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**January 29, 2019** 



# Uplift Raises \$123 million in Series C Financing Led by Madrone Capital Partners



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## Overview of FT Partners

- Financial Technology Partners ("FT Partners") was founded in 2001 and is the only investment banking firm focused exclusively on FinTech
- FT Partners regularly publishes research highlighting the most important transactions, trends and insights impacting the global Financial Technology landscape. Our unique insight into FinTech is a direct result of executing hundreds of transactions in the sector combined with over 17 years of exclusive focus on Financial Technology

## FT Partners' Advisory Capabilities



#### FT Partners' FinTech Industry Research





Named Silicon Valley's #1 FinTech Banker (2016) and ranked #2 Overall by The Information



Ranked #1 Most Influential Person in all of FinTech in Institutional Investors "FinTech Finance 40"



Numerous Awards for Transaction **Excellence including** "Deal of the Decade"

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# **Uplift**

## **Transaction Summary**

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- On January 23, 2019, Uplift announced it has raised \$123 million in Series C financing led by Madrone Capital Partners with participation from existing investors:
  - Draper Nexus, Ridge Ventures, Highgate Ventures, Barton Asset Management and PAR Capital
- This round of financing will provide Uplift with the capital needed to enable new travel supplier partnerships as well as the ability to accelerate growth
- Uplift offers point-of-sale lending and payments technology, specifically for the travel industry
  - The Company is on pace to serve one million travelers in 2019
- The Company also recently announced new travel partners using Uplift including Allegiant, KAYAK, Apple Leisure Group, Highgate Hotels, Pleasant Holidays, Ski.com, and Flightsearch.com

## Financing History

| Financing History |              |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date              | Size (\$ mm) | Investor(s)  |  |  |  |  |
| 01/24/19          | \$123        | Madrone Capital Partners; Draper Nexus<br>Ventures; Ridge Ventures; Highgate<br>Ventures; Barton Asset Management; PAR<br>Capital Management |  |  |  |  |
| 12/21/17          | 15           | PAR Capital Management; Draper Nexus<br>Ventures; Highgate Ventures  |  |  |  |  |
| 11/12/14          | 8            | IDG Ventures; PAR Capital Management;<br>Thayer Ventures   |  |  |  |  |

#### **Transaction Commentary**

"Our mission is to make travel more accessible, affordable and rewarding for everyone through partnerships with travel brands. We're heartened by the daily feedback we receive from consumers and the impact we make in their lives, enabling memories and connections."



Brian Barth Chairman & CEO



"Uplift is built to enable our travel partners to better serve their customers, and with the support of Madrone, we are able to invest across the business for their success. We are investing in onboarding new partners, expanding our product capabilities and delivering more services to our travel partners."

**Uplift** 

Robert Soderbery
President



"Uplift's focused business model of bringing flexible payments to travel is a winner. Our confidence to invest was driven by an experienced management team, a very large market opportunity and the competitive advantages driven by the innovations Uplift has brought to the travel market."

Madrone Capital Partners Jamie McJunkin General Partner



# Uplift Raises \$123 million in Series C Financing

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## **Uplift Overview**

## **Company Overview**



CEO: Brian Barth

Headquarters:

Menlo Park, California

Founded: 2013

- Uplift is a marketing platform that makes travel more accessible, affordable and rewarding
- Uplift enables travel providers to increase conversion rates, booking value, channel loyalty, cross-sell and ancillary revenue
- The Company's platform offers a buy now but pay over time plan with monthly payments at low rates
  - Uplift does not market directly to consumers, only helping travelers exclusively via partner relationships
- Uplift payment and financing solutions are offered by leading travel brands including:













#### **Products / Services Overview**

#### **How It Works**

✓ Select "Pay Monthly" as your payment type when booking travel on one of Uplift's partner websites





 Users complete a commitmentfree application to receive loan decisions within seconds

 Users make fixed monthly loan payments until their balance has been paid off



#### **Other Features**

Users are able to lock trip prices when they're at their lowest Option to enhance your trip with large hotel rooms, attraction tickets, and more

Payments are on autopilot while users enjoy their vacation

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GreenSky Raises \$1 billion in its IPO



Zafin's \$17 million Series B
Financing



Deserve's Series C Financing Led by Sallie Mae



Vitruvian Partners' Investment in Deposit Solutions



Lufax Raises \$1.3 billion in Financing



N26 Raises \$300 million in Series D Financing



Plaid Raises \$250 million in Series Financing



Temenos Acquires Avoka for \$245 million

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## Significant Experience Across the Banking Technology Space











































## Strong Track Record of Success in the Credit / Alternative Lending Space

# White Label Loan Management



# Consumer Home Improvement Financing



#### Consumer Marketing / Credit Lead Generation



# SMB Credit Tools / Financing



#### **Peer-to-Peer Lending**



#### SaaS-based Loan Origination



#### **SMB Financing**



#### **Supplier Finance Solutions**



## FT Partners Advised on Many of the Largest Alternative Lending Transactions

| Company              | Investor(s)   | <b>Amount Raised</b>   |
|----------------------|---|--|
| PROSPER              | Affiliates of  NEW RESIDENTIAL Jefferies  THIRD POINT     | <b>\$5,000,000,000</b> Loan Commitment                       |
| <b>GreenSky</b> ™    | FIFTH THIRD BANK  | 2,000,000,000<br>Loan Commitment<br>50,000,000<br>Investment |
| <b>GreenSky</b> **   | Initial Public Offering                                   | 1,010,000,000  |
| <b>GreenSky</b>      | TPG DST ICONIQ WALLINGTON MANAGEMENT                      | 300,000,000  |
| <b>GreenSky</b>      | PIMCO   | 200,000,000  |
| Kabbage <sup>®</sup> | RCP REVERENCE CAPITAL ING SAN PARTNERS ING Scotiabank*    | 135,000,000  |
| earnest              | BV Saltery Veniure mayeron                                | 75,000,000   |
| <b>taulia</b>        | QuestMark Partners  ZOUK BBVA edbi                        | 65,000,000   |
| INSIKT               | FIRSTMARK revolution Colchis                              | 50,000,000   |
| PROSPER              | Fund Co-Managed by:                                       | 50,000,000   |
| credit sesame        | ICP INVENTUS CAPITAL PARTNERS  Menlo ia capital group  SF | 42,000,000   |
| Nav                  | Experion CESSILINE CAPITAL KPCB TENERRY TO VENTURES       | 38,000,000   |

In addition to these large rounds, FT Partners has advised on a number of other prominent Lending Tech /
Alt Lending transactions

























## FT Partners Advises GreenSky on its \$1 billion Initial Public Offering

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On May 23, 2018, GreenSky (Nasdaq: GSKY) priced its IPO at \$23 per share, raising approximately \$1.01 billion
- Due to strong demand, the deal priced at the high end of the initial \$21 \$23 filing range and the number of shares was increased by 3.9 million, or 11%
- GreenSky will use the IPO proceeds to purchase Holdco units and Class A common stock from its CEO and other officers as well as early equity investors
- GreenSky is a leading FinTech company that powers commerce at the point of sale; the Company's technology platform facilitates merchants sales, while reducing the friction, and improving the economics, associated with a consumer making a purchase and a bank extending financing for that purchase
  - GreenSky has approximately 12,000 active merchants on its platform and the Company has enabled 1.7 million consumers to finance over \$12 billion of transactions since its inception through March 31, 2018

#### Significance of Transaction

- GreenSky's IPO is the largest U.S. Technology IPO of 2018 and is also the largest U.S. FinTech IPO in over two years<sup>1</sup>
- This transaction further supports FT Partners' continued success advising leading FinTech growth companies and also highlights the long-term nature of many of the Firm's advisory relationships

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as IPO Advisor to GreenSky on this transaction
- FT Partners previously advised GreenSky on its \$300 million investment by TPG, Iconiq, Wellington, and DST in 2014, its \$2 billion loan purchase agreement and \$50 million investment by Fifth Third Bank in 2016, and its \$200 million investment by PIMCO in 2017
- FT Partners has leveraged its deep industry knowledge, extensive transaction expertise, and broad scope of relationships to consistently achieve favorable outcomes for GreenSky

# Financial Technology Partners LP

is pleased to announce its role as IPO Advisor to



in its

\$1,010,000,000
Initial Public Offering

for a total enterprise value of

\$4,500,000,000



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## FT Partners Advises Prosper on its Series G Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On September 22, 2017, Prosper Marketplace announced that it has raised \$50 million in a Series G financing round from an investment fund comanaged by FinEx Asia
- San Francisco, CA-based Prosper is a leading marketplace lending platform for consumer loans, connecting people who want to borrow money with individuals and institutions that want to invest in consumer credit
  - To date, over \$10 billion in personal loans have been originated through the Prosper platform for debt consolidation and large purchases such as home improvement projects, medical expenses and special occasions
- Based in Hong Kong, FinEx Asia is the first global FinTech marketplace connecting Asian investors with high quality, low volatility asset classes, including U.S. consumer lending

#### Significance of Transaction

 The Series G investment, which brings Prosper's total equity raised to \$410 million to date, will be used to make strategic investments in the Company's platform and products

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Prosper and its Board of Directors
- FT Partners also advised on <u>Prosper's \$5 billion loan purchase agreement</u> from a consortium of institutional investors
- This transaction further solidifies FT Partners' role as the advisor of choice in the Alternative Lending sector

## Financial Technology Partners LP FTP Securities LLC

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in its Series G Financing from

an investment fund co-managed by



for total consideration of

\$ 50,000,000



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## FT Partners Advises Deserve on its Series C Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On August 27, 2018, Deserve announced it has raised \$17 million in a Series
   C financing round led by Sallie Mae
  - Accel, Aspect Ventures, Pelion Ventures, Mission Holdings, Alumni
     Venture Group and GDP Venture also participated in the round
- Deserve is a venture-backed FinTech company that helps people build credit and achieve financial independence
  - The Company has helped tens of thousands of customers from over 160 countries at over 1,800 universities across all 50 states
  - Deserve uses non-traditional data points and advanced machine learning algorithms to determine credit eligibility
- Sallie Mae offers products that promote responsible personal finance, including private education loans, free scholarship search tools, free college financial planning tools, and online retail banking

#### **Significance of Transaction**

- Deserve will use the financing to further scale its platform and infrastructure to achieve its mission of helping the 40 million college students and young adults in the U.S. gain financial independence through access to fair credit
- The Company also plans to expand its "perks" program by offering exclusive offers from a number of new partners including Amazon Prime, T-Mobile, Lemonade, Feather, and Wikipedia

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Deserve
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep Alternative Lending and Banking Tech domain expertise and its successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for high growth FinTech companies globally

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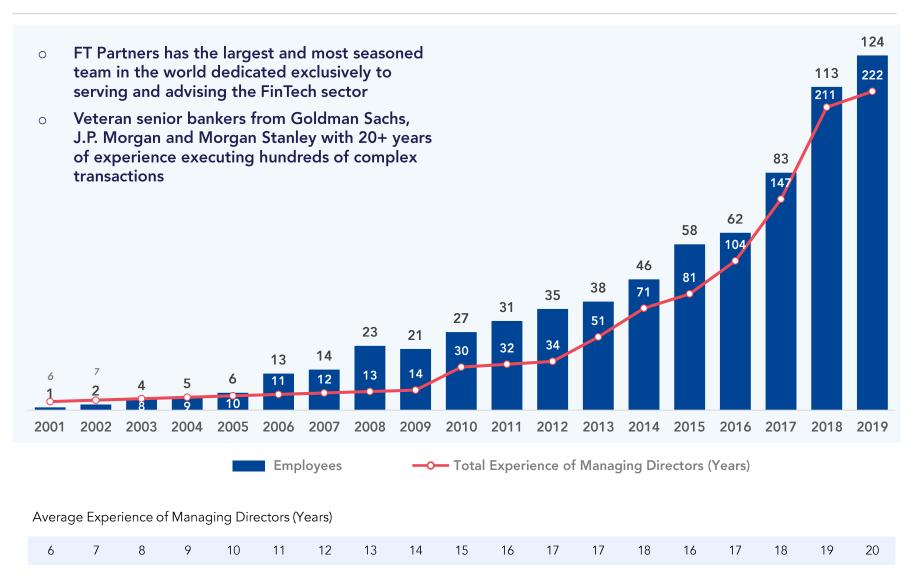


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## **Award-Winning Investment Banking Franchise Focused on Superior Client Results**

| LendIt  |             |  |      |  |  |  |
|---|-------------|--|------|--|--|--|
|   | 2018        | Top Investment Bank in FinTech   |      |  |  |  |
|   | 2018        | Steve McLaughlin Ranked #1 for the Second Year in a Row on Institutional Investor's FinTech 40 List              |      |  |  |  |
| Institutional<br>Investor                         | 2017        | Ranked #1 on Institutional Investor's FinTech 40 List  |      |  |  |  |
| Institutional Investor<br>Annual Ranking          | 2015 & 2016 | Ranked Top 5 on Institutional Investor's FinTech 35 List   |      |  |  |  |
| <b>g</b>  | 2006 – 2008 | Consecutively Ranked (2006, 2007 and 2008) among the Top Bankers on Institutional Investor's "Online Finance 40" |      |  |  |  |
| The Information                                   | 2016        | Ranked #2 Top Technology Investment Banker on The Information's "Silicon Valley's Most Popular Dealmakers"       |      |  |  |  |
| 2018 -2004 ANNUALAWARDS WINNER M&A Advisor Awards | 2018        | Corporate / Strategic Deal of the Year   | 2011 | Boutique Investment Bank of the Year                   |  |  |
|   | 2018        | Cross Border Deal of the Year  | 2011 | Deal of the Decade                                     |  |  |
|   | 2017        | Investment Banker of the Year  | 2010 | Upper Middle Market Deal of the Year, \$500 mm+        |  |  |
|   | 2016        | Investment Banking Firm of the Year  | 2010 | IT Services Deal of the Year, Below \$500 mm           |  |  |
|   | 2016        | Cross Border Deal of the Year  | 2010 | Cross-Border Deal of the Year, Below \$500 mm          |  |  |
|   | 2015        | Dealmaker of the Year  | 2007 | Dealmaker of the Year – Steve McLaughlin               |  |  |
|   | 2015        | Technology Deal of the Year  | 2007 | Business to Business Services Deal of the Year         |  |  |
|   | 2014        | Equity Financing Deal of the Year  | 2007 | Computer & Information Tech Deal of the Year, \$100 mm |  |  |
|   | 2014        | Professional Services Deal of the Year, \$100 mm+  | 2007 | Financial Services Deal of the Year, \$100 mm+         |  |  |
|   | 2012        | Dealmaker of the Year  | 2004 | Investment Bank of the Year                            |  |  |
|   | 2012        | Professional Services Deal of the Year, \$100 mm+  |      |  |  |  |

## Platform of Choice for Clients and Bankers Alike



## The FT Partners Senior Banker Team

| Name / Position   | Prior Background              | Experience / Education   | Years of Experience |
|---|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>Steve McLaughlin</b><br>Founder, CEO and<br>Managing Partner | Goldman<br>Sachs              | <ul> <li>Formerly with Goldman Sachs in New York and San Francisco from 1995-2002</li> <li>Former Co-Head of Goldman Sachs' Financial Technology Group (#1 market share)</li> <li>Wharton M.B.A.</li> </ul>  | 24                  |
| Kate Crespo<br>Managing Director                                | RAYMOND JAMES®                | <ul> <li>Formerly with Raymond James' Technology &amp; Services investment banking</li> <li>12+ years of FinTech transaction execution experience</li> <li>Dartmouth M.B.A.</li> </ul>   | 17                  |
| <b>Larry Furlong</b> Managing Director                          | Goldman<br>Sachs              | <ul> <li>Formerly with Goldman Sachs in New York, London and Los Angeles from 1995-2004</li> <li>Wharton M.B.A.</li> </ul>   | 23                  |
| <b>Osman Khan</b><br>Managing Director                          | pwc                           | <ul> <li>Formerly Managing Director and Head of FIG M&amp;A at Alvarez &amp; Marsal</li> <li>15+ years FIG deal, consulting and assurance experience at PwC</li> <li>40 Under 40 M&amp;A Advisor Award Winner in 2013</li> <li>LSE (BSc w/Honors), MBS (MBA w/Distinction), ICAEW (FCA)</li> </ul> | 22                  |
| Andrew McLaughlin<br>Managing Director                          | Deloitte.                     | <ul> <li>20+ years experience executing / implementing financial and operational strategy</li> <li>Formerly with Deloitte Consulting</li> </ul>  | 13                  |
| <b>Mike Nelson</b><br>Managing Director                         | SunTrust                      | <ul> <li>Formerly head of FinTech M&amp;A at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey</li> <li>Kellogg M.B.A.</li> </ul>   | 19                  |
| <b>Timm Schipporeit</b> Managing Director                       | Morgan Stanley Index Ventures | <ul> <li>Formerly with Morgan Stanley as Senior Executive Director of European Technology<br/>Investment Banking Team in London</li> <li>Formerly a Venture and Growth Investor focused on FinTech at Index Ventures</li> </ul>  | 16                  |
| <b>Greg Smith</b> Managing Director                             | Merrill Lynch<br>J.P.Morgan   | <ul> <li>Formerly award winning Equity Research Analyst at Merrill Lynch, J.P. Morgan and Hambrecht &amp; Quist</li> <li>20+ years of experience covering FinTech as both an Analyst and Investment Banker</li> </ul>  | 23                  |
| Steve Stout Managing Director                                   | J.P.Morgan<br>First Data      | <ul> <li>Formerly Global Head of Strategy at First Data</li> <li>Formerly Led J.P. Morgan Payments Investment Banking Practice</li> <li>Former Equity Research Analyst on #1 ranked team at UBS</li> <li>Former Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank</li> </ul>                                   | 21                  |
| <b>Tim Wolfe</b> Managing Director                              | Goldman<br>Sachs              | <ul> <li>Formerly with Goldman Sachs from 2000-2002</li> <li>40 Under 40 M&amp;A Advisor Award Winner 2013</li> <li>Harvard M.B.A.</li> </ul>  | 17                  |