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This easy to follow guide helps startup founders understand the key moving parts of an investment term sheet, and review typical preferred share rights, preferences, and protections. Along the way, we also provide easy-to-follow examples for the most common calculations related to preferred share equity deals. Expanding on these fundraising concepts, this Founder's Pocket Guide helps startup founders learn: What a term sheet is and how to summarize the most important deal terms for your fundraising and startup building goals. How preferred stock shares differ from common shares, with review of how each key preferred share right and preference is tied to the investor's shares. Key terms and definitions associated with equity fundraising, such as pre-money valuation, founder dilution, and down round. How to decipher legalese associated with a term sheet deal, such as pro rata, fully diluted, and pari passu. The full list of the most common term sheet clauses, their plain English meaning, and their importance to an early-stage investment deal. Simple math for the key term sheet financial aspects, including calculating fully diluted shares outstanding, investor equity ownership percentages, and the impact of option pools on founder dilution. Example exit scenarios, showing how term sheet deal points impact how exit proceeds get divided among investors and founders.

The Fairshare Model is an idea for a performance-based capital structure that redefines capitalism at the DNA level, where ownership interests are set. When used to raise venture capital via an IPO, it balances and aligns the interests of investors and employees--capital and labor. Author Karl Sjogren utilizes highly approachable language, humor, and analogies, along with insights about capital markets. The result is an eclectic, yet inviting discussion that might occur in a graduate-level symposium on economics, finance, and philosophy. This groundbreaking book focuses on startup valuations--microeconomics. But it also considers the macroeconomic implications of the Fairshare Model for economic growth, income inequality, and shared stakeholding, as well as game theory and financing of blockchain projects. The Fairshare Model has two classes of stock--both vote but only one is tradable. --Investors get the tradable stock. Employees get it too, for actual performance. --For future performance, employees get the non-tradable stock; it converts to the tradable stock based on milestones. With this structure, public investors are more likely to profit when they invest in a company with high failure risk--because they have less valuation risk. By offering a better form of capitalism, The Fairshare Model is a movement book for our times.

An essential guide to understanding the dynamics of a startup's board of directors Let's face it, as founders and entrepreneurs, you have a lot on your plate--getting to your minimum viable product, developing customer interaction, hiring team members, and managing the accounts/books. Sooner or later, you have a board of directors, three to five (or even seven) Type A personalities who seek your attention

and at times will tell you what to do. While you might be hesitant to form a board, establishing an objective outside group is essential for startups, especially to keep you on track, call you out when you flail, and in some cases, save you from yourself. In Startup Boards, Brad Feld—a Boulder, Colorado-based entrepreneur turned-venture capitalist—shares his experience in this area by talking about the importance of having the right board members on your team and how to manage them well. Along the way, he shares valuable insights on various aspects of the board, including how they can support you, help you understand your startup's milestones and get to them faster, and hold you accountable. Details the process of choosing board members, including interviewing many people, checking references, and remembering that there should be no fear in rejecting a wrong fit Explores the importance of running great meetings, mixing social time with business time, and much more Recommends being a board member yourself at some other organization so you see the other side of the equation Engaging and informative, Startup Boards is a practical guide to one of the most important pieces of the startup puzzle. "This is probably the single most valuable resource for the entrepreneurs aspiring to build successful companies"—Ron Conway, Special Adviser, SV Angel, and investor in Facebook, Google, Twitter, Foursquare, PayPal, Zappos "I highly recommend Venture Capitalists at Work. This book captures the personalities and approaches of a number of leading VC practitioners and displays the heart and soul of the venture capital process, by offering an exclusive window into the voice of the practitioners."—Gus Tai, Trinity Ventures "Venture Capitalists at Work is a foundational pillar in an entrepreneur's understanding and resources. This is a first in terms of the level of detail, quality of discussion, and value to the entrepreneur."—George Zachary, Charles River Ventures and Investor in Twitter Venture Capitalists at Work: How VCs Identify and Build Billion-Dollar Successes offers unparalleled insights into the funding and management of companies like YouTube, Zappos, Twitter, Starent, Facebook, and Groupon. The venture capitalists profiled—among the best in the business—also reveal how they identify promising markets, products, and entrepreneurs. Author Tarang Shah, a venture capital professional himself, interviews rising VC stars, Internet and software investment pioneers, and venture investment thought leaders. You'll learn firsthand what criteria venture capitalists use to make investments, how they structure deals, the many ways they help the companies they fund, avoidable mistakes they see all too often, the role of luck in a success, and why so many startups fail. Venture Capitalists at Work also contains interviews with those on the receiving end of venture money—entrepreneurs in high-profile startups that went on to achieve great success. Whether you're an entrepreneur, an aspiring VC, an M&A professional, or an ambitious student, the knowledge you will gain from Venture Capitalists at Work could provide a significant shortcut to success. Other books in the Apress At Work Series: Coders at Work, Seibel, 978-1-4302-1948-4 CIOs at Work, Yourdon, 978-1-4302-3554-5 CTOs at Work, Donaldson, Seigel,

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Case Studies and Methodology

The Step-By-Step Guide for Building a Great Company

A Field Guide to Scaling Up Your Business (Techstars)

Venture Capital & the Finance of Innovation

Selling Your Startup

Founder's Pocket Guide: Friends and Family Funding

Crafting the Perfect Exit, Selling Your Business, and Everything Else

Entrepreneurs Need to Know

“How do we split up the equity ownership of our startup?” This guide provides a framework and process to help startup founders answer this common question. Equity ownership affects the culture and sense of wellbeing of a startup. Founders typically sacrifice a great deal of other life opportunities to work on a startup effort. In exchange for that sacrifice, a founder wants to feel the ownership equation with any co-founders is fair. In detail, this Founder's Pocket Guide walks entrepreneurs through the following elements:

- Take The Founder Test to make sure everybody deserves founder status
- Review the case for splitting your founder equity into equal parts
- Use the Equity Split Scorecard as a fair method to allocate more equity to highly skilled cofounders
- Solve common equity problems using founder vesting structures
- Answer common equity split questions like IP and founder-investors

Note that this guide does not go into how to use equity to attract employees or using equity to pay service providers, advisors, development companies, or other contractors. This guide focuses solely on the best practices of deciding the equity ownership split between the founders of a startup venture.

Finance Essentials for Entrepreneurs is a startup owner's indispensable guide to basic finance. In this e-book, Zafar draws upon two decades of entrepreneurial experience to provide a simple, proven method for understanding the most important elements of financial management for businesses. Zafar understands what entrepreneurs need to know about business finance. He also knows that their time is precious. In Finance Essentials for Entrepreneurs, he delivers that knowledge in practical, to-the-point language free of technical jargon and longwinded discourses and provides spreadsheet examples that are clear and relevant.

Addresses significant developments in the valuation of early stage enterprises at fair value with emphasis on practical applications—features a broad selection of case studies of early

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stage valuation Early Stage Valuation: A Fair Value Perspective provides a comprehensive review of the current methodologies used to value Early Stage Enterprises (ESEs) at fair value for financial reporting, investment, and mergers and acquisitions. Author Antonella Puca, Senior Director with Alvarez & Marsal Valuation Services in New York, provides accurate, up-to-date information on recent guidelines and new approaches for valuation assessments. This authoritative guide examines how to apply market analysis, discounted cash flows models, statistical techniques such as option pricing models (OPM) and Monte Carlo simulation, the venture capital method and non-GAAP metrics to ESE valuation. The text considers the most recent AICPA, Appraisal Foundation and IPEV guidance, and examines developments in both academic research and venture capital investor practice. Numerous real-world case studies illustrate early stage valuation suitable for structuring sound, internally consistent business transactions. Covering current trends and the latest regulatory guidance in the area, this book: Provides step-by-step guidance on practical valuation applications Reflects current standards for ESE valuation, including the AICPA Guide to the Valuation of Portfolio Company Investments, the IPEV guidelines and guidance from the Appraisal Foundation Covers new approaches to the valuation of ESEs with option pricing models, Monte Carlo Simulation, calibration and non-GAAP metrics Offers an overview of start-up valuation Discusses how intangible assets are impacting the valuation of ESEs The book also includes contributions from Neil Beaton, Andreas Dal Santo, Alexander Davie, John Jackman and Mark Zyla. Early Stage Valuation: A Fair Value Perspective is an essential resource for valuation specialists, private equity and venture capital fund managers, analysts, attorneys, investment bankers, regulators and auditors, and investors with interest in the private equity and venture capital industry.

"Written for startup founders that need to raise funding for their business, but don't know where to start, Startup Seed Funding for the Rest of Us takes the incredibly complicated process of startup fundraising and breaks it down into manageable steps"--Cover.

Surviving a Startup

Startup Seed Funding for the Rest of Us

The #1 Guide to Startup Valuation

Funding Options for Startups

Why Startups Fail

Term Sheets & Valuations

Founder's Pocket Guide: Term Sheets and Preferred Shares

This highly visual guide offers startup founders and employees a "nuts and bolts" view of

how stock options and other forms of equity compensation work in early-stage startups. Throughout this guide numerous mini-infographics illustrate the key concepts founders need to know and show the relationships between stock option grants, vesting timelines, exercise timing, and associated tax implications. In detail, this Founder's Pocket Guidewalks entrepreneurs through the following elements: Startup Equity Compensation Basics: Sharing Equity with Your Team The first section of this guide is structured to help founders build a base of understanding about the numerous definitions and terminology related to startup equity compensation and stock options. Topics covered include: · A brief refresher on startup equity in preparation for delving into the details of stock options and other forms of equity compensation. · A quick review of how startup equity ownership is shared between the various stakeholder of a startup including the founders, investors, and employees. · The fundamental mechanics of how startup stock options work, including option grants, exercising, vesting, and selling of stock shares. · A detailed review of equity compensation terminology and definitions, such as vesting, strike price, fair market value, and spread. · An explanation of each of the most common types of equity compensation including Restricted Stock, Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options, and Restricted Stock Units. Equity Compensation Types in Detail The next section of this guide reviews each of the most common types of equity compensation, including detailed components such as tax implications, vesting and exercise parameters, and other IRS rules governing the ownership of each equity type. The following equity compensation types are covered: · Restricted Stock (RS) · Incentive Stock Options (ISOs) · Early Exercise Incentive Stock Options (EE-ISOs) · Nonstatutory Stock Options (NSOs) · Early Exercise Nonstatutory Stock Options (EE-NSOs) · Restricted Stock Units (RSU) Establishing Your Startup's Equity Plan In the final part of this guide we dig deeper into the key areas founders need to consider when developing an equity plan for their startup, with specific focus on the following issues: · When to implement a formal equity incentive plan · What factors to consider when deciding how large the equity compensation pool should be · How to decide employee equity award amounts at the different stages of a startup's lifecycle · What general steps to take to establish a equity compensation plan for your startup · What key information that must be communicated to employees about equity compensation awards · Which step-by-step calculations are needed to truly understand equity ownership percentages and value · How IRS and SEC rules impact private company equity compensation

This book reveals: * Where to find investors and the best approaches to win their support * What investors are really looking for but won't tell you * How to persuade banks, business angels, VCs and public funders * Insider tips for compiling material that satisfies investors * Little-known strategies that will boost your success

More than 100,000 entrepreneurs rely on this book for detailed, step-by-step instructions on building successful, scalable, profitable startups. The National Science Foundation pays hundreds of startup teams each year to follow the process outlined in the book, and it's taught at Stanford, Berkeley, Columbia and more than 100 other leading universities worldwide. Why? The Startup Owner's Manual guides you, step-by-step, as you put the Customer Development process to work. This method was created by renowned Silicon Valley startup expert Steve Blank, co-creator with Eric Ries of the "Lean Startup" movement and tested and refined by him for more than a decade. This 608-page how-to guide includes over 100 charts, graphs, and diagrams, plus 77 valuable checklists that

guide you as you drive your company toward profitability. It will help you:

- Avoid the 9 deadly sins that destroy startups' chances for success
- Use the Customer Development method to bring your business idea to life
- Incorporate the Business Model Canvas as the organizing principle for startup hypotheses
- Identify your customers and determine how to "get, keep and grow" customers profitably
- Compute how you'll drive your startup to repeatable, scalable profits.

The Startup Owner's Manual was originally published by K&S Ranch Publishing Inc. and is now available from Wiley. The cover, design, and content are the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product. When investors ask for a valuation, many founders choke. They stutter, stall or worse: ask the investor. The investor is puzzled. Founders can name the price for their product. Then why not for their shares? The #1 Guide to Startup Valuation hands you the tools to value your startup. You will learn:

- The difference between selling your shares and raising money
- Why investors buy your shares
- The 4 building blocks of startup valuation
- How to value your startup if you raise money with equity
- How many shares you have to give away when you do a convertible
- How to choose between one or multiple exit scenarios
- How to choose between a convertible with a discount and a discount and a cap
- How to choose between equity and convertible debt
- If you don't

Be Smarter Than Your Lawyer and Venture Capitalist

Startup, Scaleup, Screwup

Zero to One

A Simple Guide to Understanding and Creating Financial Statements for Your Business

Getting the Most Out of Your Board of Directors

Finance Essentials for Entrepreneurs

Studies investment, portfolio involvement and exit strategies of venture capital firms investing in high-technology early-stage start-ups in India.

"Many interesting developments have occurred in the world of venture capital since the publication of the first edition of this book in 2006, which prompted us to revise the book for the second edition. While the organization of the book remains unchanged, many of the chapters are substantially rewritten. For example, in Chapter 5, we re-ranked top VC firms, incorporating the latest performance statistics, fundraising and investment activities, notable exits, and (as always) our subjective opinions. In Chapter 6, we examine further evidence of the deepening globalization of the industry. In Chapters 3, 4, and 7, we analyze the impact of the 1999-2000 Internet bubble years on the VC risk and returns, as investments made in those years are finally mature and thus now a part of the performance evaluation analysis. We also incorporated expositional improvements throughout the book based on reader feedback on the first edition. Another feature of the new edition is that the VCV model, used extensively in Part III of the book, is now available as a Web-based application available on <http://VCVtools.com>. Significant collaborative efforts went into developing this tool, which we believe will be of interest to a broad audience, including practitioners interested in valuing VC-backed company stocks and employee stock options"

The goal of this guide is to help you understand the key moving parts

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of a startup cap table, review typical cap table inputs, and demystify terminology and jargon associated with cap table discussions. Along the way, this highly visual guide provides easy-to-follow examples for the most common calculations related to cap table building. Expanding on these key skills every startup founder should know, this Founder's Pocket Guide helps you learn how to:

- Build your basic cap table step by step, including founder's shares, option pools, angel investor rounds, and VC rounds.
- Decipher cap table specific lingo, such as fully-diluted shares outstanding, preferred shares vs. common shares, Series A, Series B, and so on.
- Establish a stock option pool in your cap table and understand the option pool effect on founder dilution.
- Understand the simple math behind cap table formulas and calculations, including calculating fully diluted shares outstanding, investor equity ownership percentages, and share price.

Entrepreneurs who dream of building the next Amazon, Facebook, or Google can take advantage of one of the most powerful economic engines the world has ever known: venture capital. To do so, you need to woo, impress, and persuade venture capitalists to take a risk on an unproven idea. That task is challenge enough. But choosing the right investor can be harder still. Even if you manage to get backing, you want your VC to be a partner, not some adversary who will undermine your vision in order to make a quick return. Jeffrey Busgang is one of a few people who have played on both sides of this high-stakes game. By his early thirties, he had helped build two successful start-ups-one went public, the other was acquired. Now he draws on his experience and unique perspective on the "other side" as a venture capitalist helping entrepreneurs bring their dreams to fruition. Busgang offers detailed insights, colorful stories, and practical advice gathered from his own experience as well as from interviews with dozens of the most successful players on both sides of the game, including Twitter's Jack Dorsey and LinkedIn's Reid Hoffman. He reveals how to get noticed, perfect a pitch, and negotiate a partnership that works for everyone. An insider's guide to the secrets of the world venture capital, *Mastering the VC Game* will prove invaluable for entrepreneurs seeking capital and successful partnerships.

Anticipating and Avoiding the Pitfalls That Can Sink a Startup

A Conceptual Framework and Practical Guide

A Performance-Based Capital Structure for Venture-Stage Initial Public Offerings

Notes on Startups, or How to Build the Future

The Disaster-free Startup and Fundraising Handbook for Founders and Investors

A Handbook for Growth

The Startup Owner's Manual

Learn how to sell your startup from an acquisition expert Many entrepreneurs dream of the day their company is acquired and they secure a perfect exit. But information about the process of getting your business acquired usually comes from expensive investment bankers who typically advise late-stage startups. In *Selling Your Startup*, serial entrepreneur Alejandro Cremades delivers an accessible guide on how to sell

your startup. With first-hand experience as a fully exited entrepreneur, investment banker, and lawyer, Cremades describes the tips and tricks startup founders need to sell their early-stage to growth-stage business. In this book, you'll discover: The role that investment bankers play in the acquisition process, how they add value, and how to break down their fees Preparing your company for sale, including compiling a pitch book, putting its finances in order, and building a target list of potential acquirers How to get to a Letter of Intent, perform due diligence, and reach a purchase agreement Perfect for entrepreneurs of all kinds, Selling Your Startup is a must-have roadmap to the practical realities of company acquisition and contains proven guidance on crafting your perfect exit.

Talk Confidently with Angel Investors. Created to save you dozens of hours of research and help you avoid common pitfalls, this guide helps you build your angel investing process knowledge base, sort out key terminology, and understand the moving parts of equity fundraising. Review the Complete Process. This concise guide gives entrepreneurs a complete overview of the angel funding process, answering the most frequent questions entrepreneurs face as they build new companies. Save Time and Avoid Pitfalls. If you are new to the startup funding process and need to raise angel capital, start with this book. It strips away non essentials and provides you with fundamental, easy-to-reference information so you can move on to building your venture. Concise explanations help you understand angel investor expectations and go into investment discussions prepared and knowledgeable. Questions answered in this Founder's Pocket Guide include: · Is my startup really "investor ready"? · How much can my startup legally raise? · How much equity should I give up to investors? · How much money is realistic to raise from angels? · What is a pre-money valuation and how can I determine the right amount? · What do terms such as dilution, convertible debt, and cap table mean? · What is a term sheet, and how does it affect an investment deal? · What is the difference between preferred shares and common shares? · What stage does my startup need to be at to be interesting to angel investors?

Presents information how to spot and sidestep roadblocks on the entrepreneurial journey and sets readers on a path to startup success.

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.

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Pitching Investors, Negotiating the Deal, and Everything Else Entrepreneurs Need to Know

The Cult of We

Venture Capital For Dummies

The Art of Startup Fundraising

The Economics of Venture Capital Firm Operations in India

Practical Strategies for Starting a Business, Overcoming Obstacles, and Coming Out on Top

Why did so many intelligent people—from venture capitalists to Wall Street elite—fall for the hype? And how did WeWork go so wrong? In little more than a decade, Neumann

transformed himself from a struggling baby clothes salesman into the charismatic, hard-partying CEO of a company worth \$47 billion-on paper. With his long hair and feel-good mantras, the six-foot-five Israeli transplant looked the part of a messianic truth teller. Investors swooned, and billions poured in. Neumann dined with the CEOs of JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs, entertaining a parade of power brokers desperate to get a slice of what he was selling: the country's most valuable startup, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a generation-defining moment. Soon, however, WeWork was burning through cash faster than Neumann could bring it in. From his private jet, sometimes clouded with marijuana smoke, he scoured the globe for more capital. Then, as WeWork readied a Hail Mary IPO, it all fell apart. .

Raise startup capital quickly. Raising startup funding from friends and family is the number one resource startup founders engage to get their ventures off the ground. This guide details all of the common friends and family funding structures, including simple loans, profit sharing agreements, equity deals, and convertible notes. Structure deals correctly. Getting the money in the bank is a big step, but doing it the right way matters even more. This book provides easy to follow guidance for choosing and documenting the best funding structures for both your startup and your funding partners. As an added bonus, a promissory loan example is provided, with blow by blow details of each clause. Hone your Friends and Family pitch. Additional sections provide concise information to help you prepare a compelling funding pitch, as well as explaining how to document your estimations of the market and financial feasibility of your early-stage startup. Founder ' s Pocket Guide: Friends and Family Funding guides founders through topics such as:

- Structuring a simple startup loan with friends and family lenders.
- Using convertible debt to entice friends and family to invest in your startup.
- Learning the most important considerations for issuing stock to friends or family members.
- Understanding the legal limits of raising startup capital from friends and family.
- Keeping early funding rounds clean for later stage investors such as angels and VCs.
- Using profit sharing to rewarding friends and family investors for backing your startup.

Imagine selling \$2 million "worth" of Google stock and only receiving \$50 in return? This scenario happens every day for venture-backed companies. Failure to quickly understand high-growth company valuation can cost trillions of dollars. Yet very few leaders involved in a venture-backed company have a definitive understanding of how valuation techniques are being applied to their financial statements and the decision-making process. Featuring extensive case studies of high-profile corporations, including Facebook, Twitter, and Microsoft, Venture Capital Valuation provides the knowledge and techniques necessary to understand and value high-growth companies. Sharing his twenty-year track record helping thousands of investors, practitioners, and entrepreneurs measure and realize high-growth venture, author Lorenzo Carver draws on real-world cases from investors, founders, and advisors to illustrate how each corporation was impacted by valuations. By putting these techniques into a context and framework, Venture Capital Valuation simplifies them so that anyone founding, running, and investing in these innovative companies can apply them immediately. Featuring a companion website where readers can access and download additional case study material, as well as different valuation materials mentioned throughout the text, Venture Capital Valuation explores: Why what you don't know about valuation will cost you money How VCs, angels, founders, and employees give up investment cash flow every

day Facebook at \$80 billion valuation versus Enron at \$80 billion valuation Deal terms, waterfalls, and the pre-money myth Whether venture-backed companies should even consider a discounted cash flow (DCF) model Separating enterprise value from the allocation of that value Valuing total equity Using Future Value (FV) and Present Value (PV) to value future cash flows today Why applying the typical DCF model to a venture-backed company hardly ever works "Enterprise Value" + "Allocation Methods" = Value Destruction Undervaluing companies and overvaluing employee options Why you should D.O.W.T. (doubt) venture capital returns 409A valuation professionals discussing topic 820 (FAS 157) with VC CFOs An invaluable resource for anyone who wants to make the most out of their investments, Venture Capital Valuation shows business appraisers and venture capitalists how to maximize their returns and avoid losing money—before the damage becomes irreparable.

This is a pioneering effort to provide in one place, alternative sources of funding, professionally structured business plan and other related aspects of raising start-up funds. Beginning with a detailed analysis of the Startup Ecosystem, the role of Incubators, Mentors & Accelerators (IMA) from the stage of ideation to the actual setting up of a project, principal players in this process like Universities, IITs, IIMs, Indian Business Houses, Multinational Corporations and reputed professionals and intrapreneurs have been identified and listed. Pros and cons of angel finance, seed capital, venture capital, crowdfunding, impact investment, hedge fund, debt fund, private equity, valuation, recent deals & exits, emerging trends and ideas in the startup scenario are some of the areas discussed in detail in the publication. Existing success stories and the government 's thrust on creating India as a hub of startups is drawing many students to entrepreneurship. B-schools and IITs are rolling out enthusiastic professionals, accelerators etc. A unique feature of the publication is a section on case studies, which demonstrate bird 's eye view of their birth pain, how they traversed the thorny path, faced failure after failure, changed their ideas and strategies and finally how they reached their destination successfully.

A Venture Capital Insider Reveals How to Get from Start-up to IPO on Your Terms
Startup Evolution Curve from Idea to Profitable and Scalable Business

WeWork, Adam Neumann, and the Great Startup Delusion

Founder 's Pocket Guide: Founder Equity Splits

The Founder's Dilemmas

Startup CEO

Venture Capitalists at Work

An engaging guide to excelling in today's venture capital arena
Beginning in 2005, Brad Feld and Jason Mendelson, managing directors at Foundry Group, wrote a long series of blog posts describing all the parts of a typical venture capital Term Sheet: a document which outlines key financial and other terms of a proposed investment. Since this time, they've seen the series used as the basis for a number of college courses, and have been thanked by thousands of people who have used the information to gain a better understanding of the venture capital field. Drawn from the past work Feld and Mendelson have written about in their blog and augmented with newer material, Venture Capital Financings puts this discipline in perspective and lays out the strategies that allow entrepreneurs to excel in their start-up

companies. Page by page, this book discusses all facets of the venture capital fundraising process. Along the way, Feld and Mendelson touch on everything from how valuations are set to what externalities venture capitalists face that factor into entrepreneurs' businesses. Includes a breakdown analysis of the mechanics of a Term Sheet and the tactics needed to negotiate Details the different stages of the venture capital process, from starting a venture and seeing it through to the later stages Explores the entire venture capital ecosystem including those who invest in venture capitalist Contain standard documents that are used in these transactions Written by two highly regarded experts in the world of venture capital The venture capital arena is a complex and competitive place, but with this book as your guide, you'll discover what it takes to make your way through it. Super Founders uses a data-driven approach to understand what really differentiates billion-dollar startups from the rest—revealing that nearly everything we thought was true about them is false! Ali Tamaseb has spent thousands of hours manually amassing what may be the largest dataset ever collected on startups, comparing billion-dollar startups with those that failed to become one—30,000 data points on nearly every factor: number of competitors, market size, the founder's age, his or her university's ranking, quality of investors, fundraising time, and many, many more. And what he found looked far different than expected. Just to mention a few: Most unicorn founders had no industry experience; There's no disadvantage to being a solo founder or to being a non-technical CEO; Less than 15% went through any kind of accelerator program; Over half had strong competitors when starting—being first to market with an idea does not actually matter. You will also hear the stories of the early days of billion-dollar startups first-hand. The book includes exclusive interviews with the founders/investors of Zoom, Instacart, PayPal, Nest, Github, Flatiron Health, Kite Pharma, Facebook, Stripe, Airbnb, YouTube, LinkedIn, Lyft, DoorDash, Coinbase, and Square, venture capital investors like Elad Gil, Peter Thiel, Alfred Lin from Sequoia Capital and Keith Rabois of Founders Fund, as well as previously untold stories about the early days of ByteDance (TikTok), WhatsApp, Dropbox, Discord, DiDi, Flipkart, Instagram, Careem, Peloton, and SpaceX. Packed with counterintuitive insights and inside stories from people who have built massively successful companies, Super Founders is a paradigm-shifting and actionable guide for entrepreneurs, investors, and anyone interested in what makes a startup successful.

It's like an IKEA guide for building your next startup. Based on research of 1,447 startups and highly recommended by more than 30 international experts. It's not a book you read in a day, but like a manual you take with you and consult from time to time. Every startup founder should have it on the desk! SHOWS THE WAY Donatas Jonikas (Ph.D.) provides clear and actionable guidelines for what to do next if you want to transform your innovative ideas into profitable and scalable business: * What should be done and why it is needed * Actionable steps and how to do it * Real case startup examples * References for further reading * Templates and swipe files for

download SAVES YOUR TIME This step-by-step guide is designed for people who don't have time and want to take action right now. If this describes you, here is how you should use this book: * Choose one of the five startup development stages you are currently most interested in * Review the topics to get of what should be done in that stage * Review the "how to do it" infographic at the beginning of the topic and follow the instructions COVERS ALL THAT'S NECESSARY The concept of Startup Evolution Curve has five stages with seven lessons (or tasks to be done) in each. This is a comprehensive manual with 35 lessons on startup marketing strategy and implementation that covers: * Feasibility study * Hypotheses and experiments * Fundraising * Product launch * Growth hacking PROVIDES ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR FREE! * 20 templates and swipe files for download * Online video course on how to create an irresistible offer * Invitation to join the group of like-minded startup entrepreneurs

Startup money is moving online, and this guide shows you how it works. The Art of Startup Fundraising takes a fresh look at raising money for startups, with a focus on the changing face of startup finance. New regulations are making the old go-to advice less relevant, as startup money is increasingly moving online. These new waters are all but uncharted—and founders need an accessible guide. This book helps you navigate the online world of startup fundraising with easy-to-follow explanations and expert perspective on the new digital world of finance. You'll find tips and tricks on raising money and investing in startups from early stage to growth stage, and develop a clear strategy based on the new realities surrounding today's startup landscape. The finance world is in a massive state of flux. Changes are occurring at an increasing pace in all sectors, but few more intensely than the startup sphere. When the paradigm changes, your processes must change with it. This book shows you how startup funding works, with expert coaching toward the new rules on the field. Learn how the JOBS Act impacts the fundraising model Gain insight on startups from early stage to growth stage Find the money you need to get your venture going Craft your pitch and optimize the strategy Build momentum Identify the right investors Avoid the common mistakes Don't rely on the "how we did it" tales from superstar startups, as these stories are unique and applied to exceptional scenarios. The game has changed, and playing by the old rules only gets you left behind. Whether you're founding a startup or looking to invest, The Art of Startup Fundraising provides the up-to-the-minute guidance you need.

Founder's Pocket Guide Convertible Debt

Enterprising Ideas:

42 Tools to Accelerate Lean and Agile Business Growth

The Startup Funding Book

Startup Boards

Early Stage Valuation

A Fair Value Perspective

This publication introduces startups to IP. Through step-by-step guidance, useful case studies and simple checklists, it illustrates how small

You're only a startup CEO once. Do it well with Startup CEO, a "master class in building a business." —Dick Costolo, Former CEO, Twitter Being a startup CEO is a job like no other: it's difficult, risky, stressful, lonely, and often learned through trial and error. As a startup CEO seeing things for the first time, you're likely to make mistakes, fail, get things wrong, and feel like you don't have any control over outcomes. Author Matt Blumberg has been there, and in Startup CEO he shares his experience, mistakes, and lessons learned as he guided Return Path from a handful of employees and no revenues to over \$100 million in revenues and 500 employees. Startup CEO is not a memoir of Return Path's 20-year journey but a thoughtful CEO-focused book that provides first-time CEOs with advice, tools, and approaches for the situations that startup CEOs will face. You'll learn: How to tell your story to new hires, investors, and customers for greater alignment How to create a values-based culture for speed and engagement How to create business and personal operating systems so that you can balance your life and grow your company at the same time How to develop, lead, and leverage your board of directors for greater impact How to ensure that your company is bought, not sold, when you exit Startup CEO is the field guide every CEO needs throughout the growth of their company.

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#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "This book delivers completely new and refreshing ideas on how to create value in the world."—Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Meta "Peter Thiel has built multiple breakthrough companies, and Zero to One shows how."—Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla The great secret of our time is that there are still uncharted frontiers to explore and new inventions to create. In Zero to One, legendary entrepreneur and investor Peter Thiel shows how we can find singular ways to create those new things. Thiel begins with the contrarian premise that we live in an age of technological stagnation, even if we're too distracted by shiny mobile devices to notice. Information technology has improved rapidly, but there is no reason why progress should be limited to computers or Silicon Valley. Progress can be achieved in any industry or area of business. It comes from the most important skill that every leader must master: learning to think for yourself. Doing what someone else already knows how to do takes the world from 1 to n, adding more of something familiar. But when you do something new, you go from 0 to 1. The next Bill Gates will not build an operating system. The next Larry Page or Sergey Brin won't make a search engine. Tomorrow's champions will not win by competing ruthlessly in today's marketplace. They will escape competition altogether, because their businesses will be unique. Zero to One presents at once an optimistic view of the future of progress in America and a new way of thinking about innovation: it starts by learning to ask the questions that lead you to find value in unexpected places.

The Cold Start Problem

A Guide to Intellectual Property for Startups

Mastering the VC Game

The Fairshare Model

Venture Deals

A New Roadmap for Entrepreneurial Success

How to Start and Scale Network Effects

*All start-up businesses must be founded on product expertise, a grasp of digitization, and being aware of market forces. Tech start-ups also need a unique understanding of accounting to succeed, knowledge which is required to power their more innovative business models, and the ways of working that drive technology-based businesses. Unlike traditional accounting manuals or those aimed more generally at small business operators, *Financial Management for Technology Start-Ups* concentrates on what is important in financial terms for technology-based and innovation focused entrepreneurial businesses. Featuring a simple yet effective 'Start-Up Financial Control Loop' and 'Tech Start-Up Tracker,' *Financial Management for Technology Start-Ups* offers a complete and must-have financial toolkit for launching and managing a tech start-up. The book covers all relevant facets of accounting and finance not covered by any other publication by using straight-forward language, extensive practical illustrations and case studies to demonstrate the financial understanding that has become essential to technology and innovation-based start-ups.*

*Steve Hoffman, CEO of Founders Space, prepares entrepreneurs to avoid mistakes, overcome obstacles, and master the skills necessary to make the right choices along their path to success. The fact is, over 90 percent of all new startups fail. Every entrepreneur must face this harsh reality and learn to master it if they hope to survive and wind up on top. In *Surviving a Startup*, Hoffman brings readers on a wild ride, sharing with them the tumultuous journey of launching a venture-funded startup and revealing what it takes to make it. In this one-of-a-kind guide, you will learn: A deep analysis and insights into the major challenges every entrepreneur faces when launching a business. How to make the best possible decisions and deal with crisis situations. Strategies for raising capital and growing a business, even when it seems impossible. Secrets on how to manage difficult employees, demonstrate leadership, and overcome disasters. Essential traits that enable startup founders to survive and succeed. The best way to develop innovative products, conduct guerilla marketing campaigns, obtain PR, and outmaneuver competitors. How to recruit the best talent, manage highly efficient teams, and motivate employees, even with little to no money. The steps necessary to transform an idea into a robust, rapidly growing business. As the captain of one of the world's*

*leading startup incubators and accelerators, Steve knows what it's like to be on the front lines, how tough it can get when the battle turns against the entrepreneur, and what it takes to taste victory and overcome seemingly impossible odds. **Surviving a Startup is a must read for entrepreneurs considering taking the best first steps for a new venture.***

This updated edition includes several new features, including:

- The Startup Valuation Explorer*
- Expanded coverage of Valuation Methods*
- Responding to investor questions about your valuation*
- Understanding option pool impact on your valuation*

For many early-stage entrepreneurs assigning a pre-money valuation to your startup is one of the more daunting tasks encountered during the fundraising quest. This guide provides a quick reference to all of the key topics around early-stage startup valuation and provides step-by-step examples for several valuation methods. This Founder's Pocket Guide helps startup founders learn:

- What a startup valuation is and when you need to start worrying about it.*
- Key terms and definitions associated with valuation, such as pre-money, post-money, and dilution.*
- How investors view the valuation task, and what their expectations are for early-stage companies.*
- How the valuation fits with your target raise amount and resulting founder equity ownership.*
- How to do the simple math for calculating valuation percentages.*
- How to estimate your company valuation using several accepted methods.*
- What accounting valuation methods are and why they are not well suited for early-stage startups.*

A startup executive and investor draws on expertise developed at the premier venture capital firm Andreessen Horowitz and as an executive at Uber to address how tech's most successful products have solved the dreaded "cold start problem"—by leveraging network effects to launch and scale toward billions of users. Although software has become easier to build, launching and scaling new products and services remains difficult. Startups face daunting challenges entering the technology ecosystem, including stiff competition, copycats, and ineffective marketing channels. Teams launching new products must consider the advantages of "the network effect," where a product or service's value increases as more users engage with it. Apple, Google, Microsoft, and other tech giants utilize network effects, and most tech products incorporate them, whether they're messaging apps, workplace collaboration tools, or marketplaces. Network effects provide a path for fledgling products to break through, attracting new users through viral growth and word of mouth. Yet most entrepreneurs lack the vocabulary and context to describe them—much less understand the fundamental principles that drive the effect. What

exactly are network effects? How do teams create and build them into their products? How do products compete in a market where every player has them? Andrew Chen draws on his experience and on interviews with the CEOs and founding teams of LinkedIn, Twitch, Zoom, Dropbox, Tinder, Uber, Airbnb, and Pinterest to offer unique insights in answering these questions. Chen also provides practical frameworks and principles that can be applied across products and industries. The Cold Start Problem reveals what makes winning networks thrive, why some startups fail to successfully scale, and, most crucially, why products that create and compete using the network effect are vitally important today.

Founder's Pocket Guide: Cap Tables

How to Value Your Startup in 12 Easy Steps

What Data Reveals About Billion-Dollar Startups

How VCs Identify and Build Billion-Dollar Successes

Super Founders

How to Raise \$1 Million for Your Startup - Even Outside of Silicon Valley

Founder's Pocket Guide: Stock Options and Equity Compensation

Real-world tools to build your venture, grow your business, and avoid mistakes Startup, Scaleup, Screwup is an expert guide for emerging and established businesses to accelerate growth, facilitate scalability, and keep pace with the rapidly changing economic landscape. The contemporary marketplace is more dynamic than ever before—increased global competition, the impact of digital transformation, and disruptive innovation factors require businesses to implement agile management and business strategies to compete and thrive. This indispensable book provides business leaders and entrepreneurs the tools and guidance to meet growth and scalability challenges head on. Equal parts motivation and practical application, this book answers the questions every business leader asks from the startup ventures to established companies. Covering topics including funding options, employee hiring, product-market validation, remote team management, agile scaling, and the business lifecycle, this essential resource provides a solid approach to grow at the right pace and stay lean. This book will enable you to: Apply 42 effective tools to sustain and accelerate your business growth Avoid the mistakes and pitfalls associated with rapid business growth or organizational change Develop a clear growth plan to integrate into your overall business model Structure your business for rapid scaling and efficient management Startup,

Scaleup, Screwup: 42 Tools to Accelerate Lean & Agile Business Growth is a must-read for entrepreneurs, founders, managers, and senior executives. Author Jurgen Appelo shares his wisdom on the creative economy, agile management, innovation marketing, and organizational change to provide a comprehensive guide to business growth. Practical methods and expert advice make this book an essential addition to any business professional's library.

The Founder's Dilemmas examines how early decisions by entrepreneurs can make or break a startup and its team. Drawing on a decade of research, including quantitative data on almost ten thousand founders as well as inside stories of founders like Evan Williams of Twitter and Tim Westergren of Pandora, Noam Wasserman reveals the common pitfalls founders face and how to avoid them.

Startup Marketing Manual

The Startup Legal Guide

Founder's Pocket Guide: Raising Angel Capital

Venture Capital Valuation, + Website

Financial Management for Technology Start-Ups