Investing Where We Can Make A Difference



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COMPANY OVERVIEW

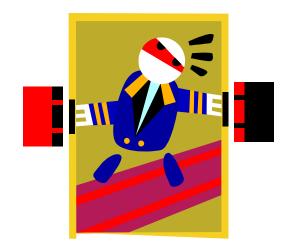


❖ Nail down very clearly your mission and pitch.

- Must be short, succinct and to the point.
- This is your mission statement.

This is your elevator pitch.

Remember that you have about 30 seconds to hook them.





PROBLEM STATEMENT



- What PROBLEM are you SOLVING with your target market?
- How big is the problem = Market size (Bottom-up & Top-down) a.k.a. Total Addressable Market
 - NOT MARKET ANALYST RESEARCH "BS".
- If possible, highlight specific customers who told you their pain.



SOLUTION STATEMENT



How are you going to address the pain point in your target market?

- What is your value proposition?
- "Nice to Have" vs. "Got to Have"

❖ Detail products and benefits.

• If you're still in the "a or β" product development stage, use the timeline to identify all milestones.

❖ Add a slide or two to show the architecture and where it fits.

Don't go over-board with technical jargon and acronyms.

"If a man can make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, the world will make a beaten path to his door."

Ralph Waldo Emerson - 1858



PROPRIETARY POSITION



- ❖ Do you have a technology edge?
 - Detail it by using the "K.I.S.S" Principle.
- Do you have patents pending?
- **❖** Future Product Development
 - Use the timeline to show this.
 - Don't want to be a "one-trick" pony.
- Very few companies get funded on an execution strategy alone.



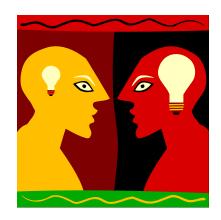


COMPETITION



❖ Who are your enemies?

- List your top 3-5 competitors and highlight your advantages and how you will win.
- Please don't say NONE! If you do, spend more time on research.



Best to put this information in a table format

- ❖ The "Magic Quadrant" approach.
 - Show your market knowledge; know your playing field.



MARKET EXECUTION STRATEGY



BRAND CAMP by Tom Fishburne MIND TO MARKET IN 3.000 DAYS WE'VE REPEATEDLY SQUASHED THIS IDEA FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS, BUT NOW THAT OUR COMPETITOR IS LAUNCHING IT, LET'S DROP EVERYTHING ELSE AND SHIP IN JULY SKY DECKCARTOONS. COM

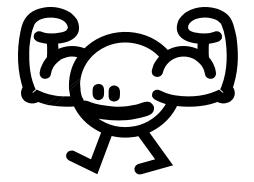


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MARKET EXECUTION STRATEGY



- ❖How will you win in your market?
- **❖How will you sell your products?**
- **❖What is your Go-to-Market strategy?**
- **❖ Define the person you are selling to**
 - Rank (decision maker?)
 - Budget
 - Motivation
 - Power within organization
- **❖What is your sales cycle?**

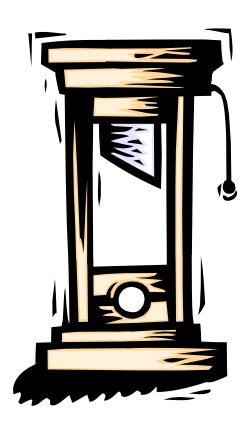




MANAGEMENT TEAM



- Who will make this Business Plan happen?
 - It's not about technology.
 - It's all about EXECUTION!
- Who are the key team members?
 - Deep Domain Expertise
 - Multiple Disciplines
- Why will this team win?
- Where will you need to hire?





USE OF FUNDS



- How much are you looking for vs. How much money do you REALLY NEED?
- **❖** Detailed timeline for key events and milestones
 - Performance goals
 - Back-up with KEY financial assumptions
- How much and When will you need additional funds?
 - If possible, detailed timeline



EXIT STRATEGY



- ❖ Who?
- ❖ Why?
- ❖ When?
- **❖** Recent market comp





SUMMARY



- Goal: 3-5 take away points, be invited back for the next meeting.
 - ✓ Why are you different?
 - ✓ Why you will win?
 - ✓ Why should someone invest in you?
 - ✓ When should they invest?

- Take away points from this meeting:
- ✓ What PROBLEM are you solving?
- ✓ What is your T.A.M.?
- ✓ What is your go-to-market strategy?
- ✓ Who are the key team members?
- ✓ How much money do you really need to raise?





Thank You

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