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"Like everything else, angel investing is going online. You can either be an early adopter or a late adopter."

—Naval Ravikant, CEO of <u>AngelList</u> (1st round investor in Twitter, Uber, many others.)

If you're here, you're early!

# Unicorn Hunting 101

Finding Deals With 100x Potential Online

### Online Startup Investing Primer

What you're investing in:

- 1. Equity usually preferred
- 2.Convertible debt will convert upon future fundraising

Neither are liquid!

#### **Primer**

#### Benefits:

- Invest small with big upside \$1-15k min. Invest early @ \$2-50 million valuations Unprecedented access to Silicon Valley (really)
- Easily build a portfolio of 10-200 startups

### A Benefit For Now

Market is exclusive by law
Only accredited investors can even see deals
Less price discovery = lower
prices/valuations

## Benefit for Now Continued...

- 1.Only 4-5% of Americans can participate, and only a fraction of those do.
- 2.Is it fair? No.
- 3. Take advantage of it while you can.

### Bona fides

I've invested in 59 early-stage deals
Unicorn trajectory in multiple investments
IRR over 50% annual (on paper)
Vetted thousands of deals
I track performance of hundreds of startups

## What's the Goal?

One goal: invest in unicorns

Startups with the potential to hit exponential growth.

100x to investors
Large addressable markets
Magnetic leaders



**Target: 100x Deals** 



#### Fortune, February 2015

## Unicorn Sightings

Since Fortune cover piece in Feb '15, there are at least <u>51</u> more \$1b+ startups
Startups are growing faster than ever Unicorns raise money online: Instacart, Altschool, Zenefits

## From Fortune's "Age of Unicorns"

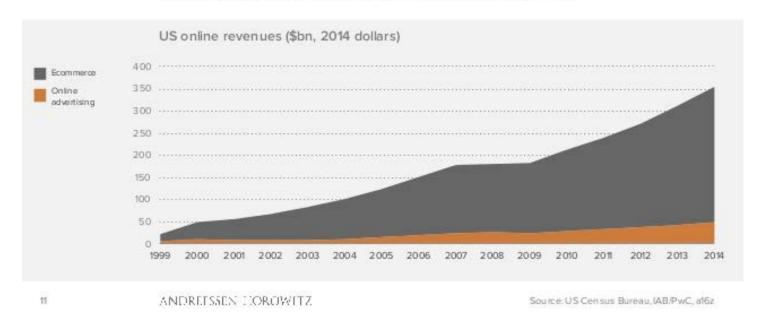
"It used to be that unicorns were these mythical creatures," says Jason Green, a venture capitalist at Emergence Capital Partners whose investments include Yammer, which sold to Microsoft for \$1.2 billion. "Now there are herds of unicorns."

## Why Now?

- Technical founders can build a software product for hundreds of dollars vs. millions before.
- 3 billion internet consumers, vs 100m in 1999. Online advertising is dynamic, quick, and extremely scalable.
- It's here: Mobile, apps, automation, ecommerce, logistics, display.

#### People are spending (lots of) money online

US ecommerce + online ad revenue has increased ~15x since 1999

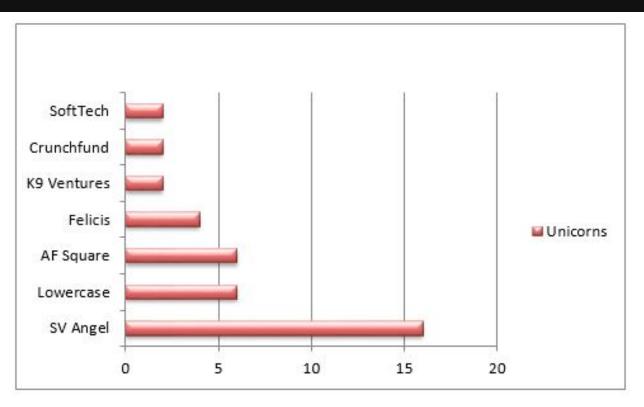


Online Revenue, 1999-2014 (15x higher today)

## Quotable Ron Conway

To start a startup 20 years ago, you had to have a high-end, database-oriented computer. Today, it's a PC or a Mac with all open-source software. So the barrier to entry has never been lower. Ron Conway of SV Angel

### **SV** Angel: The Unicorn Hunter



## Why Co-Investors Matter

Free diligence/terms
VCs support portfolio with capital for long-run
Angels can bring immense value (Jeff Schox)

### Our Research

### Startup Investor:

- 24 startup recommendations
- 2 funds (\$3.4m raised)
- Pre-IPO fund: Spotify, Honest Company,
  - Bonobos, Dropbox
- Early-stage: Geekatoo, Connect.com,
  - Wefunder, Seedinvest, Dealflicks, Trustify

## Startup Investor Highlights

- Connect.com: Recommended 5/20/2014
  Grown from 200k users to over 4 million
  Growing around 30%+ MoM (compounds quickly)
  - \$10m in follow-on funding from Fosun Intl and Marc Benioff (Salesforce)



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## Wefunder.com

Startup investment portal
We recommended April 2014 @ \$15m cap
Then again April 2015 @ \$18m cap
Now it's raising at uncapped valuation
Growing like a weed

#### **Total Investment Volume**



### Wefunder Deal Closes Friday

WRITTEN BY ADAM SHARP ON APRIL 23, 2015

Dear Startup Investor,

One of our favorite recommendations, Wefunder.com, closes this Friday, April 24. We've known the team for a while, and believe it can grow the company into a very large and profitable one.

Wefunder is a "portal" site that offers startup investments. It competes with AngelList, Ourcrowd, FundersClub and others.

It earns money by collecting "carried interest" on investments made through its site. Carried interest, or just "carry," is simply a percentage of profits on the deal. Wefunder takes 10% of the upside in all deals that go through its platform.

#### Reminder recommendation

### How do we vet opportunities?

Always talk with the founder(s)

Evaluate co-investors

Check their math (TAM, etc)

Tools: Google Trends, CB Insights

Ask experts in the field

## My strategy

Invest in 50+ additional startups over the next 2 years
Invest small amounts
Track everything

Keep learning!

## lt's fun

Private early-stage investing has rewards that go beyond \$\$.

Meet dynamic entrepreneurs

Help them; add value (optional)

Watch winners grow

Table 1. US Private Equity and Venture Capital Index Returns
US\$ Terms • Percent (%)

	Qtr	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	15 Yr	20 Yr	25 Yr
CA US Private Equity	0.8	11.2	15.6	15.8	12.9	10.9	13.5	13.5
CA US Venture Capital	9.9	21.5	18.0	16.1	10.3	4.8	35.4	22.1
Nasdaq Composite*	5.4	13.4	22.1	15.9	8.1	1.0	9.6	9.8
Russell 2000®	9.7	4.9	19.2	15.6	7.8	7.4	9.6	9.8
S&P 500	4.9	13.7	20.4	15.5	7.7	4.2	9.9	9.6

Sources: Cambridge Associates LLC, Dow Jones & Company, Inc., Frank Russell Company, Standard & Poor's, and Thomson Datastream.

Note: Because the US Private Equity and Venture Capital indexes are capital weighted, the largest vintage years mainly drive the indexes' performance.

#### **Unmatched profit potential**

<sup>\*</sup> Capital changes only.

## Where to Invest

Early Stage:

OurCrowd

AngelList

Wefunder

SeedInvest

Fundersclub

Later/Growth:

Microventures

Ourcrowd

CircleUp

Sharespost



### THANK YOU! Now go bag a unicorn!