



Investor and Entrepreneur
Experiences with Accredited
Investing Platforms

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- Co-Author of "Expert Q&A on Accredited Crowdfunding"
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- Posts on implementation and aftermath of JOBS Act on wac6.com



### **TOPICS WE'LL EXPLORE TODAY**

- Experiences of Angels and Entrepreneurs Using Accredited Platforms
- Comparison of Accredited Platforms: Commonalities and Differences
- What to Expect AFTER the Investment is Made
- Risk Management for Angels and Entrepreneurs
- What's Next Emerging Trends



### **TODAY'S PANELISTS**



Rany Raviv, Angel Investor
VP of Business Development and M&A
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Sarit Rozycki , Angel Investor SLR Associates Ltd



**Jonathan Medved, Platform Executive** Founder and CEO OurCrowd



**Shai Magzimof, Entrepreneur** Co-Founder and CEO Nextpeer



# **INVESTOR PERSPECTIVES**



### **RANY RAVIV**



Rany Raviv VP of Business Development and M&A Portland, OR



Largest Renewable Energy company in the world

- More than 23 years experience in global energy, M&A, project finance. Track record of closing complex and diverse deals.
- 10-year veteran of Ormat, a geothermal energy leader
- 3D vision: "Differentiate, Disrupt and Deliver"
- Invested in 48 companies
- Regularly invests with 4 accredited investor platforms











### **SARIT ROZYCKI**



Sarit Rozycki SLR Associates, Ltd New York, NY

- Investor, developer and manager of residential real estate properties in NYC since 1985
- Since 2013, invested in 53 companies via 6 different accredited equity platforms.

**SAngelList** 











 Additional experience with crowdfunding sites Kickstarter and Indiegogo.



### **BEST PRACTICES FOR INVESTORS**

- Individual Investments
- Deal syndication
- Evaluation Criteria
- Direct Investment vs Special Purpose vehicles.
- Diligence: How much is enough? Too much? How should an angel do diligence in the accredited platform context?



## **INDUSTRY OVERVIEW**



### JONATHAN MEDVED



**Jonathan Medved** Founder and CEO Jerusalem, Israel



Co-founder, EVP, **MERET** Optical Communications (1982-1991): Pioneer in Fiber Optics acquired by Amoco/BP

Co-founder, EVP, **Accent Software** (1992-1994): Multilingual software leader, IPO on Nasdaq, acquired by LH/Microsoft

Co-founder, General Partner, **Israel Seed Partners** (1994-2006): Leading Israeli Venture Capital Fund with \$262Million under management, 60 investments, 20 exits

Co-founder, CEO, **Vringo**: (2006-2012) leader IP monetization and in mobile social video, IPO on NYSE, listed Nasdaq

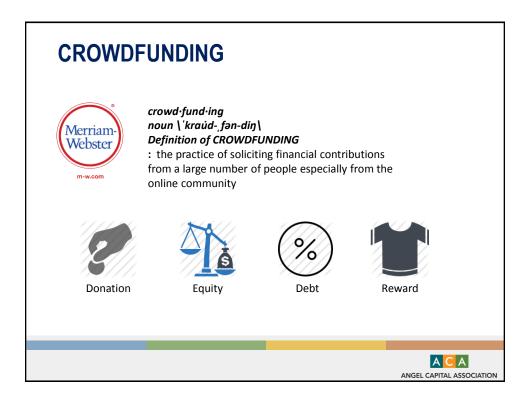
**New York Times:** One of the top ten Americans who have impacted Israel (2008)

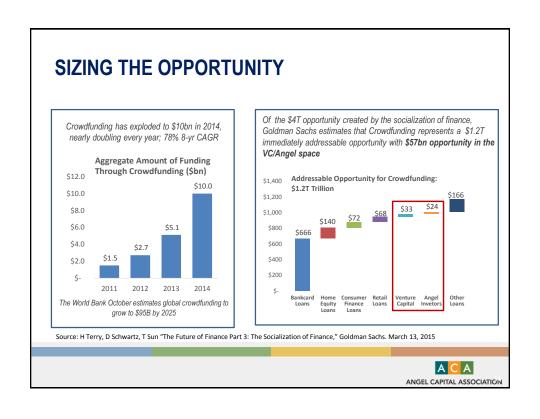
**Washington Post**: One of Israel's leading high tech venture capitalists (2007)

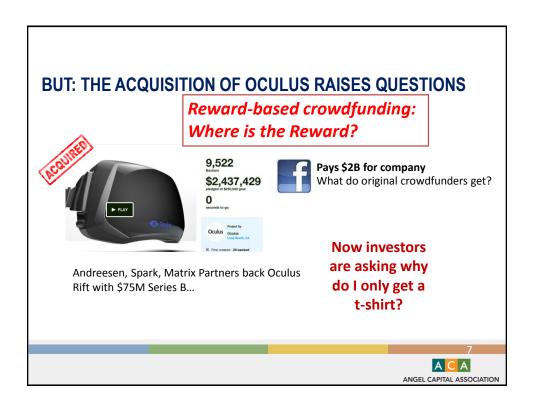
**Jerusalem Post**: One of the 50 most influential Jews in the World (2015)

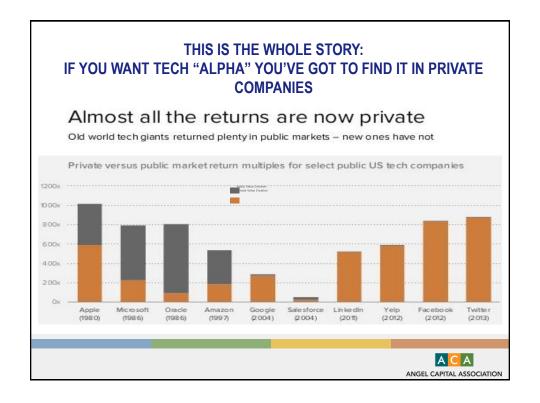
**Crowdfunding Beat**: Crowdfunding Person of the Year (2015)











### **MANY CHOICES**

- Explosion of platforms OurCrowd, Angel List, FundersClub, CircleUp, and more
- · Models for equity crowdfunding











# TWO PRIMARY MODELS OF EQUITY CROWDFUNDING

- · "Jr. IPO" Model
  - Favoured by regulators and exchanges (SEC,SGX)
  - o Investors offered shares in companies
  - o Often opened up to non-accredited investors
  - Let anyone list as long as they meet criteria
  - o Focus on fundraising, Platforms paid placement fees
  - o Platforms do not manage investments, nor help companies, no directors, few follow-on investments
- "VC-like" Model
  - o Favoured by Venture Capitalists, professional angel investors
  - o Investors are aggregated in special purpose partnerships
  - o Limited to accredited investors, works under current Regs (506)
  - o Deals are often tightly curated, as are investors
  - o Should Focus on building companies, Platforms paid management fees and carried interest
  - o Take Board seats, make introductions for companies, help with follow-on investments





# JOBS ACT TITLE III: CROWDFUNDING GOES TO THE MASSES

SEC committed to implement by May 16

Intended to open certain private stock issuances to the general public

Title III is the "big" deal in the JOBS Act. When the SEC posted draft regulations in October 2013, the framework was disparaged due to onerous rules set forth to fulfill SEC's duty of protecting retail investors.

- · SPV structures prohibited
- Must sell shares directly each investor appears on cap table
- · No foreign issuers
- \$1M max raise w/ limitations on how future funding can happen
- · Non accredited limited to 5% of annual income
- Audited financials w/ SEC approval of registration prior to solicitation
- · Ongoing FINRA regulations re: reporting that add huge overhead



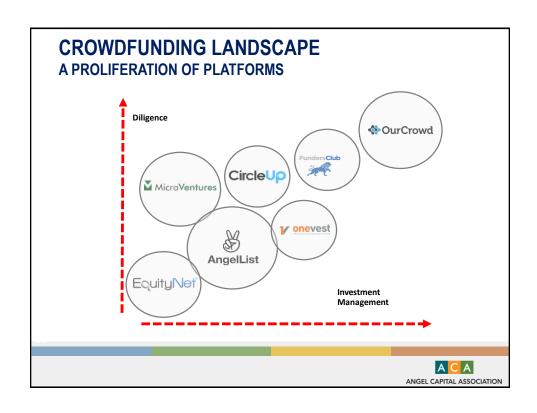


### THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Equity Crowdfunding offers the professionalism of VC and the flexibility and low entry price/freedom of Angel investing

	Venture Capital	l	Angel	Equity Crowdfunding	
Access to Deal flow	Top deal flow		Limited	Top deal flow	
Due diligence	Professional		Limited	Professional	
Legal	Dealt with		Need to deal with	Dealt with	
Rights	Protected		<b>Common shares</b>	Protected	
Commitment	Large		No 📝	No	
Fees	Heavy		No 🔽	Lower than VC	
Discretion/Choice	No		Yes	Yes	







### **SHAI MAGZIMOF**



**Shai Magzimof** Head of Games Tel Aviv, Israel



- Y-Combinator graduate in 2010.
- · Entrepreneur and programmer.
- Co-Founder and CEO, NextPeer (acquired by Viber in 2015)
- Raised capital for NextPeer using accredited equity platform OurCrowd.





### **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### AFTER THE INVESTMENT

- Working with Portfolio Companies
  - What difference does distance make?
- Reporting
  - O What do the companies get?
  - O What does the investor get?

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

- Legal risks
- Avoiding Fraud
- Risk particular to angels
- Risks particular to entrepreneurs





## **DEVELOPING PATTERNS**

- Networking with super-angels: Fabrice Grinda, Jason Calacanis
- Deal Flow: Utilizing various platforms to allow better selection
- Pre-Closing: Information, due diligence, access to founders
- Closing Process
- **Post-Closing**: Follow up and reports, Chief-exit-officer, supporting the companies in good- and bad-times
- The Power of the Crowd: Networking with Angels, Networking with locals, using local networks for global connections
- Repeat Business: How companies go back to the platforms for 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds
- Diversification: Invest Local, Invest Global make an impact







### **UPCOMING WEBINARS**

January 27, 2016: DEMO of Seraf - tool for angel investors

February 10, 2016: Members Only Update

February 23, 2016: Conduct Due Diligence Like the Pros

Webinar programs archived at:

www.angelcapitalassociation.org/events/webinars/





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### **UPCOMING ACA EVENTS**

- February 25, 2016: West Coast Syndication Meeting, Irvine, CA
- March 9 10, 2016: NW Regional Meeting, Seattle, WA
- May 9 11, 2016: ACA Summit, Philadelphia, PA
- http://www.angelcapitalassociation.org/events/

