# INVESTOR GUIDANCE ON BUSINESS PLANS AND PRESENTATIONS

**ENET Panel** 

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# Our team has over 90 years of VC and operating experience, and has invested in 140 high-growth companies

#### General Partners

Mike Fitzgerald

Managing General Partner, Co-Founder



Prior Experience:

- Palmer Partners, GP
- Distribution Mgt. Sys., CEO
- •IBM

#### Notable Investments:

- Constant Contact (IPO)
- Nova Analytics (ITT)
- Centra Software (IPO)
- Aberdeen.com (HH)

BA Amherst College MBA Harvard Business School

Jeff Hurst

General Partner, Co-Founder



Prior Experience:

- •GE Equity, SVP
- Cox Partners, GP
- Bankers Trust, VP

#### Notable Investments:

- American Internet (Cisco)
- Macgregor Group (ITG)
- •NBX (3Com)
- •NeuroMetrix (IPO)
- •BBN (Raytheon)

BA Duke University
MBA Tulane University

#### Elliot Katzman

General Partner



**Prior Experience:** 

- Kodiak Ventures, GP
- •MyTeam (Active), Founder/CEO
- •Atria-IPO, SolidWorks, Epoch

#### Notable Investments:

- OneRiot
- Vela Systems
- EpiCon (Nortel)
- •Watchfire (IBM)
- •CloudSwitch

BSBA Salem State College

#### Steve McCormack

General Partner, Co-Founder



#### Prior Experience:

- •3i. SVP
- Merrill Lynch Ventures, GP
- Interactive Data Corporation

#### Notable Investments:

- Altiga Networks (Cisco)
- •Wavesmith Networks (Ciena)
- Viewlogic (IPO)
- •E-Dialog (GSI Commerce)
- •Compete (WPP/TNS)

BA Dartmouth College MBA University of Michigan

#### Justin Perreault

General Partner



#### **Prior Experience:**

- Object Design, CEO
- Harvard Mgt. Co, VP
- •McKinsey & Co.

#### Notable Investments:

- •Object Design (IPO)
- SoundBite (IPO)
- Qiave (Watchguard Tech.)
- •Reval Inc.
- Antenna Software

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#### **AGENDA**

- Team
- Business Model
- Product plan
- Marketing Strategy

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# **Management Team**

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"I'd rather have an A management team with a B idea, than a B management team with an A business opportunity".

- author unknown



#### Team is MOST IMPORTANT !!!

- Startups NEVER go in straight line from concept to liquidity.
- Management needs to constantly "bob and weave", assess and reassess
- Good people work for / with good people.

What defines a Good team?



#### Thinking about what makes a good team.....

- Is there a Domain Expert someone who truly understands the customers PAIN?
- Is there at least one world class individual?
- Have members been part of a success before?
- Will individuals create a positive culture?
  - High achievement
  - Mutual respect / trust
  - Know what it is like to win?
- Will initial team be able to recruit the needed talent to build the business
- Are all skills properly represented and balanced?

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## **Hiring Philosophies**

- Don't focus exclusively on functional expertise i.e. Engineering, Marketing, Sales, Finance
- Think about Leadership vs. Management
- Hire People Who Scare You With Their Competence
- If You Feel You Are Still Needed, Your Team May Not Be Strong Enough

# Financial / Business Model

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#### **Business Model Orientation**

- Discuss Business model not just the #'s
- Allow investors to "feel the business"
- Discuss leverage points to business
  - Annuity model (i.e. SaaS) most software companies
  - Addictive nature of product i.e. config. mgmt.
    - The more you use it, the more you need it, the more you use it......
  - Long term value proposition i.e. storage mgmt.
  - Pain with switching...

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#### Some Business Model Attributes.....

What does it take to acquire customer?

What is the value of a customer?

How long does a customer stay as a customer (attrition)?

What are the leverage points in the model?

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#### Business Models are not always what you think they are....

#### .....make the investor "FEEL" the business









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#### Go deep on business model discussion

Example Movie Exhibitor –

- Lose \$ on movies make \$ on concessions
- Average concession sale is \$.xx / person
- Most people go to movies as a couple
- Average point of sale is\$ Y
- Repeat purchases are...

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# **Target Model**

Gross Profit Margin	<u>FY'06</u> 93%	<u>Q1'07</u> 90%	<u>Target</u> 88-90%
R&D	27%	22%	18 -20%
Sales & Marketing	50%	46%	42 -44%
G&A Operating Income	<u>9%</u> 8%	<u>9%</u> 12%	<u>8 -9%</u> 20%
Effective Tax Rate	1%	17%	36 -38%

What is communicated from this model?

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#### What was communicated from model shown?

- Profit expansion in most recent quarter compared to last period
- Most recent gross margin is higher than forecasted
  - Build credibility right away
- Leverage in Operating Expenses as company grows
  - Principally R&D and G&A
  - Minimal in sales expenses (variable)
- Explained normalized tax rate credibility

# **Product**

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## **Product – Lessons from Apple**



Apple iPod 30Gb
Fewer Music Formats
No Radio
No Voice Recorder
\$249

75% Market Share



Creative Labs Zen Vision M 30Gb

More Music Formats

Radio

Voice Recorder

\$222.99

<10% Market Share

Source: Wall Street Journal, 12/11/06

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Apple iPod
Buying is a human behavior
Less is more
Low frustration
Great styling





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#### iPod Lessons



Apple iPod 30Gb

Buying is a human behavior

Less is more

Low frustration

Great styling

Whole user experience (iTunes, Apps, etc)



Creative Labs Zen Vision M 30Gb
It ain't just features and price

Product plans should NOT be built around features and price... They should be built around creating the best customer experience!

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# **Marketing Strategy**

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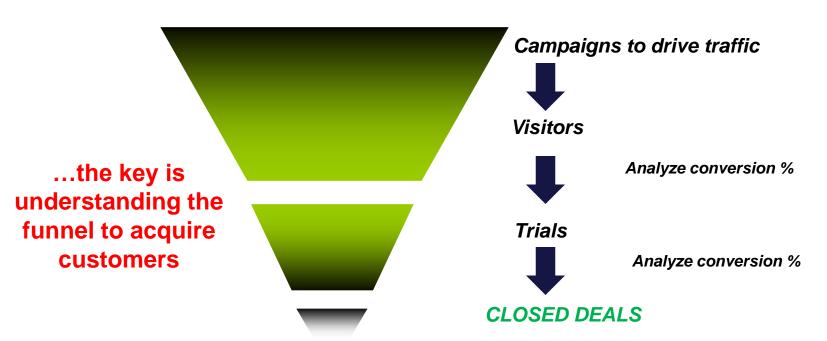
#### **Capturing Leads is Only the Start**

Campaigns, SEO SEM PR Contests Biz Social There are many Dev **Networks** Affiliates Blogs ways to capture Direct, Tel, Apps & leads... **Email** Widgets TV **Domains** Campaigns to drive traffic



## Analyzing the funnel is crucial

Stage in Sales Funnel	No of Prospects	Conversion Rate
Campaigns to drive traffic	Eyeballs seeing the campaign	Conversion % to Visitors
Visitors	Site Visitors	Conversion % to Trials
Trials	# of Trials	Conversion % to Closed Deals
Overall Sales Process (start to finish)	No of Visitors	Conversion % to Closed Deals





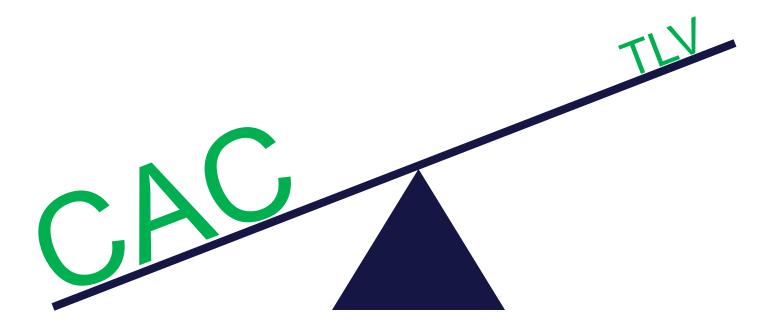
# **Example: Company XYZ**

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Leads	1,000	2,000	5,000	10,000
Conversion	8.0%	10.0%	11.0%	12.0%
Subscribers (new)	200 (80)	280 (200)	480 (550)	1,030 (1,200)
Monthly \$ / subscriber	\$479	\$500	\$510	\$520
Cost / Subscriber	\$7,955	\$5,856	\$5,349	\$4,344
LTV / Subscriber	\$17,244	\$ 18,000	\$18,360	\$18,720
Months to Payback	16	12	10.5	8.5

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Rev	\$1,609	\$2,880	\$6,304	\$13,915
GM %	46%	49%	54%	60%
EBITDA	(\$3,190)	(\$1,133)	\$1,289	\$4,139
Headcount	23	28	33	40



# **Marketing: A Very Simple Equation**



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# Thank you –

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