HOW TO BUILD THE PERFECT PITCH DECK

FJ LABS	"Love money"	Pre-seed	Seed	Series A	Series B	Series C and beyond
When should you fundraise?	Idea	At launch	Early product-market fit	Demonstrated product- market fit	Robust LTV:CAC (>4:1)  Line of sight to profitability	Clear path to IPO or exit  Fund growth via proven channels
Traction (monthly net revenue)	Negligible	Negligible	\$10-50k	\$50-250k	\$200k-1M	\$500k+
From whom?	Fools, friends, & family	Angels Pre-seed funds (Afore, Amplify, Fika)	Seed funds (FJ Labs, Floodgate, First Round, Uncork)	Series A & B funds  (FJ Labs, Benchmark, Sequoia, USV, GC, BVP, Founders Fund, KPCB, NEA, A16Z)		Late stage VC + growth funds (General Atlantic, DST, Coatue, Insight)
To do what?	Build MVP & early team	Launch	Reach early scale with reasonable unit economics	Scale	Aggressive scale and/or profitability	Prepare for IPO
Round size	<\$250k	\$0.75-1M	\$2-4M	\$5-10M	\$15-25M	\$25-50M
Valuation (pre-money)	\$1-3M	\$3-5M	\$6-12M	\$15-30M	\$40-80M	\$100-200M



**Cash Position** 

What is your cash position? Are you in a position of leverage? Don't go to the market with **less** than 6 months of cash in the bank (Generally 8 months is preferable)



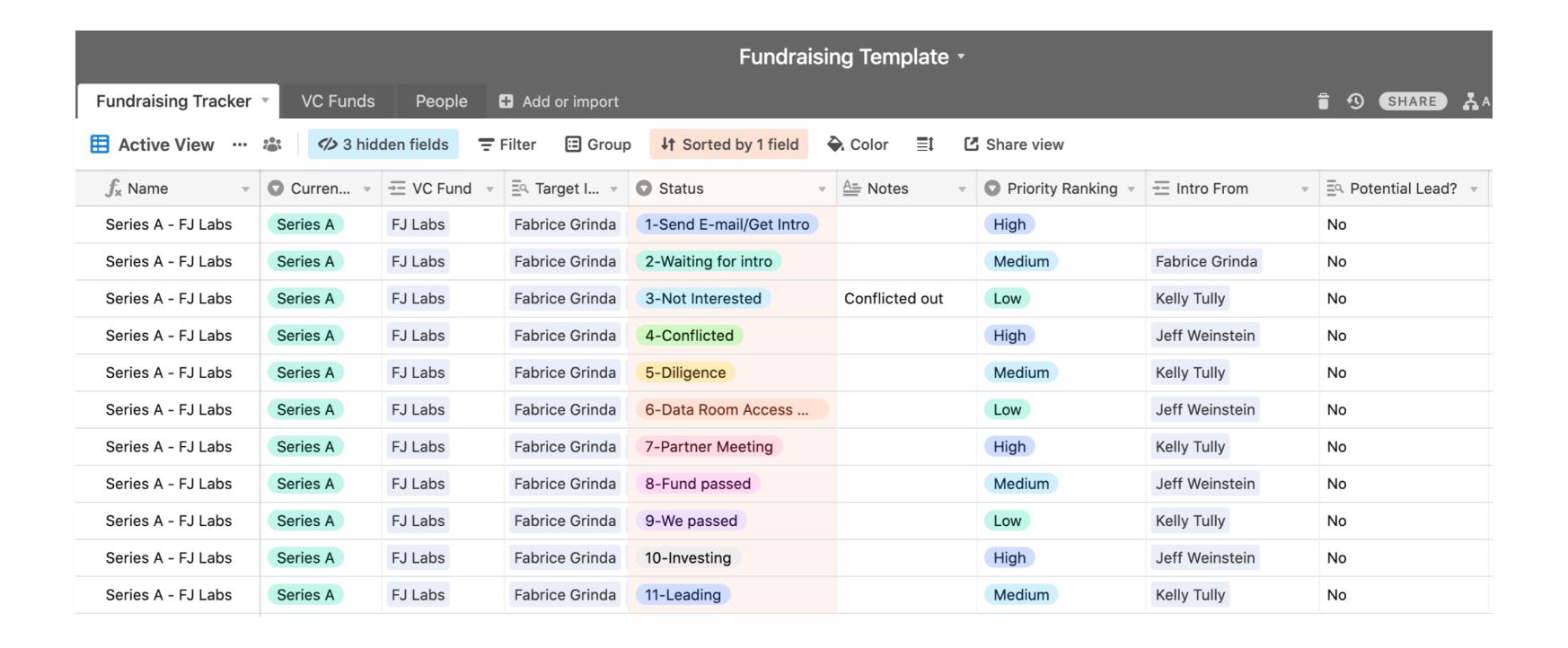
Time of the Year

Best times to fundraise: after New Years or Labor Day Remember the US is slow between Thanksgiving and NYE



**Business Strength** 

When is the best time to raise for you? Does your business have seasonality? i.e. Construction high times are usually Fall – stronger story at peak then trough



#### Decks should be up to 20 pages

Not including appendices, which can be sent separately

### **Follow Basic PowerPoint Etiquette**

Always add page numbers

Don't have too much text!

Site your sources! Your TAM is \$1T? Prove it!

### Make sure your deck is how you want to tell the story

Practice your pitch

Build your deck around your own momentum

#### Send your deck!

Give investors the opportunity to learn before your meeting Don't waste your time on teaser decks

#### Caveats

#### Pre-Seed

- Less on traction / economics
- More on market, GTM, and product

#### Later Stage

- Deck can be longer
- Emphasis on solution and product
- More financials

Product Overview (1-3) Title Page (1 page) 2 8 Competitive Landscape (1) Team (1) 3 9 Business Model (1) Problem/Opportunity (1-2) 10 Unit Economics (1) Market (1) 11 Marketing/Growth Overview (1-2) 5 Solution (Your Company!) (1-2) 12 Fundraising 6 Traction to Date (1-2)



## **NOTES**

"We are building this."

What should you communicate:

A title should explain what the company is

#### The Silverbird world-class team



**MAX FALDIN** 

Serial entrepreneur with a 15-year track record of building and selling leading eCommerce businesses.











**THOMAS MELLIAR-SMITH** 

Senior Compliance/AML exec - 25-years in UK/EU payment

institutions and banks. Multiple FCA authorizations in different



Data scientist and Professor in Machine Learning and Supply Chain Management at Cass Business School (London). Ph.D. in Computer Science.

**MOHAN S. SODHI** 







**CRISTINA MUNTEANU** 

Start-up Swiss Army knife with expertise in scaling high-growth tech ventures. >10 years experience in operational and product













MAXIM KOVALENKO

Seasoned IT expert - 15-years building tech platforms;

eCommerce, payments, ML engines and BI systems. Working





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**TIGRAN GUKASYAN** 

Data Design and Technology Ph.D. with >20 years experience in building BI and data products in SaaS, Financial Services,







### **NOTES**

"My name is \_\_\_\_ and this is what I've done which led me to identify an exciting opportunity."

What should you communicate:

- A relevant background & team experience
- More importantly, why are you the right person to build this? Why are you excited?

Credit: Silverbird

#### THE PROBLEM

#### Suppliers Don't Have the Technical Expertise to Adapt

Less than 10% of building material suppliers in North America sell online.

- + Lack of resources
- Multiple phone calls, emails and walkins for customers
- Limited order fulfillment capabilities
- + Ordering only available during office hours





#### THE PROBLEM

#### **Procurement Is Stuck In the Past**

Construction professionals are seeking more efficient ways to manage material procurement.

- Highly skilled professionals drive to suppliers 3x per week
- + No visibility on order details or timing resulting in multiple phone calls and emails
- + Avg Project Requires Material From 25+ Suppliers





# **NOTES**

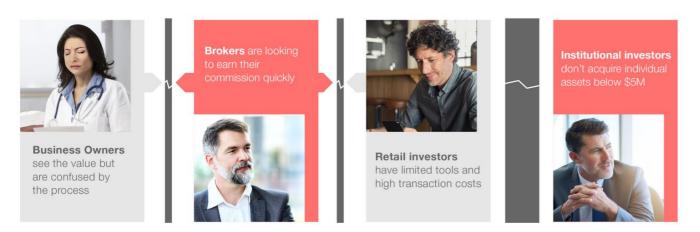
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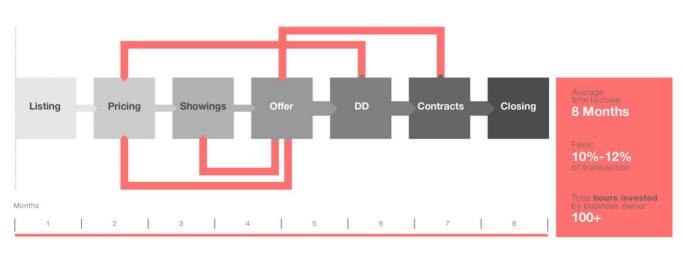
- There is a big problem with unmet needs
- A big, clear and glaring statement

Credit: Toolbx

# The net-lease market for properties below \$5M is broken



#### ...it is expensive, time consuming and frustrating



Unlock www.unlock.realestate

## **NOTES**

"Here is the problem."

What should you communicate:

Contextualize it by personalizing it

#### THE OPPORTUNITY

#### Creating a New Category Within the Construction Industry

MASSIVE MARKET

\$450B

Retail Construction Materials Market **FRAGMENTED** 

40K +

Building Material Suppliers In North America **LOW DIGITAL ADOPTION** 

< 10%

Of Suppliers Sell Online.



#### The time to launch Unlock is now



# Historically low interest rates

Ability to finance assets at scale at extremely low rate:

# Investors flying to safety

Asset-backed investments with bond-like risk and high returns

# Recession and inflation protection

Inflation adjusted contracts

#### Unlock www.unlock.realestate

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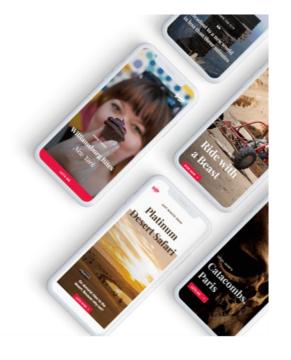
"And it's a huge opportunity we should fix now."

- A big TAM (>\$1B if not more)
- Why now?



Headout is the most delightful way to access high quality standardized experiences in our cities at the last-minute. We combine data, technology and local expertise to build the standard and the supply that enables a perfect experience.



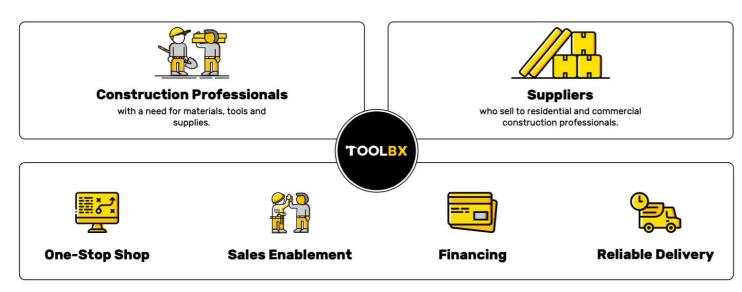


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#### **OUR VISION**

#### The OS For Material Procurement

Connecting Builders & Suppliers on an easy-to-use, digital platform that streamlines procurement.



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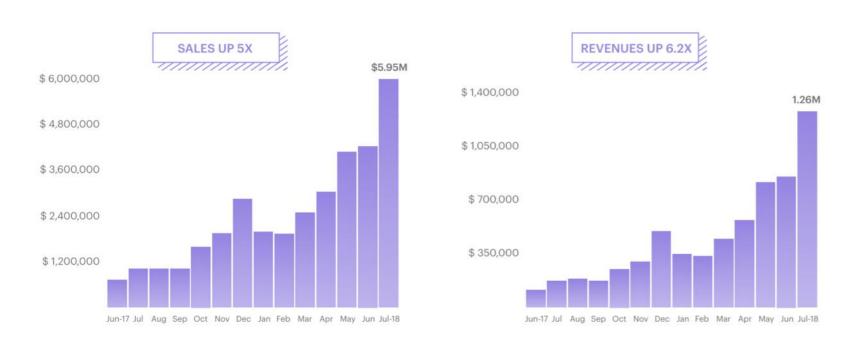
### **NOTES**

"So we are building/have built \_\_\_\_\_ to fix it."

- A brief overview of what your business does
- What your vision is

#### AS A RESULT, OUR SALES HAVE GROWN EXPONENTIALLY

With our managed marketplace model, our strong supply-demand fit has resulted in rapid growth and scale



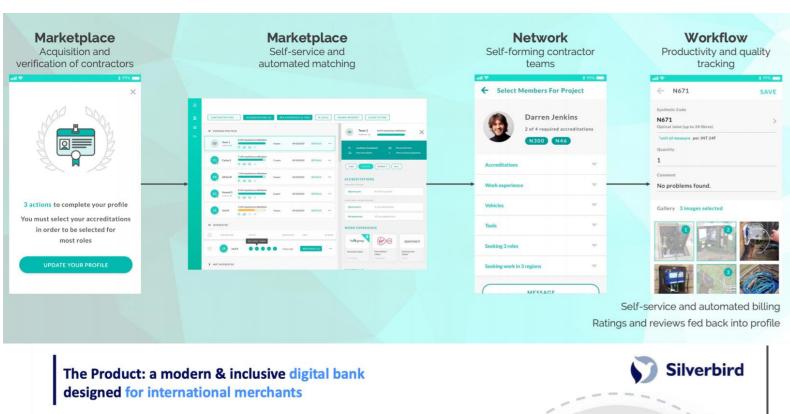
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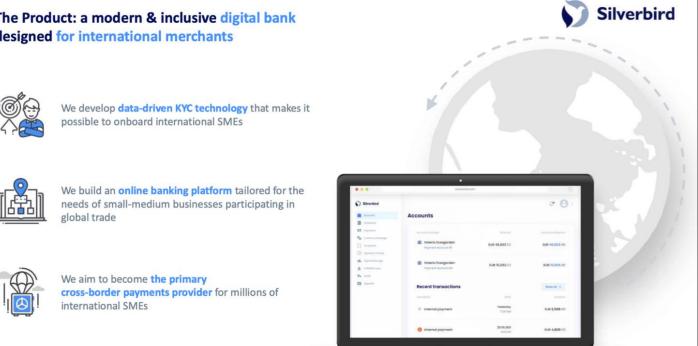
"We are already seeing increasing success."

What should you communicate:

- Where are you to date?
- Should be the lifetime of the business (don't hide things)
- Generally seen as GMV and revenues (marketplaces)

Credit: Headout 13



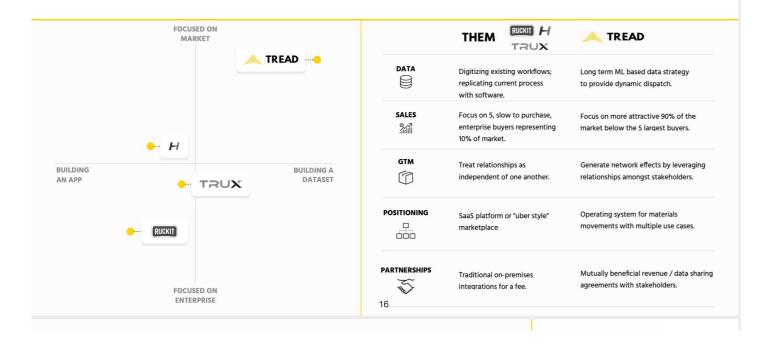


#### **NOTES**

"Here is how it works. This is what our clients/customers get."

- How does it work?
- Either product images or more general workflows
- Make it conversational generally shy away from playing video.

#### Our competitors are building apps for enterprise clients. We're capturing the market with a focus on data.



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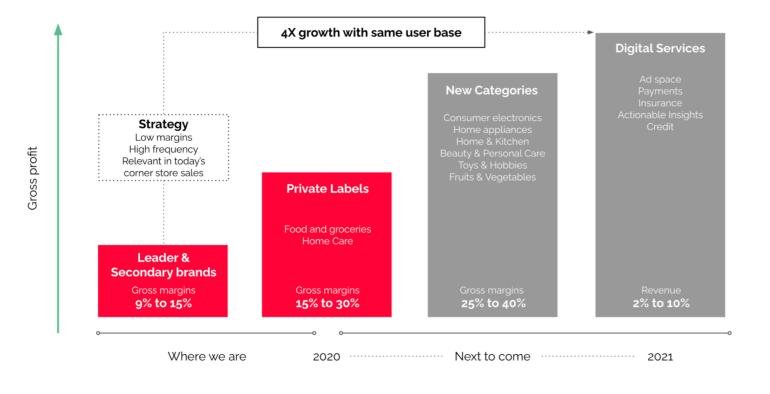
"Competition exists but here is why we're better."

What should you communicate:

- How you're differentiated
- Most important in super crowded areas where nuance in strategy matters
- Don't assume people know

Credit: Tread 15

#### We earn 12% on each sale to stores



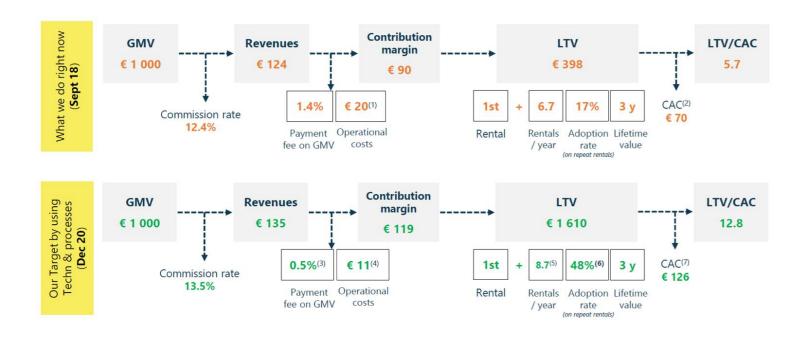
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"This is how we make money and will continue to make more of it to be a \$1B+ company."

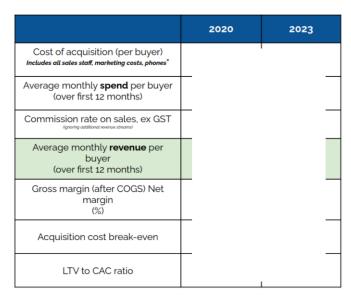
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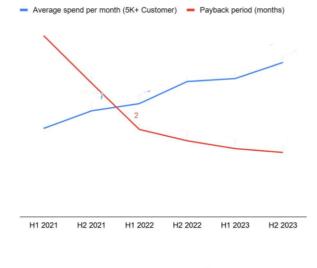
- How do you make money?
- Today vs. future

Credit: Chiper 16



Our core customer pays back within 4 months and will trend down over time





<sup>\*</sup> Users who spend in \$5000 or more make up 40% of total sales in 2020, growing to 80% of total sales by 2023



#### **NOTES**

"Our Unit Economics are good with clear path to improvement."

- Show you're disciplined by going into your unit economics today and in the future
- LTC:CAC should always be net LTV:CAC
- Bonus points for showing paid vs. blended
- Cohorts and retention analysis

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#### WHERE WE'RE GOING

We're focused on building an asset-light business that is able to scale efficiently.

KEY INITIATIVE 1

#### Increase Contribution Margins

**Optimizing The Business For Scale** 

Outsource delivery and optimize labour mix to increase margins.

>50%

**Contribution Margin** 

KEY INITIATIVE 2
Increase Wallet Share

Expand service offering to provide additional value to users.

5x

Increase In Wallet Share

KEY INITIATIVE 3

**Expanding Into New Markets** 

Launch TOOLBX in two new markets.

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2x

**New Markets** 

#### **INCREASE WALLET SHARE**

#### **Capturing More Of The Material Budget**

Key ways that we can better serve our customers:



**Contractor Pricing** 



**Payment Terms** 



Increase Vehicle Capacity

### **NOTES**

"Now we're ready to hit the gas to continue to scale, improve margins, increase wallet share and grow our product."

What should you communicate:

- What successful strategies do you use today?
- How are you going to continue to scale?
- What are your future revenue opportunities?

Credit: Toolbx

scalable methods

#### Silverbird **Fundraising & Milestones** We are looking to raise \$2.5m to reach 300 customers and \$7.5 million in revenue run-rate in 2022 Pre-Seed financing: \$1.8M \$2.5M \$5.2M From founders and advisors: FJ Labs, Greg Karpovsky (Stenn) Seed round Total revenue over 24 months \$180,000 \$690,000 **Objectives:** \$2,620,000 \$670,000 Continue to develop the product Platform Development ■ Salaries & Benefits ■ Legal & Compliance \$1,290,000 Marketing & Sales ■G&A ■ VAT Acquire 300 customers

Free Cash Flow

\$2,360,000

# We are seeking to raise minimum \$5m



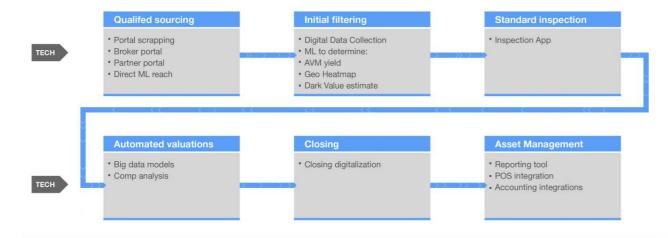
### **NOTES**

"Here's what investment we need to achieve these goals."

- How much have you raised to date?
- From whom?
- What are you looking for now?
- How will you spend it?
- Where does it get you? (Traction)
- How much runway does it provide? (Time to next raise)

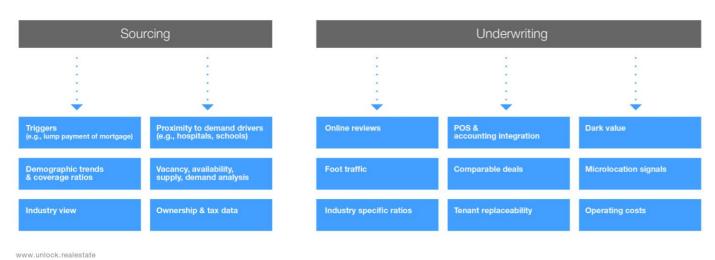
HOW TO FUNDRAISE

We will leverage tech to streamline CRE investments



# Machine learning will allow us to source & underwrite better and faster

Data sources overview



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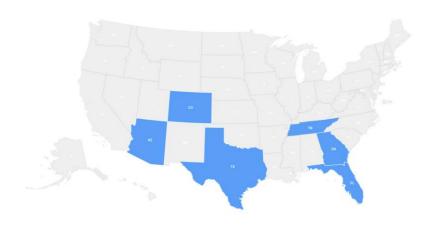
Pre-Seed decks spend more time on product.

You are pitching investors on your strategy, not your execution (yet)!

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# We have identified initial target markets

Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Tennessee, Georgia & Florida



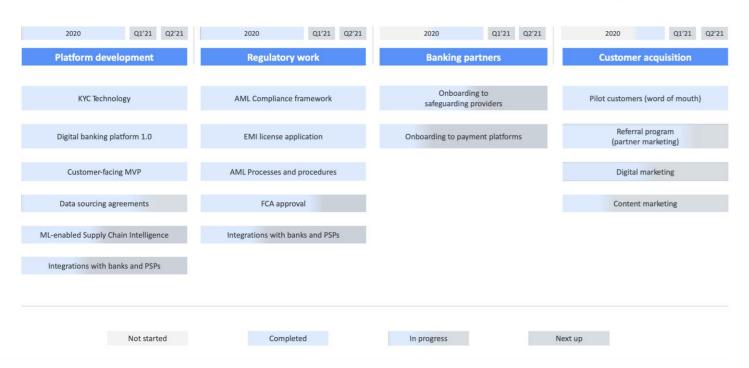
Simple regulatory environment

Positive migration trends

Multiple 18-hour cities

#### Silverbird Go-Live plan

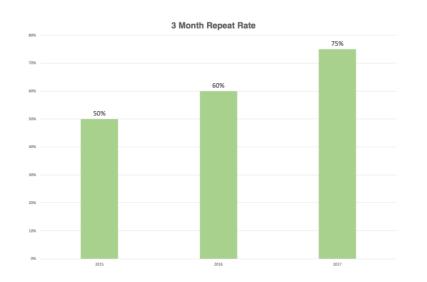


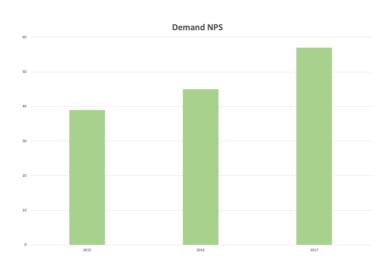


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And more on Go To Market Strategy & Tech.





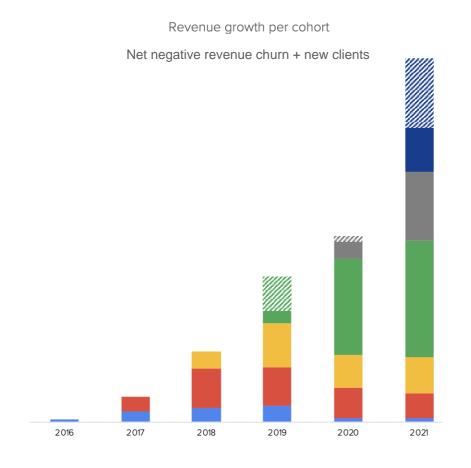




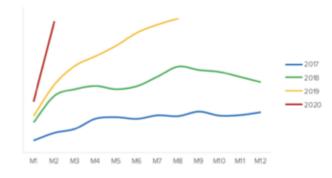
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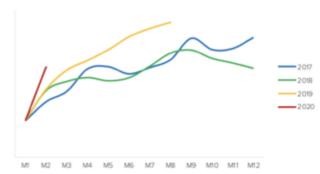
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- Market share comparisons
- Potential M&A Opportunities
- Internationalization Plans







#### Monthly revenue retention



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