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Opportunity strikes








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From "Budgie" to Blackberry



BLACKBERRY

THE INSIDE STORY OF
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What's An Angel?



ANGEL:

a term borrowed from Broadway
(successful “stars” helping “starlets”)

3 key (ideally) characteristics of Angels:

1. Been there, done that (entrepreneur, CEO)
2. *Invests Own Capital, \$25K-\$1M+ (no agents, no OPM)
(* essential criterion)
3. Keen to mentor or coach



Angel Types



Cherubs

\$\$: little
Time: some
Style: pooling



Angels

modest
lots
co-investing

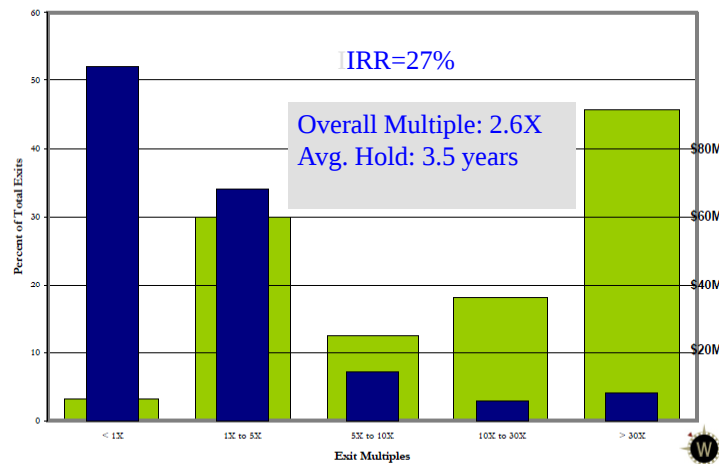


Archangels

tons
others
VC

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Distribution of Returns by Venture Investment



Study by Rob Wiltbank, Willamette Univ.

But....

40% of angels lost 100% of their money

and

EXITS are a major issue





How to beat the odds....

invest in a large number of deals
and/or
pool capital with others (e.g. Angel funds)
and
co-invest with others



And secrets to successful investing...

Can't always pick winners;

Can avoid the losers

Term Sheet-Shareholder agreement is key

Entrepreneur: 3I's: Integrity, Intensity, Immediacy

Company: 3G's: Goodness, Greatness, Greed



The Angel Network (VANTEC.ca)

How it Works:

- founded 1999
- it is a network
- by angels and for angels (many volunteers)
- monthly meetings: 5-10 brief presentations
- hosted by the university
- business sponsors (KPMG, PwC, etc)

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(Note: infotech & cleantech subgroups)

Impact

- 100 companies per year get heard
- 50% get investors
- Since 1999, 500 companies received:
average of \$1M/company (median \$300K)





WUTIF Angel Fund (wutif.ca)

(Western Universities Technology Innovation Fund)

- Started in 2003
- *any* tech startup can apply
- >60 investments: \$100K average/company
- >100 investors
- 30% tax credits
- Hold period – min 5 years
- Performance fee based



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GreenAngel Energy Fund

(greenangelenergy.ca)

- Started in 2009
- >6 investments (\$350K/company)
- >500 investors
- Publicly traded on TSX Venture Exchange
- No minimum; no hold



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The Future?



- Traditional VC disappearing
- More angels appearing
- New Angel Funds – private & public
- Promote entrepreneurship & risk taking
- A new asset class



The University's Role

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- Community Engagement
Our Motto is `Thinking of The World`
- Organize and manage the angel network
- Host & invest in angel funds
- Seminars, workshops for angels
(Angel investing 101)
- Seminars, workshops for entrepreneurs
- Incubators, labs etc for entrepreneurs & students





Bottom Line



- Universities can play a critical facilitative role
- Universities contribute to economic growth
- Nice to create linkages; better to create companies
- Tax credits (or grants) to angels are very effective
- Matchmaking is key: connections and mentors
- **ANGELS ARE THE MAIN HOPE FOR ENTREPRENEURS** – forget about banks & VCs



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