# FT PARTNERS FINTECH INDUSTRY RESEARCH

**December 12, 2017** 



# Affirm Raises \$200 million in Series E Financing Led by GIC





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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 15 years of exclusive focus on Financial Technology

#### FT Partners' Advisory Capabilities

#### **Private Capital** Raising **Debt & Equity Capital** Sell-Side / Buy-Side Markets Advisory M&A Strategic Consortium Capital Structuring / Efficiency Building **Advisory Services** FT PARTNERS **ADVISORY** Anti-Raid Advisory / Board of Directors / Shareholder Rights Plans Special Committee Advisory Sell-Side Valuations / LBO Advisory Fairness Opinion for M&A Restructuring and **Divestitures**

#### 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 35"



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

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## **Transaction Summary**

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- On December 11, 2017, Affirm announced it has raised \$200 million in Series E Financing led by Singapore-based sovereign wealth fund GIC
  - Existing investors such as Khosla Ventures, Lightspeed Venture Partners, Founders Fund, Spark Capital, Caffeinated Capital and Ribbit Capital also participated in this round
  - According to the Wall Street Journal, this latest investment brings the Company's valuation to somewhere between \$1.5 billion to \$2.0 billion (1)
    - This Series E approximately doubles its valuation; Affirm was valued at \$800 million in its last equity round
- The Company plans to use the new capital to expand its network of retailers that it works with, along with launching new products and services
  - The funds will help Affirm compete against larger FinTech companies that have expanded into the POS ("Point-ofsale") financing vertical
    - Square has launched Square Capital, a POS lending product to help consumers pay for products and services bought at merchants
    - PayPal recently introduced PayPal Credit, which lets consumers pay for their internet purchases off in installments
  - The Company is also planning to use the fresh injection of capital to hire more software engineers and product managers

#### **Transaction Commentary**

"GIC is one of the world's most respected fund management companies and has been investing in technology for a very long time. We are excited to have GIC as a long term partner that offers a unique network and insights on the evolving global FinTech market...a lot of other [alternative lenders] are running into credibility issues. [The fundraising] means we're doing something right."



Max Levchin CEO



#### **Selected Financing History**

Date	Size (\$ mm)	Туре	Post Valuation <sup>(2)</sup>	Lead Investor(s)
12/11/17	\$200	Series E	\$1,500-2,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	₩GIC
10/13/16	100	Debt	na	Morgan Stanley
04/13/16	100	Series D	800	FOUNDERS FUND
05/06/15	275	Series C	576	SPARK Gapital
06/09/14	45	Series B	115	NyCa khosla ventures LIGHTSPEED VENTURE PARTNERS
07/31/12	8	Series A	24	OHVF

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## **Affirm Overview**

#### **Company Overview**



CEO:

Headquarters:

Founded:

Max Levchin San Francisco, CA 2012

• Affirm offers fixed-rate installment loans to consumers at the checkout or point of sale

- Rates range from 10-30% APR based on a consumer's credit;
   this credit rating is transparent and is shown at checkout
- Pricing on Affirm's platform is real-time and adaptive based on algorithmic data that prices marginal risk and generates a score for every transaction
- Instead of using the typical FICO score data, Affirm aggregates data on individual consumers from atypical source, such as public data and social media, to evaluate creditworthiness
- Affirm finances purchases at over 700 online and brick-andmortar stores
  - The Company continues to focus on partnerships with large stores, particularly ones with sales over \$1 bn
- Online merchants on Affirm's platform have experienced increased Average Order Values and conversion rates by more than 20 – 25 % and lift in average order values up to 80%

#### **Products & Services Overview**



Payments: Consumers can pay with debit cards, bank transfers or personal checks; No late, service or prepayment fees

Mobile App: Manage account and payments; Buy now and pay over time using an Affirm virtual card

Modern Security: Connects directly to online stores; Accounts always stay secure

**Integration:** API and comprehensive support for both in-house solution or e-commerce platform

**Expanded Reach:** Advanced underwriting that looks beyond FICO score; Designed to reach those overlooked by traditional credit system

#### **Selected Affirm Customers**















## Selected FT Partners' Research - Click to View



Credit Sesame's \$42 million Financing



**Prosper's Series G Financing** 



Oakam's Debt Financing from Victory Park Capital



Navient Acquires Earnest for \$155 million



OakNorth Raises £244 million in Financing (includes interview with Co-Founder)



Compass Raises \$450 million in Financing from SoftBank



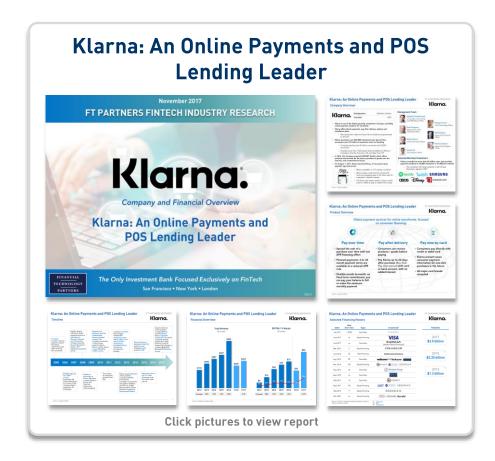
WeLab Raises \$330 million in Series B+ Equity and Debt Financing



Monzo Raises Approximately \$93 million in Financing

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## FT Partners Research - Klarna



FT Partners' report provides an in-depth review of Klarna as well as its financials and financing and acquisition history

## Additional highlights of the report include:

- A brief overview of Klarna and its product offerings, as well as its financing and valuation history
- A look at Klarna's financials from 2012 to H1 2017, including revenue, EBITDA and net income
- A comparison of Klarna to other POS lending companies, Affirm and PayPal Credit

## Track Record of Success in the Alternative Lending / Lending Tech Value Chain

#### Student / Personal Loan



#### Consumer Home Improvement Financing



#### Consumer Marketing / Credit Lead Generation



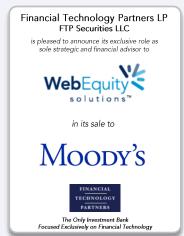
#### **Contract Financing**



#### Marketplace Lending



## SaaS-based Loan Origination



#### **SMB Financing**



#### **Supplier Finance Solutions**



## Significant Experience Across the Banking Technology Space











































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

Company	Investor(s)	Amount Raised
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 Loan Commitment 50,000,000 Investment
<b>GreenSky</b> ™	TPG DST ICONIQ WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT	300,000,000
Kabbage <sup>*</sup>	RCP REVERENCE CAPITAL PARTNERS ING Sociabank°	135,000,000
earnest	ADAMS STREET PARTNERS  Battery Ventures maveron	75,000,000
<b>taulia</b>	QuestMark Partners  ZULK BBVA edbi	65,000,000

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

























## FT Partners Advises 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

is pleased to announce its exclusive role as sole strategic and financial advisor to



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 GreenSky on its \$300,000,000 Minority Investment

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- GreenSky completed a minority \$300 million financing round from TPG, DST, Iconiq and Wellington Management
- The Company provides an online loan platform that allows businesses to offer flexible credit programs to their customers – promoting higher transaction values and driving sales growth
- GreenSky's proprietary, technology-driven platform enables partners to make informed, real-time credit decisions and allows for real-time transaction processing
- The Company has grown to be a leader in the emerging Alternative Lending space, with a particular focus on home improvement financing

#### Significance of Transaction

- Represents the largest private equity financing in the Alternative Lending space to date
- Demonstrates a fundamental shift in lending customer acquisition models away from traditional banks and towards specialists like GreenSky
- This transaction positions GreenSky as a clear leader in Alternative Lending and enables the company to continue to innovate and bring additional products to market

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to GreenSky and its Board of Directors
- FT Partners leveraged its deep knowledge, extensive experience and broad industry relationships to help achieve a highly favorable outcome for the Company
- Transaction demonstrates FT Partners' continued success advising top-tier financial technology companies

# Financial Technology Partners LP

is pleased to announce its exclusive role as financial advisor to



in its minority investment from







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

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

## The FT Partners Senior Banker Team

Name / Position	Prior Background	Experience / Education	Years of Experience
<b>Steve McLaughlin</b> Founder, CEO and Managing Partner	Goldman Sachs	<ul> <li>Formerly with Goldman, Sachs &amp; Co. 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>	22
<b>Larry Furlong</b> Managing Director	Goldman Sachs	<ul> <li>Formerly with Goldman, Sachs &amp; Co. in New York, London and Los Angeles beginning in 1995</li> <li>Wharton M.B.A.</li> </ul>	22
<b>Greg Smith</b> Managing Director	AS Merrill Lynch J.P.Morgan	<ul> <li>Formerly award winning Equity Research Analyst at Merrill Lynch / J.P. Morgan / Hambrecht &amp; Quist</li> <li>20+ years of experience covering FinTech as both an Analyst and Investment Banker</li> </ul>	21
<b>Osman Khan</b> Managing Director	pwc	<ul> <li>Former Managing Director / 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>	20
<b>Steve Stout</b> Managing Director	J.P.Morgan  First Data	<ul> <li>Former Global Head of Strategy at First Data</li> <li>Formerly Led J.P. Morgan Payments Investment Banking</li> <li>Former Equity Research Analyst on #1 ranked team at UBS and Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank</li> </ul>	19
<b>Tim Wolfe</b> Managing Director	Goldman Sachs	<ul> <li>Formerly with Goldman, Sachs &amp; Co. beginning in 2000</li> <li>Started at FT Partners in 2002</li> <li>40 Under 40 M&amp;A Advisor Award Winner 2013</li> <li>Harvard M.B.A.</li> </ul>	15
<b>Timm Schipporeit</b> Managing Director	Morgan Stanley Index Ventures	<ul> <li>11+ years with Morgan Stanley, Senior Executive Director of European Technology Investment Banking Team in London</li> <li>Formerly a Venture and Growth Investor focused on FinTech at Index Ventures</li> </ul>	14
Andrew McLaughlin Managing Director	Deloitte.	<ul> <li>20+ years experience executing / implementing financial and operational strategy</li> <li>Formerly with Deloitte Consulting</li> </ul>	11