

# **Angel Investors – Critical Initiators of Startups and Job Creation**

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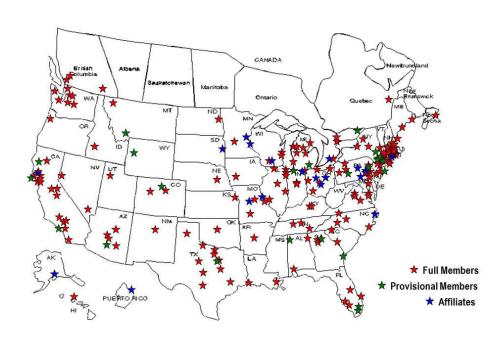
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# **Angel Capital Association**

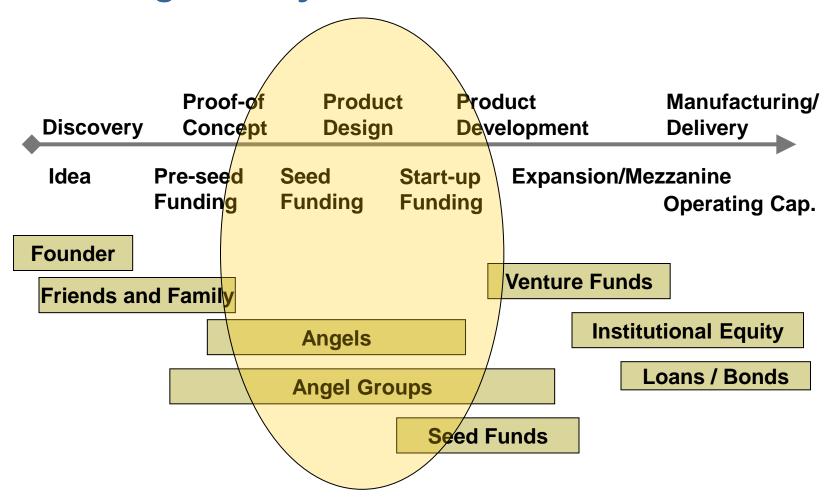
- <u>Mission</u>: Fuel the success of angel groups and private investors who actively invest in early-stage companies
- Largest trade group for angels:
- 200+ member angel groups
- 10,000 accredited investors
- Individuals, accredited portals family offices
- 50 states/ 5 Canadian provinces
- Charitable partner:







# **Financing Life Cycle**





# Angels Provide Less Equity by Total Dollars – BUT...

Angel Investors (\$23B)



Venture Capital (\$27B)



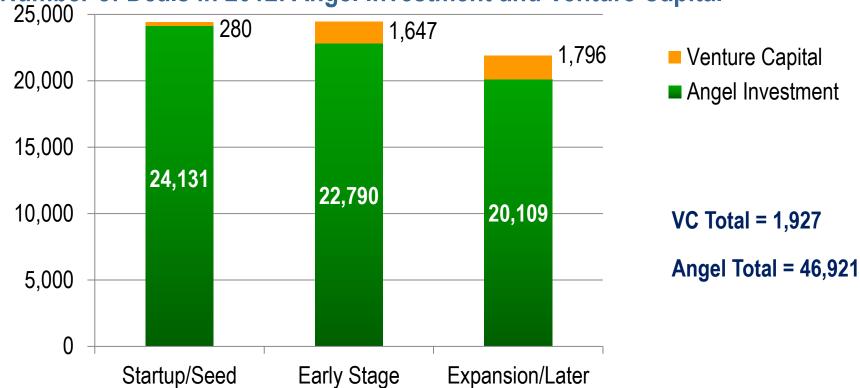
Private Equity (\$347B)





## Angels Fund Nearly All Seed/Early-Stage Deals...

Number of Deals in 2012: Angel Investment and Venture Capital



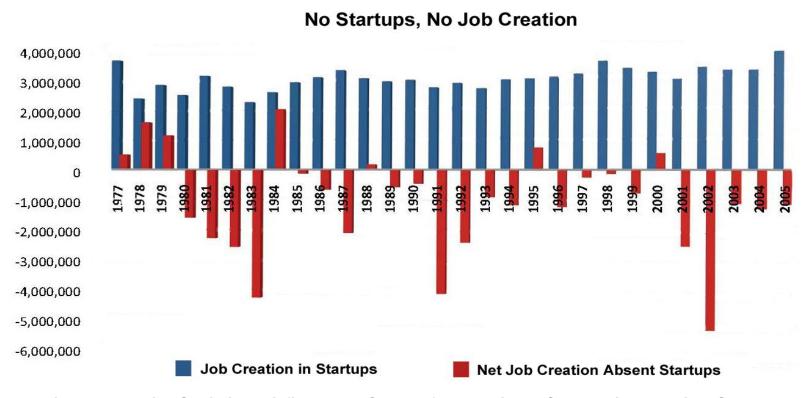
Without angels few startups would make it to VC, PE or IPO funding

Source: Jeffrey E. Sohl, Center for Venture Research and 2013 NVCA Yearbook



## ...And Startups Create the Most Net Jobs

#### ENTREPRENEURS ARE KEY TO JOB CREATION



Source: Business Dynamics Statistics Briefing: Jobs Created from Business Startups in the United States. Kauffman Foundation, January 2009.



# **Angel Investment Landscape**

**Stats, Trends and Impact** 



# **Angels Fund Majority of Startups in USA**

Angels Provide ~90% of Outside Equity for Startups

### **Angel Investors (2012)**

- \$22.9 billion
- 67,000 deals
- 24,000 seed
- 22,800 early stage
- 20,100 expansion
- > 268,000 individuals

### **Venture Capital (2012)**

- \$26.7 billion
- 3,700 deals
- 280 seed
- 1,650 early stage
- 1,800 later/expansion
- 522 active firms

Sources: Center for Venture Research/ UNH; NVCA 2013 Yearbook; PwC MoneyTree



## Who are Angel Investors?

- Often successful entrepreneurs or retired business persons
  - Active investors providing money, expertise, and their network
  - Contribute to their local ecosystem (mentoring, judging, educating)
- Accredited investors SEC definition (US & a few others)
- Invest their own money (not money managers)
- Generally invest in local companies with high-growth potential
- Invest in businesses not run by family

In 2012, 268,000 investors funded ~\$22.9B in about 67,000 deals (2/3rds early-stage)

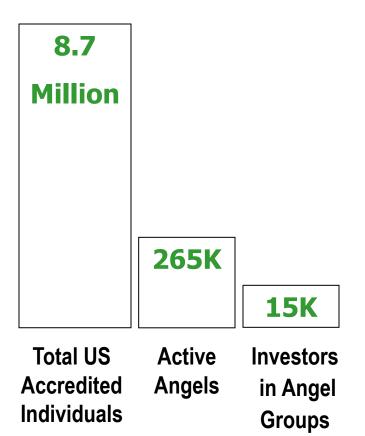


# **What Motivates Angels?**

- Help entrepreneurs
- Stay engaged use skills and experiences to help build a business
- Give back to community or university
- Active form of investing not just watch markets
- Find their next opportunity
- Network and learn
- Return on Investment is the metric



## **Angel Groups Take Professional Approach**



#### Experienced, Accredited Investors

- Successful Entrepreneurs/Business People
- Median Years Investing 9
- Median Number of Investments 10

#### Invest Where We Live & In What We Know

- Main Street Not Wall Street
- 300+ Groups In Every State
- Work as a Team

#### Focused on Best Practices

- Deal Screening
- Due Diligence
- Term Sheets
- Valuation

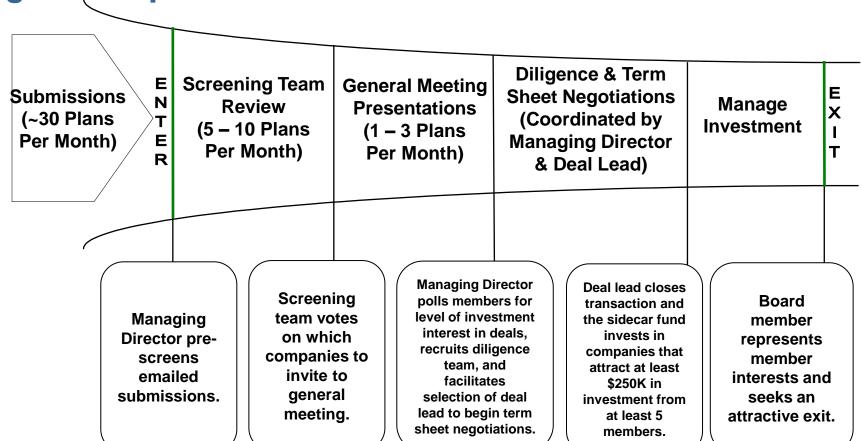
#### Support Companies We Invest In

- Board Seats and Advisory Boards
- Contacts, Advice, Recruiting, Strategy
- Follow-on Funding and Exits

Sources: SEC proposed rule, Center for Venture Research, academic studies, 2012



## **Angel Group Evaluation & Investment Process**



Source: James Geshwiler, CommonAngels, Boston

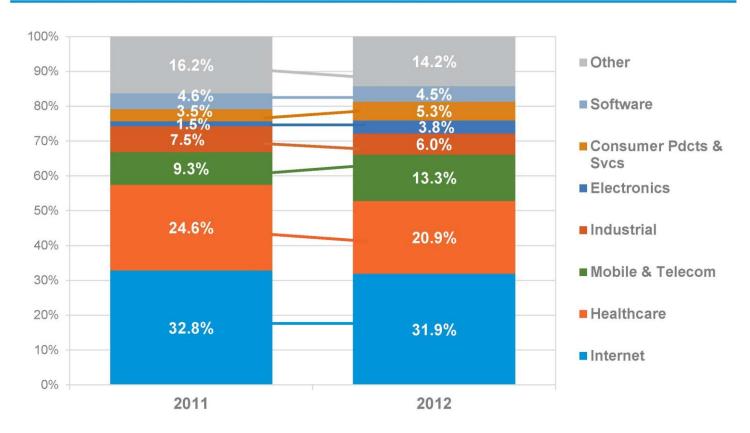


# The Angel-Entrepreneur Connection

- Many angels provide mentoring before and after investment
- Many serve as board members or observers
- Some join venture as C-level executive for an interim period
- Information rights in term sheet
- Often invest in multiple rounds to ensure entrepreneurs can grow
- Develop relationships with Venture Capital firms for expansion capital
- Help lead M&A process early on
- Angel monitoring/ mentorship improves startup health
  - Harvard/MIT study shows angel support improves startup success rate



### **Angel Group Deals by Sector**





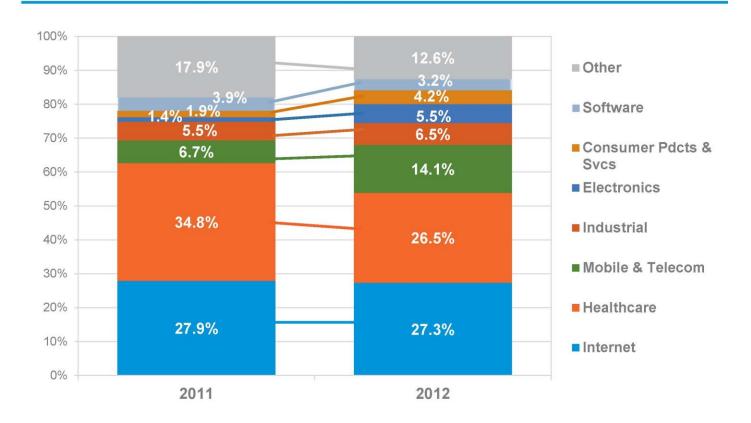








#### **Angel Group Dollars by Sector**







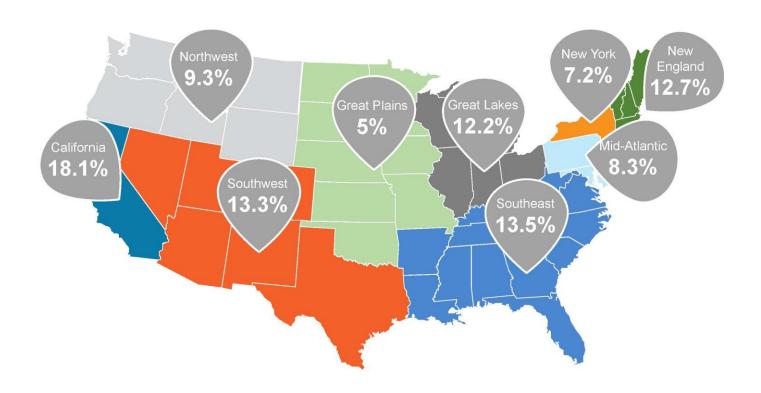






#### **Angel Investment Deals Distributed Nationally**

Share of Angel Group Deals by Region 2012







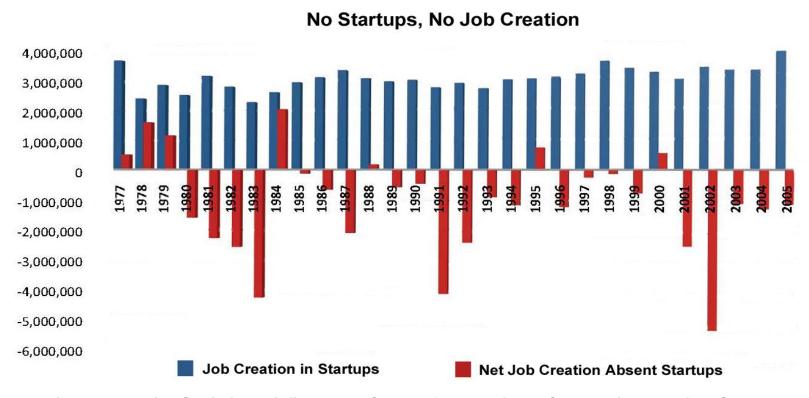






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