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# **The Capital Network**

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LEGAL INSIGHT. BUSINESS INSTINCT.





- Art or Science?
- Supply and Demand (i.e., companies vs. dollars)
- Macro Economic Factors
- Qualitative and Quantitative Factors





- Pre-Money Value = Assumed value of enterprise before capital is invested
- Post-Money Value = Pre-money value plus invested capital
- Seed Money = Initial capital invested in company
- Series A, B, C, etc. = Rounds of preferred stock investment

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- Price Per Share = Pre-Money Value/Pre-Money Shares
- Fully Diluted shares = Shares outstanding assuming conversion/exercise of all options, warrants and other convertible securities (typically including the Option Pool)
- Option Pool = Need to determine how this is treated for purposes of calculating number of fully diluted shares

#### Valuation by Stage

Financing	Company Stage (Examples	Data	Risk Uncertainty	Median Pre- Money Value (MM)*	% Change from 2008*
Seed	Incorporation; early development	Soft data: value proposition; team experience; etc.	Extremely high	\$2.3	(13.1%)
First Round (Series A)	Development	Soft and hard data: concept validation; technology validation; time to market; execution risk	Very high	\$5.8	(12.1%)
Second Round (Series B)	Shipping Product	More hard data: preliminary revenue; market reaction; competitive landscape	High	\$15.3	(24.2%)
Later Stage (Series C and beyond)	Shipping Product/Market Expansion	Hard data, yet lingering young company uncertanty; predictive revenue(?)	Moderate to lower	\$35.7	(54.1%)

\* Source: VentureSource Valuation Statistics through 3Q09

#### Historical Landscape - Total US Venture Deals



Source: Pricewaterhouse Coopers/NVCA MoneyTree Report

Note this does not include "angel investments". Per Center for Venture Research, Angel investment dollars were down 27% for the first half of 2009 vs. same period of 2008, and investment mix shifted 19% from seed stage to mid-stage.

Also note this has not been adjusted for inflation,. Per US Bureau of Labor Statistics, \$100 in 2005 had the same buying power as \$109.85 in 2009.

### **Staged Financing Strategy**

#### Long-term Financing Strategy





# VALUATION MAGIC, METHOD OR MADNESS??



#### REAL ISSUE - GROWING THE PIE VALUATION - HOW TO AGREE





- Based on Sales
- Based on Net Income
- Discounted Cash Flow
- Discounted Future Earnings
- Net Worth or Book Value
- Real Options, Black Sholes, Etc.



- Market Driven Methods
- Key Assets
- Financing History
- Size and growth of Market
- Rate of Return Required by Investor



- Market Driven Methods
  - Review of "comparable" deals
    - Valuation of deals recently completed in a similar space

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Competitive landscape



- Key Assets of The Company
  - Management Knowledge & Experience
  - Intellectual Property Defensibility
  - Accuracy of Financials & Time to Profitability
  - Milestones achieved and missed
    - Product, Revenue, Customers

Valuation in the extremely early stage is all about relationships - growing team, advisors, board, customers etc.,



- Financing History
  - How Much Funding to Date
  - What Are Future Funding Needs
  - Last Round Post-Money Valuation
  - When Was The Last Round Completed

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• Is The Stock Option Pool Sufficient



- Size and Growth of Market
  - Current Size and Targeted Market
    - Not the total available market

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• Anticipated growth rate (CAGR)



- Return Rate Required By Investor
  - 10x to 20x?
  - Time Frame 3-5-7 Years?
  - Valuation can be "determined" by working in reverse from a

"likely exit valuation"



### VALUATION - THE END GAME

- Investor Interest and Competition (real or perceived)
- Overall Climate
- What can the VC sell to his/her partners
- What are the dynamics among the syndicate?
- What are the Company's alternative options?



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