* way to get the funding process started
- If they can't get interest in this level, they won't go far with anyone else
- Angels are a magnet for Venture Capital (really?!)
- Angels make excellent mentors & coaches
- Angel money is true risk capital...
 and it's becoming more ubiquitous
- Been there, done that angels are entrepreneurs It's not just about the money!



What Angels Want

- 1. Fun
- 2. Interesting Opportunity
- 3. A willing protégé
- 4. To use one's resources
- 5. Attractive Return: 10X to >>100X
- 6. 3 I's: Intensity, Integrity, Immediacy (person)
- 7. 3 G's: Goodness, Greatness, Greed (company)





Angels: Where on Earth are they?

Sorry! There's no "list" Get a friend...

a mentor

a coach

an advocate

(this is the "key" to the angel network)

There is no shortage of venues!! (they're everywhere! they're everywhere!)

Good people/deals will always get funded!



	ANGELS	VCs
Stage of Investment	Startup (pre-BP)	No startups
Capital Invested & Source	\$100k-\$1M Own Money	>>\$1M Others' Money
Incentive & Participation	No Fees, Hobby Founding team	Fees, Profession Management Team
ROI & Exit Goal	>100X, >\$5M	>10X, >\$100M
Due Diligence	Gut feel, Why to?	No risk, Why not to?
Other Attributes	Fast, innovative, entrepreneurial	Cautious, smart, managerial



Some Recent Observations

- Vantec Angel Study: 50% get funded; \$1M (avg)
- From a Toronto VC:

 Angels in Vancouver are more sophisticated than VCs
- Vancouver Angels better at syndication; do more deals
- **US VC:** 22% ROI, California: 54%, Canada: 2%? US Angels: 2.6X in 3.5 years (ROI = 28%)
- More "angel funds"
- More and more angel groups



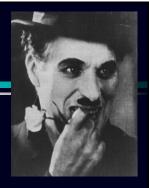
ROI? How to calculate?

- eg: 2.6X in 3.5 years (ROI = 28%)
- Use .xls function = IRR(values, guess)
- **eg**: 12*IRR(D128:AT128,0.2/12)
- * monthly vs annual compounding?
- Examples:
 - 2X in 5 years = 15%
 - 5X in 5 years = 38%
 - 10X in 10 years = 26%
 - 50X in 10 years = 48%



Angel's Angst

The Issues:



- ***** How to pick the winners?
- What's the "valuation"? (dumb deals are common!)
- What will we do about follow-on financing?
- * Will we suffer merciless dilution? Cramdowns?
- Simply too busy!



The Valuations Issue



- What is the sell-out target? (\$10m? \$100m?)
 Angels need at least 10X
- If an angel gets 15% instead of 10%:Angel gets 50% more, entrepreneur gets 6% less

* The 3 times 1/3 rule:	<u>Investors</u> :	Founders:	<u>\$\$\$</u>
Angel Round:	33%	67%	<\$1m
Series A Round:	33%	45%	>\$5m
Series B Round:	33%	30%	>\$10m



Cap Table (Ideal) CAP TABLE StartUp Angel Round VC Round Exit Gain Founders/Mgmt \$0 (100%) \$0 (60%) 1000X \$0 (75%) \$60M \$500K (25%) \$500K (20% \$20M 40X Angels VCs \$2M (20%) |\$20M 10X **Market Cap** \$0 \$2M \$10M \$100M



Cap Table (more likely)

		CAP TABLE			
	StartUp	Angel Round	VC Round	Exit	Gain
Founders/Mgmt	\$0 (100%)	\$0 (75%)	\$0 (37%)	\$11.25M	1000X
Angels		\$250K (25%)	\$250K (12%)	\$3.75M	15X
VCs			\$3M (50%)	\$15M	5X
Market Cap	\$0	\$1M	\$6M	\$30M	



Angel's BS Bingo:

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Domain Expertise	ProActive Management	Unique Proposition	Low Burn Rate	Best of Breed	
Enabling Technology	Empowered Team	Ground Floor Opportunity	First To Market	Platform Technology	
Market Driven	World Class Products	<u>PROFITS</u>	Competitive Advantage	Renowned Board	
Proprietary Technology (no competitors)	Revolutionary Business Model	IP Portfolio	Favorable Valuation	Liquidity Event (Exit Strategy)	ar.com
Revenue Traction	NASDAQ IPO	Mezzanine Round	Defensible Strategy	Visionary	mikevolker.com

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Winning with Angels:



Remember:

This is a contact sport

This is *not* an institutional activity (it's a network)

(Do not call to inquire about your "application")

Getting a mentor makes the difference!

It's just like finding a partner:

Love at first sight does happen, but...

Courting and building a relationship takes time (one night stands cause headaches!)

Don't be desperate

....And it must be FUN!



What about Scale?

The \$100 million deal?

or

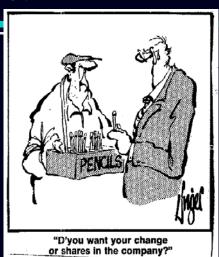
The Lifestyle Business?

Or

Something In between?

YOUR DECISION!

Then sell your story to the right audience!





The Angel Network (VANTEC)

Under auspices of the VEF... (started Apr'99) (check: www.vantec.ca for details)

How it Works:

- -it is a network (no formal organization!)
- -by angels and for angels
- -monthly meetings: 3-5 short 15 min presentations
- -no hard and fast rules (no application process)
- -works on the sponsorship model
- -dovetails nicely with VCs, Incubators, etc...

(Note: biotech and tech subgroups have formed)



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