# FT PARTNERS FINTECH INDUSTRY RESEARCH

April 14, 2021

# Better

Better.com Raises \$500 million in Financing Led by SoftBank at a \$6 billion Valuation





#### **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 19 years of exclusive focus on Financial Technology

#### FT Partners' Advisory Capabilities



#### FT Partners' FinTech Industry Research





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# **Transaction Summary**

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- On April 8, 2021, Better.com raised \$500 million in financing from SoftBank
  - According to the Wall Street Journal, the round values Better.com at \$6 billion, which is up 50% from the \$4 billion valuation from its November 2020 Series D round
  - SoftBank is buying shares from Better's existing investors, and agreed to give all of its voting rights to CEO and founder Vishal Garg "in a sign of its eagerness" to invest in the Company (1)
  - The Company's previous investors include Goldman Sachs, Kleiner Perkins, American Express, Activant Capital and Citi, among others
- FT Partners previously advised Better.com on its <u>\$160</u> million Series C financing in 2019
- Better.com generated more than \$800 million in revenue in 2020 and generated a profit (1)
- Additionally, Better.com funded \$25 billion in loans in 2020 and \$14 billion in loans in Q1'21 alone (2)
  - Better is currently funding over \$4 billion in loans per month (2)
- The Company's growth was accelerated by an uptick in homebuying and refinancing in 2020 – its monthly revenue increased by 2.5x since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic (2)
- The Company has also grown its headcount significantly over the past several months, employing over 6,000 people now (2)

#### Financing & Valuation History

Date	Size (\$ mm)	Post Valuation (\$ mm)	Investor(s)
04/08/21	\$500	\$6,000	SoftBank
11/11/20	200	4,000	L Catterton, American Express Ventures, Activant Capital, Ping An Global Voyager Fund, Ally Financial, 9Yards Capital
08/19/19	160	885	American Express Ventures, Activant Capital, Ping An Global Voyager Fund, Ally Financial, Citi, AGNC, Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan, Kleiner Perkins, Goldman Sachs, Pine Brook
02/09/17	15	220	Kleiner Perkins, Goldman Sachs, Pine Brook
05/24/16	30	na	1/0 Capital, Goldman Sachs, IA Ventures, Pine Brook, KCK
03/01/15	10	na	1/0 Capital, KCK

Source: FT Partners' Proprietary Transaction Database, PitchBook

<sup>1)</sup> Wall Street Journal: "SoftBank to Invest \$500 Million in Mortgage Startup Better"

<sup>2)</sup> TechCrunch: "Mortgage is suddenly sexy as SoftBank pumps \$500M in Better.com at a \$6B valuation"

# Better

#### **Better.com Overview**

#### **Company Overview**

# Better

CEO & Founder:	Vishal Garg
Headquarters:	New York, NY
Founded:	2014

Better.com has upended the traditional mortgage process by taking the old mortgage infrastructure apart piece by piece and replacing it with thoughtful technology



Better.com has innovated across the entire mortgage stack...



...by replacing the loan officer with technology



...automating the bulk of loan processor and underwriter tasks



...digitizing a fully-verified financial graph for every customer



...and creating the first true Electronic Clearing Network) & Investor Marketplace for mortgages



...to create the most efficient loan manufacturing process in the industry.

#### **Better.com Services**

#### **Better Mortgages**

Streamlining the mortgage process by getting rid of commission and letting users do it all online

- Online & Available 24/7
- Honest rate quotes
- Instant loan estimate

- No Commission
- No origination fees
- On-demand rate lock

#### **Better Real Estate**

Helping homebuyers getting matched with a trusted real estate agents and saving them \$2,000 off their closing costs

### **Better Title Insurance**

Making title insurance more efficient and allowing to close on schedule thanks to centralized settlement services

#### **Better Homeowners Insurance**

Helping homeowners find the best policy options for their needs and connecting them with the right homeowner's insurance

# Better

# Selected Real Estate and Mortgage Technology Landscape







**Tech-Enabled** 

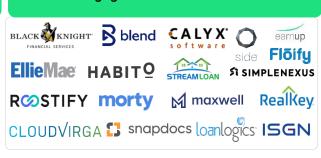






**Home Financing** 

**Alternatives** 



**Mortgage Automation Solutions** 









# FT Partners Previously Advised Better.com on its \$160 million Series C Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On August 19, 2019, Better.com announced it has closed its Series C financing round for a total of \$160 million
  - The round included new investors Activant Capital, Ping An Global Voyager Fund, Ally Financial, Citi, AGNC, American Express Ventures and Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan, as well as existing investors Goldman Sachs, Pine Brook and Kleiner Perkins
  - Better.com initially closed its Series C round in January 2019 for a total of \$70 million, but expanded the round due to high demand
- Better.com is one of the fastest growing homeownership platforms in the U.S.
  - The Company has reconstructed the process of buying and financing a home, step-by-step, using technology and automation to create the most efficient, cost-effective and user-friendly experience in the market
  - Better.com has grown 3x year-over-year (vs. -15% for the industry) and is currently funding \$375 million in mortgages a month, which puts the Company on track to lend over \$4 billion in 2019 alone

#### **Significance of Transaction**

- With strong investor demand including from high profile strategics, this financing round positions Better.com as a market leader in streamlining and digitizing the home loan process
- The additional capital will enable Better.com to enhance its offerings, grow its strategic partnerships, as well as expand its team by hiring an additional 400 people in sales and technology by the end of 2019

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as strategic and financial advisor to Better.com
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' deep domain expertise in the Alt Lending / Real Estate Tech space as well as our successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for leading FinTech companies globally

#### Financial Technology Partners LP FTP Securities LLC

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on its Series C financing from new investors















along with participation from existing investors

for total consideration of

\$160,000,000



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#### Selected FT Partners Research - Click to View



Finicity's \$1 billion Sale to Mastercard



Acima's \$1.65 billion Sale to Rent-A-Center



MoneyLion's \$2.9 billion Merger with Fusion Acquisition Corp.



Porch's \$1.1 billion Merger with PropTech Acquisition



Affirm Raises \$1.2 billion in its IPO



Blend Acquiers Title365 for \$500 million



Doma Merges with Capitol Investment Corp. V



Upstart Raises \$240 million in its IPO

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## Track Record of Success Across the Real Estate Tech Space

#### Underwriting **Automation**



#### Real Estate **Invoicing & Payments**



#### **Digital Mortgage** Origination



#### **Loan Origination Software**







#### Home Improvement **Financing**



#### **Property** Insurance Solutions



# Origination



#### SaaS-based Real Estate Loan Listing Management Solutions

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is pleased to announce its role advising on the sale of

BLACK KNIGHT

for total consideration of

\$1,800,000,000

optimalblue



#### Real Estate **Payments**



#### Online Home Services Platform



## Significant Experience Across the Bank and Lending Tech Sector



























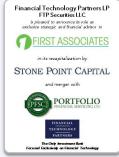
















# FT Partners Advises Porch on its Merger with PropTech Acquisition Corporation

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On July 31, 2020, PropTech Acquisition Corporation ("PropTech"), a special purpose acquisition company ("SPAC") announced a definitive merger agreement with Porch.com, Inc. ("Porch")
- The business combination was completed on December 23, 2020, PropTech changed its name to Porch, and its common stock is scheduled to begin trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the ticker symbol "PRCH" on December 24, 2020
  - The deal represents a post-transaction equity value of \$1.079 billion
  - Transaction includes a \$150 million fully committed common stock private investment at \$10 per share led by Wellington Management Company, LLP
- Porch is a unique home services platform that provides leading ERP and CRM software to 11,000 inspection, moving and adjacent home services companies, gaining access to a proprietary and recurring sales funnel which captures a majority of homebuyers in the U.S. annually

#### **Significance of Transaction**

- While creating significant liquidity for existing shareholders, Porch's
   Management team will continue to lead the merged Company as over 92%
   of their existing equity is expected to be rolled as part of the transaction
- The net proceeds raised from the transaction will be used to support Porch's working capital, pay down debt and fund expansion through acquisitions

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Porch
- Builds on FT Partners' expertise in navigating the unique process in selling companies to SPACs, and follows highly successful sales of FT Partners' clients <u>Open Lending</u>, <u>CardConnect</u> and <u>REPAY</u>

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on its merger with



(NASDAQ: PTAC)

for a post-transaction equity value

\$1,079,000,000<sup>(1)</sup>



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# FT Partners Advises JetClosing on its \$9 million Financing

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On July 30, 2020, JetClosing announced the close of its \$9 million Series B
  funding round led by funds and accounts advised by T. Rowe Price, with
  additional investments from Pioneer Square Labs and Trilogy Equity, bringing
  its fundraising total to \$35 million
- JetClosing is a leading digital title and escrow company for real estate transactions that provides unprecedented transparency, security, and efficiency throughout the home closing process via its innovative, centralized platform
- With a presence in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington, JetClosing's team of veteran title professionals and technology leaders is expanding nationwide to provide digital title and escrow services to buyers, sellers, agents, lenders and borrowers
- JetClosing utilizes fully encrypted workflows for secure document transfers, wire transactions, remote online notarizations (RON), and e-signatures – user information is further guarded using multi-factor authentication, which introduces safe, transparent, and remote digital home closings and refinancings for the first time

#### Significance of Transaction

 The investment will fuel continued expansion for the cloud-based digital title company, streamlining historically manual, in-person processes that have lacked transparency and efficiency for home buyers, sellers, agents, and borrowers

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to JetClosing
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' deep domain expertise and transactional experience across the Real Estate Tech & InsurTech sectors

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on its Series B financing led by

# T.RowePrice®

for a total amount of

\$9,000,000



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## FT Partners Advises Optimal Blue on its Sale

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- Optimal Blue has agreed to sell to GTCR, a leading private equity firm
- Backed by Serent Capital, Optimal Blue is one of the largest SaaS providers of enterprise services to mortgage originators & investors
- The Company created the first cloud-based Product & Pricing Engine ("PPE") and is now the largest independent provider of pricing solutions in the mortgage ecosystem
- GTCR has committed up to \$350 million of equity capital to the investment to pursue growth initiatives at Optimal Blue as well as complementary acquisitions to provide information and other digital services to the \$14 trillion mortgage marketplace

#### Significance of Transaction

- Represents one of the largest Mortgage Technology M&A transactions in recent times
- Represents a highly favorable outcome to Optimal Blue management and Serent Capital, its private equity backer

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Optimal Blue and its Board of Directors
- FT Partners leveraged its deep knowledge, extensive experience and broad industry relationships to help bring in a knowledgeable partner with deep domain expertise in financial services
- Transaction demonstrates FT Partners' continued success advising top-tier financial technology companies

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## FT Partners' Recent Awards and Recognition

# **Bloomberg**

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- o FT Partners' Steve McLaughlin was featured on Bloomberg / Bloomberg TV
- o View the full article and watch the live TV interview



#### **M&A Advisor Awards**

- Technology Deal of the Year (2019)
- Cross Border Deal of the Year and Corporate / Strategic Deal of the Year (2018)
- Investment Banker of the Year (2017) Steve McLaughlin, CEO & Managing Partner of FT Partners
- Investment Banking Firm of the Year (2016) FT Partners



## **LendIt FinTech Industry Awards 2018:**

o FT Partners wins Top Investment Bank in FinTech

# Institutional Investor





#### The FinTech Finance 40:

o Steve McLaughlin ranked #1 in 2017 and 2018





## The Information's "Silicon Valley's Most Popular Dealmakers"

- o Ranked as the #2 top Technology Investment Banker by The Information subscribers (2016)
- o Only FinTech focused investment banking firm and banker on the list

## The Largest FinTech Advisory Practice in the World

