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Mastering the Pitch: Crafting Best-in-Class 'Magic' Decks for Start-Up Success

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Series: Connecting the Dots of Today | Building the Future of Tomorrow/#ConnectingTheDots

In Collaboration with PRAXI Network (FORTH)



Overview

Brookstreet



Digital Transformation

- Focus on Al & 4IR
- Software as a Service
- Integrated IoT
- Patentable Innovations



Green Transition

- Up Geo-Secure Energy
- Drive Sustainability
- · Address Climate Crisis
- Boost Circular Economy



Longevity Investments

- HealthSpan (Living Well)
- LifeSpan (Living Long)
- Wellness & Performance
- Age-Tech / Med-Tech



Scale Up Investments

- Series A/B Focus
- Transparent Cash Flows
- Global Institutional Co-Investors
- PRI Governance

About Us

Brookstreet was one of the first investors to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) Commercial Due Diligence, Talent DNA and ESG Rankings into its processes. "Brookstreet 2.0" unites a distinguished team of Ivy League and Oxbridge PEVC fund managers, McKinsey consultants, M&A bankers, Founders, and CEOs, on an AI-and KPI enhanced institutional investment platform, offering "Precision in Asymmetry".

Our Difference

- Global Deal Flow
- World Class Co-Investors
- Al Technical Due Diligence
- Commercial Due Diligence
- Expert Network & Ecosystem
- Thematic Investments
- Dual Returns Strategy
- Trusted Administrator (\$2.5TN AUM)
- Governance & Sustainability
- Brookstreet Al Intelligence
- United Nations PRI Signatory





Best Practice Advice

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Executive Summary	•					Competitive Advantage	•	•		•	•	
Problem					•	Growth Plan / Go-to-Market				•	•	
Solution	•					Founding Team					•	
Product	•	•	•	•	•	Board/Advisors			•			
Market Validation/ Why Now?	•	•	•		•	Traction/Milestones				•		
Market Size	•	•	•	•	•	Press/ User Testimonials	•				•	
Business Model	•		•			Fundraising/ Use of Funds						
Underlying Magic	•			•		Financials		•	•			

- There is no one-size-fits-all pitch deck, but there are slides that are usually expected from most investors (Problem, Solution, B. Model, Team, etc).
- Keep it concise: 11-13 slides max for clarity and engagement. Too many slides can dilute your message and lose investor attention.
- Ideally you should have one slide per category!





Brookstreet Framework



Introduction

A succinct overview of the startup's vision, mission and a brief intro of the team's journey (Optional).



Go-to-Market Strategy

How do you plan to acquire customers and grow? Provide customer acquisition metrics.



Problem Statement

Clearly define the problem that you are addressing and explain why it is significant and worth solving.



Traction & Validation

Present what you have already achieved so far and what are your milestones. Testimonials from key customers can be useful.



Solution / Product

Explain how your product solves the problem identified and describe its unique features and technology (Can be 2 slides).



Financials

Provide financial metrics (revenue, profit/loss, cash burn rate) and projections for the next 3-5 years.



Market Size

Present the size and characteristics of the target market, as well as the relevant trends and growth potential.



Exit Strategy

Clearly define your future potential exit plans (M&A, IPO, etc.) and explain who your potential acquirers could be.



Competition

Highlight how your solution is better or different to that of the competitors. What is your right to play?



Sources & Uses

Let investors know how much you are seeking and what type (Equity, Debt, CLN, SAFEs, etc.). Explain how do you plan to use the funds.



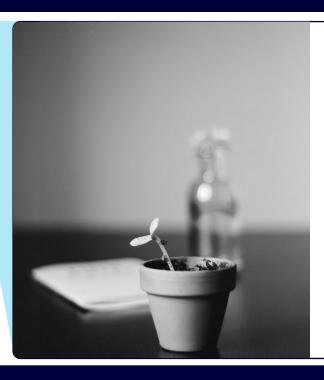
Business Model

Explain how do you plan to make money, what is your pricing strategy and distribution channels.



Introduction





Mission

"Simplifying complex workflows for businesses through intuitive AI-driven automation"

Vision

"To be the go-to platform for businesses globally, transforming efficient productivity and driving sustainable growth for SMBs"

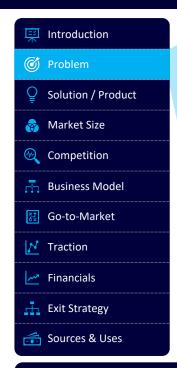
Our Journey

"Launched MVP, onboarded 100+ businesses, and secured partnerships with leading SMB platforms"

- Mission: Clearly articulate the problem you are solving and how your solution empowers customers to achieve success.
- Vision: Paint a compelling picture of the future and your long-term impact.
- Our Journey: Highlight key milestones, achievements, or progress made so far.



Problem



"Businesses struggle with complexity, high costs, and slow processes"



Complex

Many solutions are too complex, requiring extensive training or technical knowledge.



Expensive

Expensive technology and services prevent many businesses and individuals from benefiting.



Slow

Inefficient systems and outdated tools slow down operations and decisionmaking.

- Clear Pain Point: Identify the core problem your target audience faces.
- Impact of the Problem: Show the consequences of not addressing the problem.
- Current Solutions Are Inadequate: Briefly highlight why existing solutions fall short.



Solution / Product



"We help businesses work smarter, more efficiently, and faster by streamlining processes"



Simpler

intuitive, user-friendly platform that simplifies workflows, making adoption seamless.



Affordable

Cost-effective model leverages automation to provide premium solutions at a fraction of the cost.



Product Ready

Streamlined workflows with Al-driven automation, boost speed and productivity across teams.

- Clear, Simple Solution: Describe how your product directly addresses the pain point.
- Unique Value Proposition: Highlight what sets your solution apart from competitors.
- Impact and Benefits: Showcase the key outcomes your solution delivers.



Market Analysis





- TAM (Total Addressable Market): Present the overall size of the market opportunity.
- SAM (Serviceable Available Market): Define the target segment within the broader market that your product can address.
- SOM (Serviceable Obtainable Market): Estimate the portion of the market you aim to capture in the near term.



Competition



"Traditional competitors are significantly behind our solution. We are simpler, cheaper, faster and better"

Competitor #1

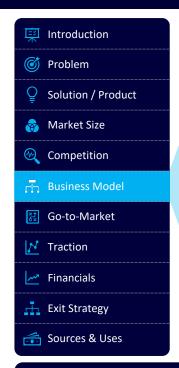
Competitor #2

Faster

- Market Positioning: Clearly show how your solution stands out compared to competitors.
- Direct Competitors: List the main competitors in the chart to clearly define the competitive landscape and where your product fits.
- Focus on Strengths: Emphasize your product's advantages in comparison to competitors.



Business Model



"Affordable, Scalable, and Al-Driven Subscription-Based"



Subscription-Based

SaaS model built on a recurring monthly or annual subscription, ensuring predictable revenue



Al-Driven

Powered by advanced AI technology, the platform allows businesses to focus on higher-value tasks



Scalable

Highly scalable, designed to grow with businesses of all sizes, from small startups to large enterprises



Affordable

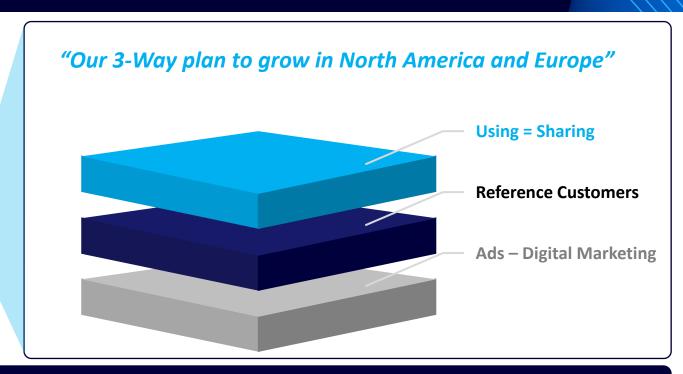
Cost-effective pricing structure with flexible, tiered plans for all business sizes

- Define the Revenue Model: Clearly define how your startup generates income.
- Showcase Scalability: Highlight how your model can grow and adapt as the business expands.
- Identify Target Market: Identify who your customers are and how the business model caters to them.



Go-to-Market



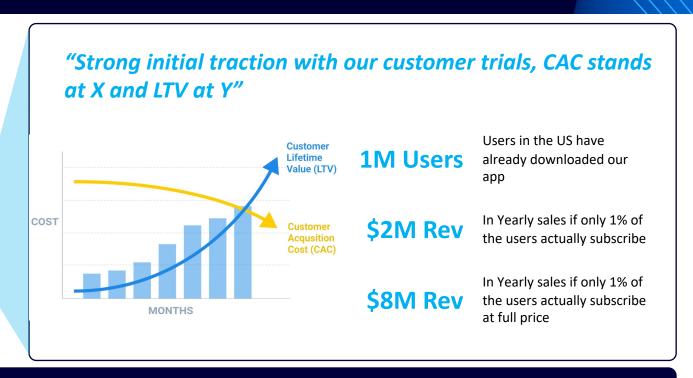


- Target Audience: Clearly define who your primary customers are.
- Marketing Strategy: Highlight the key channels and tactics you'll use to reach your audience (i.e., Ads: Expensive, Referrals: Usually expensive, Using Sharing: Cheap but not always applicable).
- Sales Strategy: Describe how you'll drive sales and conversions.



Traction



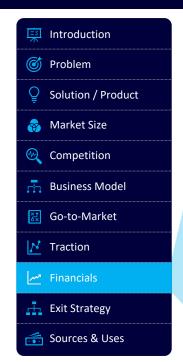


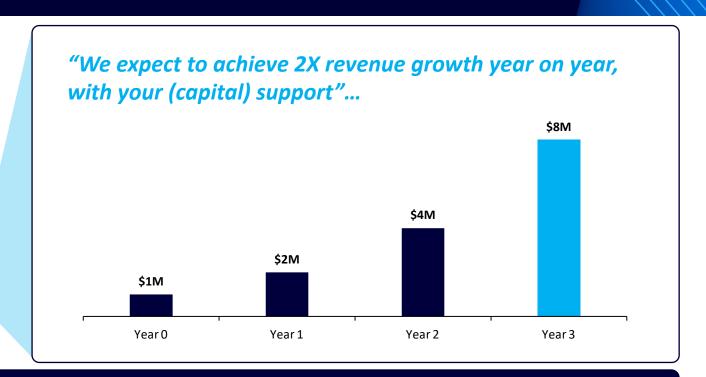
- Focus on Key Metrics: Highlight important growth assumptions and metrics like user acquisition, revenue, and retention.
- Milestones: Showcase significant achievements or partnerships.
- Present Customer Validation: Provide evidence of market demand and customer satisfaction.



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Financials





- Revenue Growth: Show your projected or historical revenue growth.
- Unit Economics: Highlight key financial metrics, such as Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC) and Lifetime Value (LTV).
- Showcase Path to Profitability: Explain your projected burn rate and outline when you expect to become profitable.

Exit Strategy



"We plan a Trade Exit to an SaaS ERP platform provider in the next 5 years"...



Large SaaS ERP Platform Providers

Type: Established, publicly traded SaaS firms

Rationale for Acquisition: Enhance portfolio with intuitive, Al-driven workflow automation

Synergies: Expand user base and improve existing features with AI automation







Al and Automation Tech Company

Type: Companies focused on robotic process automation (RPA) and AI technologies

Rationale for Acquisition: Add Al-driven automation to boost existing offerings

Synergies: Attract new, cost-conscious customers seeking intuitive solutions





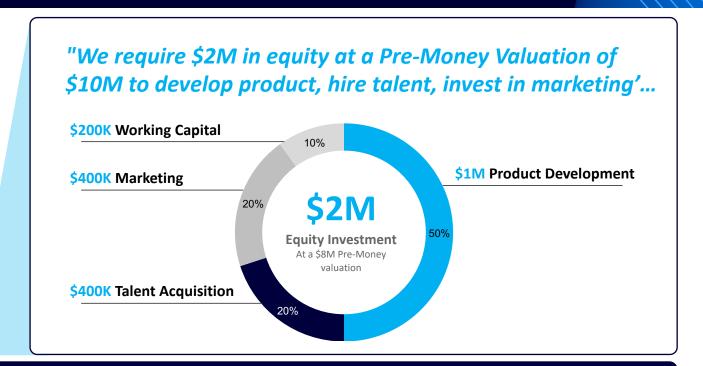
- Type of Exit: Acquisition by a larger company (Trade Exit), a buyout fund (2BO), or IPO? You will need different signals for each path.
- · Potential Acquirers: Large SaaS providers, Al-focused tech companies, or private equity firms.
- Exit Timeline: Provide a realistic timeline for exit.



Funding Requirements

Sources and Uses!





- Total Amount Needed: Clearly state the amount of funding you are raising.
- Use of Funds: Outline how the funds will be allocated.
- Expected Milestones: Describe the key milestones you aim to achieve with the funding.



In Summary

Tailor your message (see Webcast 1)



Know Your Audience

Tailor your pitch to highlight what matters most each investor

Clear Business Model

Show how your startup makes money and scales efficiently.

Financial Stability

Demonstrate solid planning with KPIs and a path to profitability.

Success Signal & Red Flags

"You need to be the right team, with the right solution, at the right time, in the right place."

10 Success Signals

- 1. Innovative and Scalable Business Model: A clear plan for innovation, growth and scale.
- Clear Product/Market Fit: Data-backed evidence that the product solves a real problem for a large market.
- 3. Strong Revenue and Unit Economics: Positive unit economics and growing revenue highlight profitability.
- 4. Visionary Strategy: A compelling vision for capturing market share builds investor confidence.
- 5. Traction: Strong growth in users, retention, and revenue signals based on KPI monitoring and improvement.
- 6. Strong Brand and Market Presence: Increasing brand recognition and market share signal momentum.
- Strategic Partnerships: Joint ventures with key players provide credibility and open growth opportunities.
- 8. Track Record of Founders: Proven process success builds confidence in the team's ability to execute.
- 9. Governance: Building an institutional firm that will be able to attract follow up VC funding.
- 10. Who Else Is Investing: Backing from reputable investors adds credibility and validation.

10 Red Flags

- Exaggerating Traction: If investors investigate and find discrepancies, it will damage your credibility.
- 2. Empty Commercial Stories: We look for a sophisticated approach based on KPIs, not isolated cases.
- No Technical co-Founder: Without a super star Domain Expert, funding for an innovative firm is unlikely.
- 4. Jargon Use: Do not confuse audience. Explain in commercial terms. Communicate efficiently and succinctly.
- 5. Lack of Proof on CAC, LTV, ROCE, Runway: Not understanding your unit economics means C-Team not ready!
- Unclear Go-to-Market, Scale & Exit Strategy: Signals lack of focus and a clear exit roadmap for investor.
- 7. Off-Market-Round Terms: Investors expect transparency and trust. Side deals demonstrate desperation.
- 8. Over Estimating Valuation: Use CLNs/SAFEs. Who invests is more important than how much! Smart money.
- 9. Unaware of Global Players: This signals a lack of market awareness and INTL potential. C-Team not ready!
- 10. Targeting Everyone: A lack of clear ideal customer profile (ICP) or investor profile means C-Team not ready!



Submit Your Proposals

Applications are open [Link]

Webcast 1: Demystifying Financial Sponsors

January 15, 2025



Understand Who to Pitch

Webcast 2: Mastering the Pitch

February 12, 2025



Understand How to Pitch

Webcast 3: Investor Termsheets Revealed

March 12, 2025



Understand How to Read T&Cs & Negotiate

Live Competition

April 8, 2025



Put Theory in Practice





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