



# ANGEL INVESTMENT IN THE U.S. – TRENDS & BEST PRACTICES

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#### **TOPICS IN MY PRESENTATION**

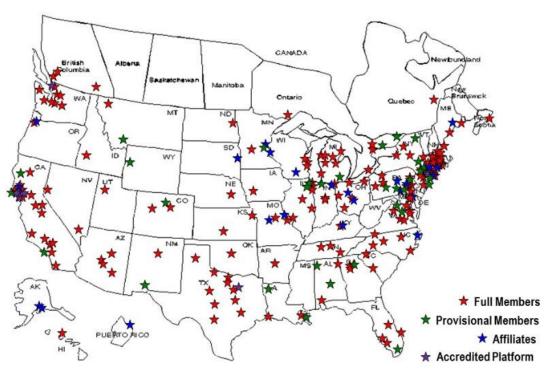
- Update on Angel Capital Association
- The American startup & expansion funding scene
- Stats and trends in American angel investing
- Best (or maybe good?) practices in angel investing
- Resources ACA offers to global early-stage community



#### ANGEL CAPITAL ASSOCIATION TODAY

World's largest association of accredited angel investors

www.angelcapitalassociation.org



- 13,000+ investors
- Angel groups
- Accredited platforms
- Family offices
- Individual angels
- 250+ organizations
- Every U.S. state & 5
   Canadian provinces



# **MEMBERS ARE TOP GROUPS & PLATFORMS**











































# **ACA MEMBERS FUND GREAT COMPANIES, EXITS**















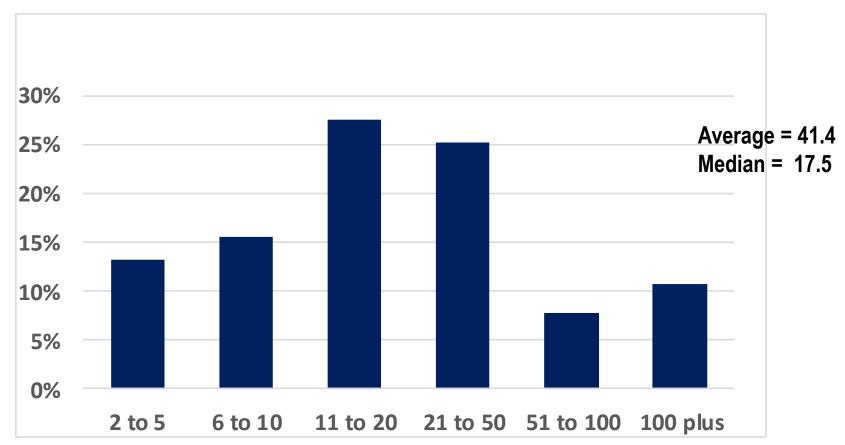






#### **ANGELS FUND HIGH-GROWTH COMPANIES**

#### **Number of Employees One Year After ACA Member Investment**



Source: ACA research on member investments, March 2015



# KEY AMERICAN ANGEL STATS (ESTIMATES)

**2015 National Market** 

\$24B invested

71K+ deals in every state

 $\sim 300,000$  angels

90% of outside equity for startups

#### **Averages**

Individual check size

\$10 -

\$50K

Market deal size

\$345K

Group deal size

\$850K

Market Valuation

\$2.7M

Group Valuation

\$4+M



#### ANGELS FUND MAJORITY OF STARTUPS

#### **Angel Investors**

- \$24.6 billion
- 71,000 deals
- 17,750 seed
- 31,950 early stage
- 19,170 expansion
- 305,000 individuals

#### **Venture Capital**

- \$59.1 billion\*
- 4,380 deals
- 186 seed
- 2,219 early stage
- 1,975 later/expansion
- 718 active firms

Sources: "Angel Investing Market for 2015, Center for Venture Research/ UNH; NVCA 2016 Yearbook; PwC MoneyTree

\*(12 expansion-stage companies accounted for more than \$10 B of this total)



#### ANGEL VS VC INVESTMENT SIZE AND VALUATION

Total Invested
Total Deals

Average Seed/Early Stage Pre-Money Valuation

**Average Investment** per deal (all deal sizes)

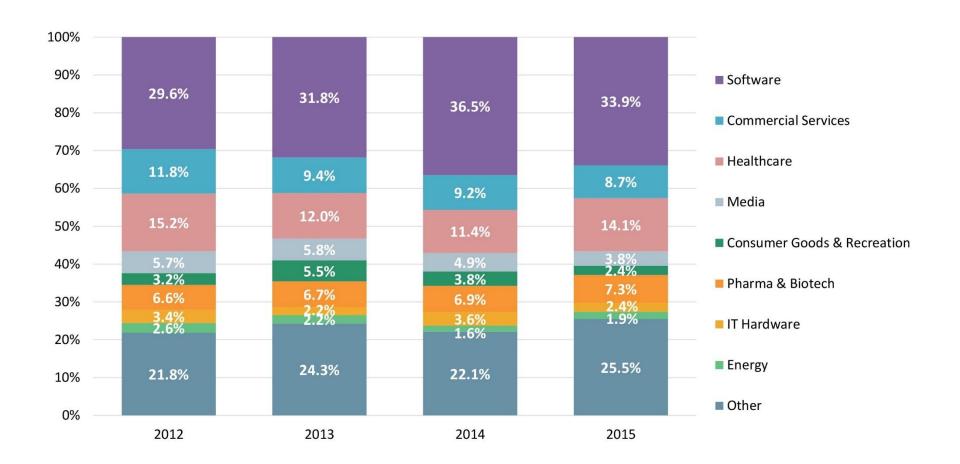
Angel Investors	Venture Capital
• \$24.6 billion	• \$59.1 billion*
• 71,000 deals	<ul> <li>4,361 deals</li> </ul>
• \$2.6M	• \$5.1M
• \$347K	• \$13.6M

Sources: "Angel Investing Market for 2015, Center for Venture Research/ UNH; AngelList; NVCA 2015 Yearbook; PwC MoneyTree



#### **Yearly Share of Angel Group Deals by Sector**

#### Software and Healthcare comprise 48% of investments in 2015



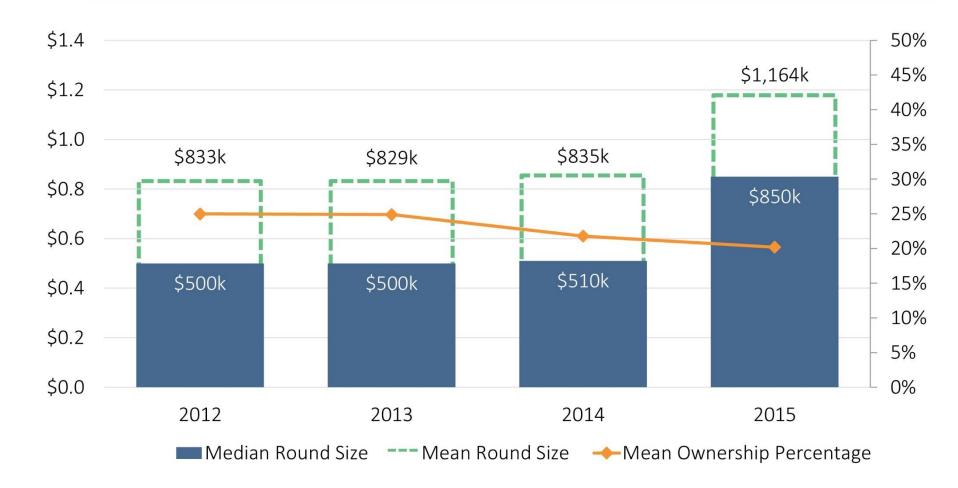






#### Median and Mean Round Sizes – Angels Only

2015 Shows Round Sizes Increasing,
Mean Ownership of Angel round is Relatively Stable 20-25%







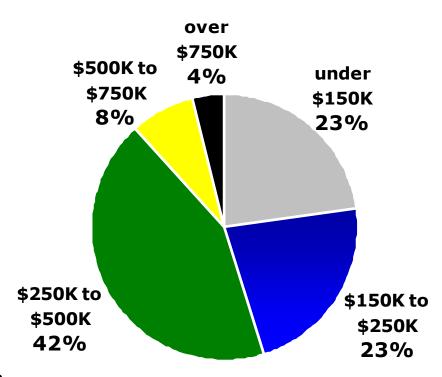


#### MULTIPLE GROUPS NEEDED TO FILL ROUNDS

# 67% of Angel Groups Invest \$150K to \$500K per Deal

- Investment surprisingly broad
- Average deal size increasing
- Syndication needed among groups to fill rounds entrepreneurs need

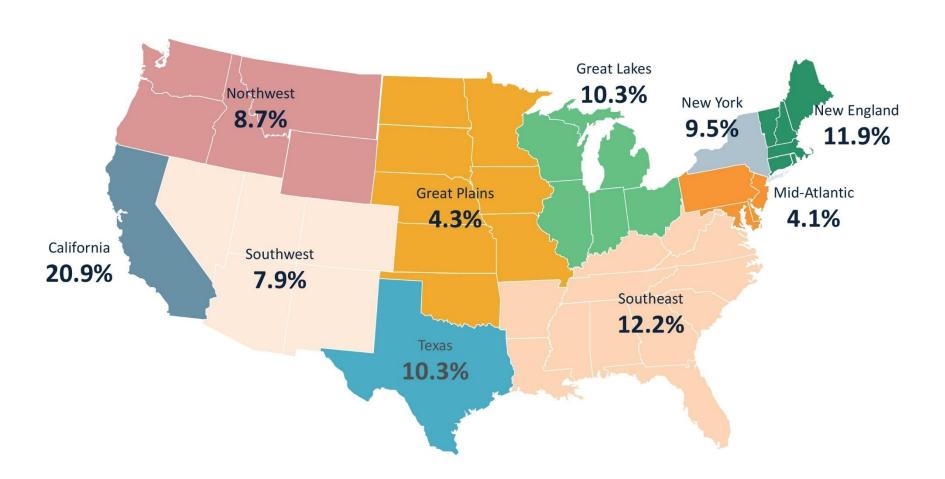
#### **Angel Group Investment Size**



**Source: ACA Confidence Survey, 2012** 



#### 2015 Share of Angel Group Deals by Region



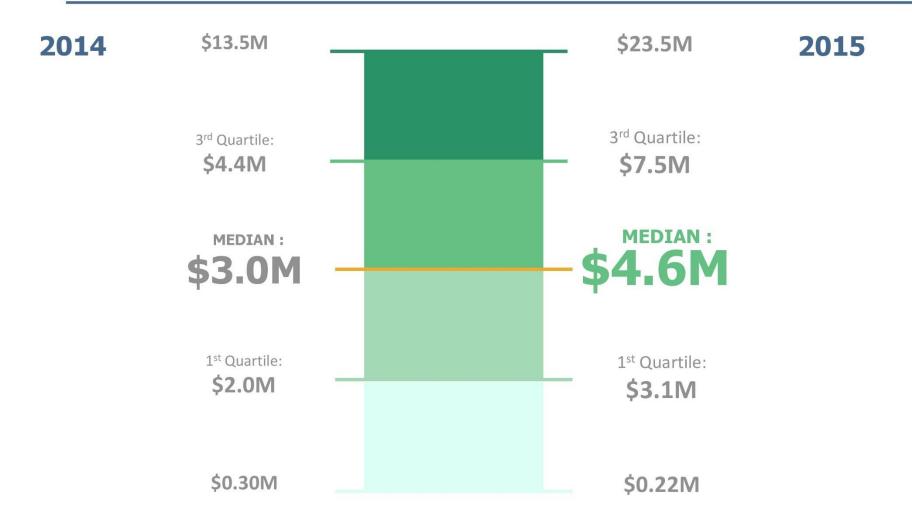






#### **Median Seed Stage Pre-Money Valuation**

Median Valuation Up 53% From 2014, Highest Valuation in HALO History









## MANY WAYS TO INVEST

Informal or Individual

(on own or with friends)

Large majority invest informally. Other options offer advantages in deal flow, sophistication, sharing of work, building portfolios, and connecting to more funding and exits. Also seed funds like 500 Startups.

**Online** 

(via accredited platforms)

**Accelerator** 

(funds and/or connect through mentoring)

Angel Groups

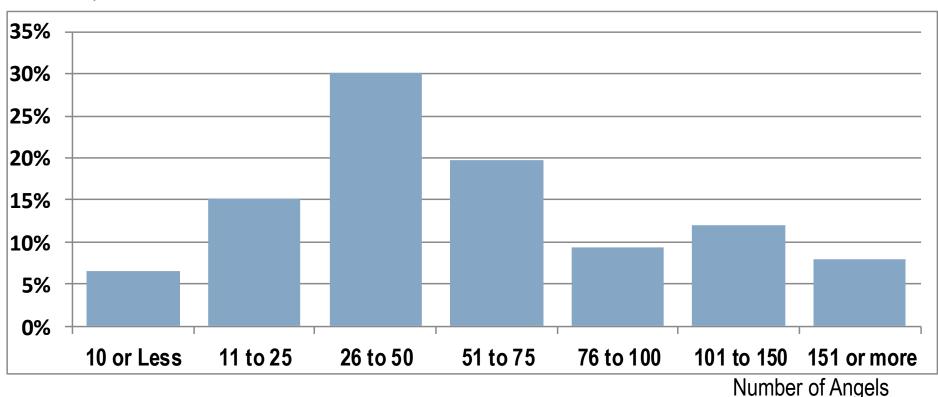
(networks, funds or combination)



#### ANGEL GROUPS VARY BY NUMBER OF INVESTORS

Average = 68 Median = 50

% of Respondents

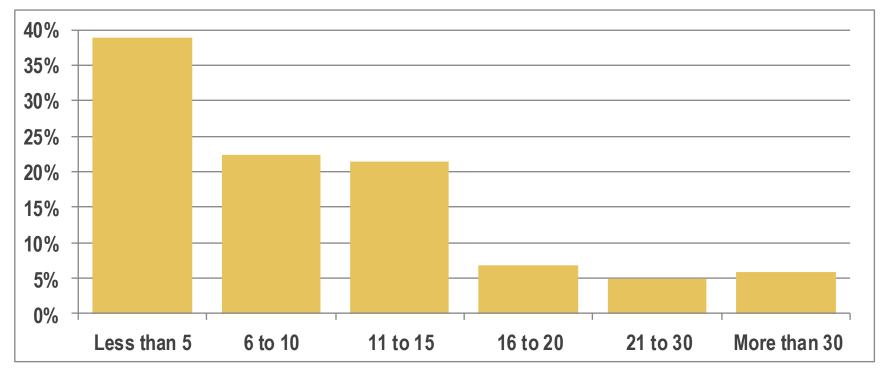


- Size of group membership has increased over time average in 2012 was 52
- Largest 20% of groups account for 49% of ACA member angel investors



#### ...AND ALSO IN DEAL ACTIVITY

#### Number of Investments Per Group in 2014



Average = 10.3

Median = 7.0

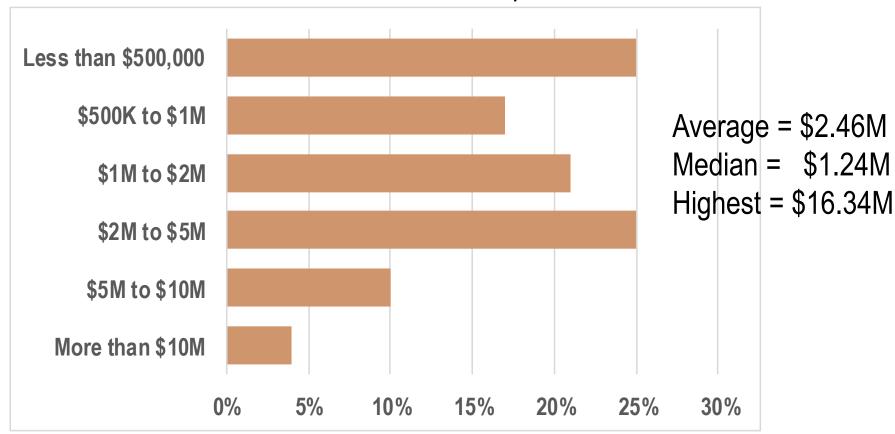
Highest = 61

Deals per group



#### **GROUPS ALSO VARY IN AMOUNT INVESTED**

Total Investment Dollars Per Group in 2014

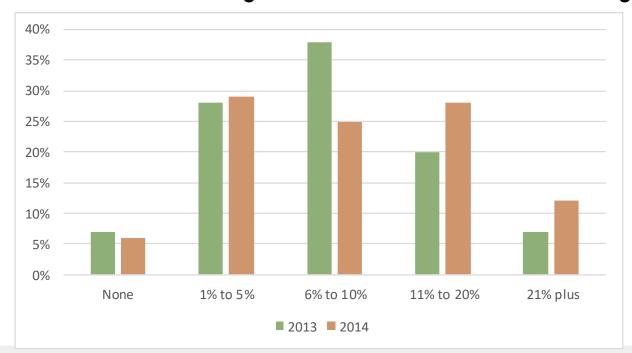


Source: ACA Member Group Survey, March 2015 -103 groups reporting



#### **DIVERSITY IS INCREASING...WE MUST DO MORE!**

- Supporting women entrepreneurs
- Focused on Veteran-owned businesses
- Minority-focused investing
- Under 30 angel investors
- Number of angels that are women is increasing



Source: ACA Member Group Survey, March 2015 -106 groups reporting



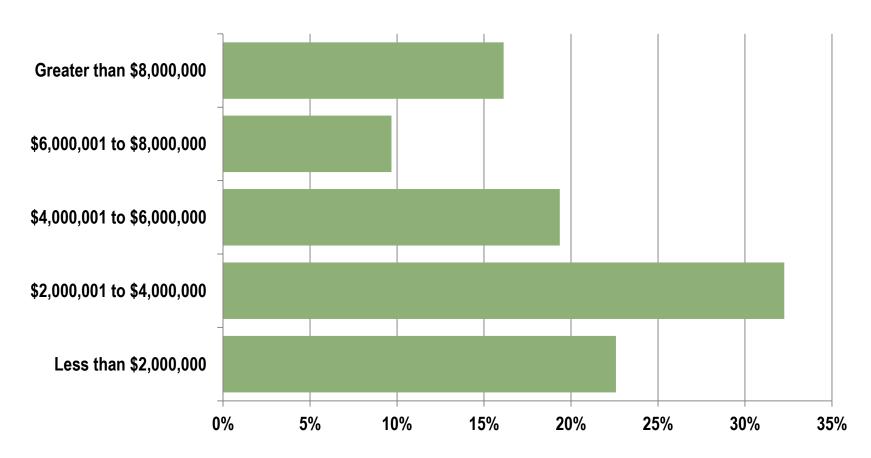
# **ACA GROUPS BY INVESTMENT STRUCTURE**







#### ANGEL FUNDS BY DOLLAR SIZE

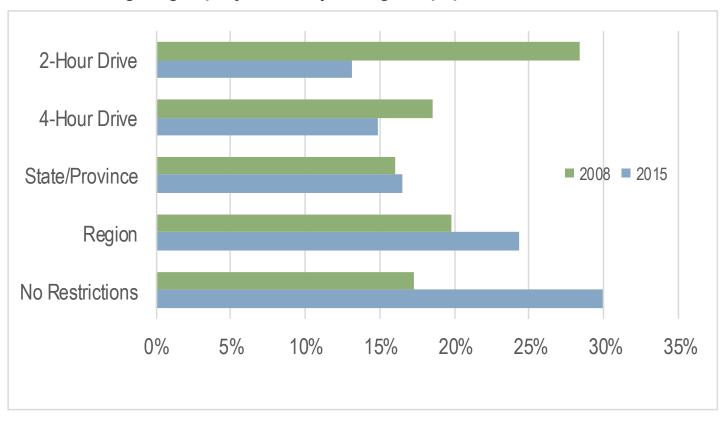


Average: \$7.1M Median: \$5.3M



#### **BIG EVOLUTION: WHERE GROUPS INVEST**

In what geography does your group prefer to invest?



- In 2008, 63% preferred closer to home
- In 2015, 54% invest in region or have no geography restrictions



#### DEAL STRUCTURE PREFERENCES

- Strong preference for priced rounds and preferred stock
- Some will do convertible debt
- Most sectors: products developed and have customer traction
- Valuation not only for sector but for location (not unlike real estate)
- Board seat for significant investments
- Most groups stay away from generally solicited offerings

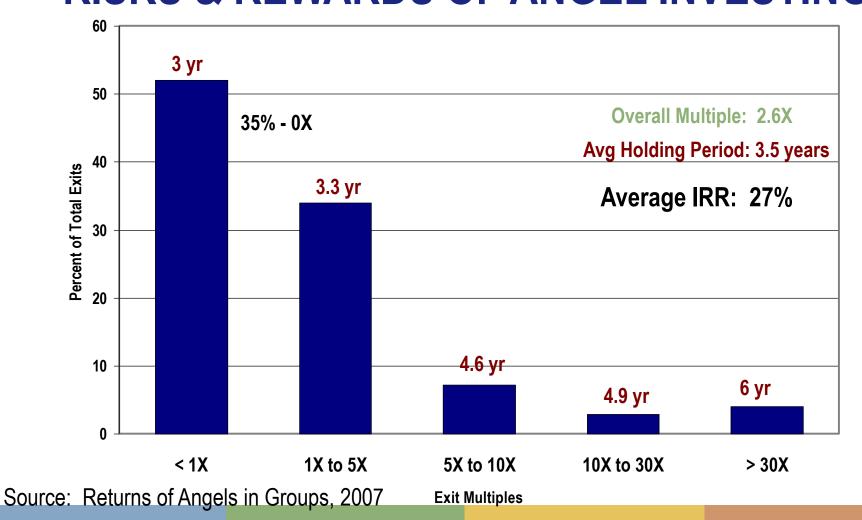


#### SOME INVESTMENT PRACTICES THAT WORK

- Portfolio strategy
- Syndication
- Focus not just on front end of investing, but on outcomes after the check
- Investment structures improvements to convertible debt
- Online platforms for accredited investors
- New models for angel groups, bringing in new angels women, younger investors, etc.



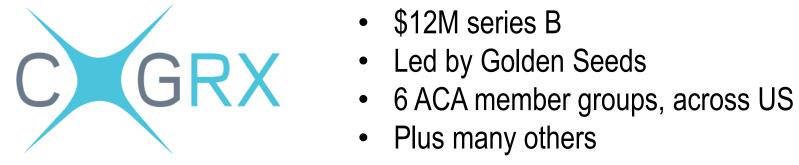
# PORTFOLIO STRATEGY RISKS & REWARDS OF ANGEL INVESTING





#### SYNDICATION

- 75% plus of ACA member deals are syndicated
- Common agreements lead to sharing DD, fast track on group decisions
- Come out of regular communication and trust building
- Regularly include multiple angel groups, family offices, private equity
- Only way to support companies where VCs are rare



- \$12M series B

- Plus many others



# FOCUS BEFORE AND AFTER CHECK



Picking good entrepreneurs is important, as is:

- Negotiating good deals
- Conducting due diligence But, can you really tell which will be best in show?
- Angels make, or lose most money, <u>after</u> investing:
  - Dry powder, criteria next decisions
  - Board of Directors (holding their feet to fire, CEO compensation)
  - Minimizing losses (taxes, ensuring \$ for closing businesses)
  - Help with follow-on round investors and exits
  - Keep track of cap tables and dilution



#### INVESTMENT STRUCTURES – CONVERTIBLE DEBT

- In survey a year ago, ACA members said:
  - 82% prefer priced equity round
  - But 78% had done at least one convertible note round
  - And 25% used convertible notes in < half of investments</li>
- Improvements to notes:
  - Valuation cap for next (equity) round
  - Setting discount for note holders 20-30%
  - SAFEs not even including the debt part of the deal



# ONLINE INVESTING - FILL ROUNDS, DIVERSIFY

This means crowdfunding for angels, but not everyone













# NEW MODELS BRING DIVERSITY, BETTER DECISIONS









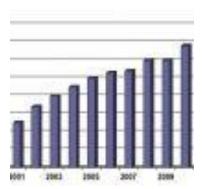


#### **ACA RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU**

#### Via <u>www.angelcapitalassociation.org</u>:



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Research, Best Practices







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#### **INVESTORS: COME TO 2017 ACA SUMMIT**

#### Join 700+ investors in **San Francisco** on **April 26-28** to:

- Share best practices in angel investing deal sourcing, terms, supporting portfolio companies, syndication, and top exits
- Discuss the latest data and trends in startup investing and different industry sectors
- Hear keynote presentations from thought leading investors and entrepreneurs
- Network with top angels from throughout North America and the world
- Meet with corporate leaders to build relationships for investor portfolio companies and meet a limited number of interesting entrepreneurs





#### **MORE INFORMATION**

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#### TRENDS IN US EARLY-STAGE INVESTING

- "Unicorn thinking" led to problems, so downsizing in deals and valuations
- Social networking LinkedIn especially
- Blending of angel groups and online investing (AngelList...)
- Crowdfunding product (Kickstarter), now equity
- Accelerators
- Cross-border investment (small amount)
- Getting more women involved as investors & entrepreneurs
- Government interest in job creation/ SMEs



#### **AMERICAN STARTUP ECOSYSTEM**

Connect & collaborate



Experienced entrepreneurs & investors are critical



Support startups & scaleups



Support innovation & research



It starts with the entrepreneur



Visibility is important



Rules balance capital formation & protection



Get to markets for growth & exits



Seed the market if/ when necessary



Favorable taxes for startups, investors





#### PROFILE OF ANGEL INVESTORS

•	Years investing	9
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- Number of investments
- Total exits/ closures
- Years as entrepreneur
   14.5
- Number ventures founded
   2.7
- Percent of wealth in angel investing
   10%
- Education Masters degree
- Other backgrounds: corporate leaders, professional services

Source: Returns of Angels In Groups, Robert Wiltbank, Willamette

University, published by Kauffman Foundation - 2007

