

(1) - Financial Strategy - Funding Plan

(2) Financial Strategy - Ownership, Dilution, Shares, and valuation

(3) End-games for start-ups

(4) Project - Phase IV assignment

(5) Roadmap for end of quarter

[Recall the previous financial analysis step was to generate the cash flow analysis, income statement, & balance sheet (Lect. 14)]
(also ratios)

(1) Financial Strategy - Funding Plan

The Funding Plan is a time phased plan for when & how the start-up will raise the necessary capital

Process:

- (1) Set the funding objectives for 3-5 years (How much capital is needed based on the cash flow analysis.)

"ballpark" examples

Seed Capital ($\$1M >$): develop a prototype

e.g. $\$100,000$ in yr 1

Round A ($\$10M >$): product development

e.g. $\$2m.$ in yr 2

Round B ($\$100M >$): product launch:
manufacturing, marketing, customer service, etc.

e.g. $\$10M$ in yr 4

(2) Decide the amount of equity that will be exchanged for funding

Dilution \triangleq % reduction in ownership

EX: to get seed money, you give up 30% of the company
 \Rightarrow 30% dilution
(30% is worth \$100,000)

(3) Determine the funding source(s)

(a) Private sources of funding

- founder's personal savings
- friends & family (NOT Recommended)
- angel investors (wealthy individuals looking for high risk - high reward opportunities)

(b) Financial Institutions

(Professional Investors)

- Venture Capitalists (Kleiner-Perkins, Andreessen Horowitz)
- Investment Banks (Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch)

- (c) Government Funding
 - Defense (DOD, NSA, DARPA)
 - Public Research - (NSF, NIH, USEPA, etc.)
- (d) Crowd sourcing (generally not for equity)
- (e) Large companies (Microsoft, Cisco, IBM, Intel)
- (f) Bank Loans (debt, not equity)
- (4) Obtain the funding
 - Compelling Product Idea (conceptual design)
 - Business Plan (Product Strat., Market St., Business/competitive St., Financial Strat.)
 - Prototype/mock up (esp. for VCs)
 - Presentation (10-15 min pitch)

(2) Financial Strategy - ownership, dilution, shares, and valuation

Funding Process: Execute the Funding Plan

Step 1 - The owners give up $D\%$ of the company.

$D\% \triangleq$ dilution in ownership

Step 2 - In return for $D\%$ of the company (equity), the investors (VCs) provide the company with an investment of $\$I$

$\$I \triangleq$ invested capital

Valuation of the company

$D\%$ of the company = $\$I$

The ~~is~~ whole company is therefore

$$\frac{100\%}{D\%} \times \$I$$

Definition: Post Money Value

... is the value (\$) of the company after it receives funding.

$$\text{Post Money Value} = \frac{100\%}{D\%} \times \$I$$

Example

Founders are willing to give up 20% of the company for \$1M of seed money to develop a prototype of the product.

$$D(\text{dilution}) = 20\%$$

$$I(\text{investment}) = \$1M$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Post Money Value} &= \frac{100\%}{20\%} \times \$1M \\ &= \$5M \end{aligned}$$

After funding, the startup will be worth \$5M

Definition: Pre money Value

... The value (\$) of the founder's share of the company

Pre Money Value = Post Money Value - Investment

$$= \left[\frac{100\%}{D\%} \times \$I \right] - \$I$$

EX: $D = 20\%$
 $I = \$1M$

Post Money Value =
\$5M

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pre-money value} &= \left[\frac{100\%}{20\%} \times \$1M \right] - \$1M \\ &= \$4M \end{aligned}$$

Step 3) Decide on the number of shares to issue in order to keep track of ownership

S_+ $\hat{=}$ the total # of shares

The value (\$) of S_+ is equal to the post money value of the company.

$$\left[\frac{100\%}{D\%} \right] \times \$I = S_+ \times \text{price per share}^{(\$)}$$

Example

$$D = 20\% \\ I = \$1M$$

$$\text{Post Money Value} = \$5M$$

Company decides to issue 1M shares

$$S_+ = 1M$$

$$\text{Price per share} = \frac{\left[\frac{100\%}{D\%} \times \$I \right]}{S_+} = \text{price/share}$$

$$\frac{\frac{100\%}{20\%} \times \$1M}{1,000,000} = \$5/\text{share}$$

Rule of Thumb

In the initial round of funding (seed round)

price per share \approx \$1 (50cents - \$2)

Series A & Series B price per share depends on the company.

(3) End games for successful start ups

(1) Become a publicly-traded company through an Initial Public Offering (IPO)

advantage: the company now has access to trillions of dollars available on securities markets

disadvantage: the company is now controlled by a Board of Directors elected by and representing shareholders (people who own stock)

(2) Remain a private company

advantage - founders retain more control

disadvantage - less funding available

(3) Get acquired by a large company (Google, Apple, LinkedIn, IBM, GE...)

(4) Project Phase 4

Pitch : - 10-15 minute presentation presenting your start-up to the investor (VC)

- About the company (1-2 slides)
- The product or service (2-3 slides)
- The Market Strategy (1-2 slides)
- The Business (competitive) strategy (1-2 slides)
- The Financial Strategy (2-3 slides)

For Notebooks :

Complete Financial Strategy

- Funding Plan - objectives, sources of funding, dilution, ownership, valuation, shares of stock
- Accounting : Income Statement, Balance sheet
- Financial (health) metrics : ROI, Profit Margin, etc.

Complete any backlogged work from phases 1, 2, 3 ; integrate feed back.

(5) Roadmap for the rest of the Quarter

Tuesday - Guest lecture:

Paul Vroomen*

from entrepreneur to VC to

PhD student

↑ semiconductor industry

↓ equity-based crowd funding

Thursday - Final lecture

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Final Exam