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Upgrade Raises \$62 million in Series C Financing Led by CreditEase FinTech Investment Fund







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FT Partners Overview

- 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



FT Partners' FinTech Industry Research





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Transaction Overview

Transaction Summary



upgrade Consumer credit platform offering access to personal loans and credit monitoring tools

- On August 23, 2018, Upgrade announced that it has raised \$62 million in Series C financing led by CreditEase FinTech **Investment Fund**
 - All major existing investors including Apoletto, FirstMark Capital, NOAH, Ribbit, Sands Capital Ventures, Silicon Valley Bank, Union Square Ventures and Vy Capital also participated in the round
 - Anju Patwardhan from CreditEase will join Upgrade's
 - This \$62 million Series C round includes the conversion of all previously issued convertible notes
- The latest round values upgrade at \$500 million according to Lend Academy (1)
 - TechCrunch reported a pre-money valuation of \$120 million in April 2017 in conjunction with the announcement of Upgrade's Series A raise (2)
- Upgrade will use this new financing to fuel its continued product innovation as it launches its Personal Credit Line and expands its Credit Health tools
- The Company has raised \$142 million in equity financing since its launch in 2016
- The Upgrade platform has facilitated over \$1 billion in originations of consumer loans since inception, serving over 100,000 customers (3)
 - Average loan size of \$10,000 (3)

Transaction Commentary

"The new capital will enable continued investments in product, credit analytics, compliance, risk management and expansion of our San Francisco, Phoenix, Montreal and Chicago offices. We are seeing a growing desire from consumers to better understand their overall credit situation and to learn to make great financial decisions that give them access to more affordable credit. This encourages us to keep building responsible consumer credit products that fit these trends.



Renaud Laplanche Co-Founder & CEO



"We are very proud to be leading this round. We believe Upgrade will grow into a mainstream consumer credit brand that is dedicated to helping consumers better understand their credit and encourages responsible credit behavior and we are excited to be part of the journey."



Anju Patwardhan **Managing Director**



Upgrade's Financing History

Date	Amount (\$ mm)	Stage
08/23/18	\$62	Series C
02/27/18	\$20	Series B
04/06/17	\$48 equity \$12 convertible notes	Series A

Source: Company press release, Company website, FT Partners' Proprietary Transaction Database, PitchBook

Lend Academy: "Upgrade Valued at \$500 Million after \$62 Million Series C Round"

TechCrunch: "Lending Club founder Renaud Laplanche is back with a new startup and \$60 million in funding"

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Upgrade Overview

Company Overview



Co-Founder, CEO:	Renaud Laplanche	
HQ:	San Francisco, CA	
Founded:	2016	
Employees	300+	

- Upgrade is a consumer credit platform that combines access to affordable credit with credit monitoring and educational tools to help consumers better understand their credit
 - Upgrade launched its Personal Credit Line product in April 2018
- The founding team of Upgrade, Renaud Laplanche, and Soul Htite were co-founders of Lending Club – an early pioneer of the marketplace lending model that went public in 2014
 - Soul Htite also founded Dianrong, one of the largest marketplace lending platforms in China
- Unlike Lending Club, which allowed retail investors to fund loans offered on the platform, Upgrade is working exclusively with institutional investors (1)
- Upgrade currently does not facilitate loans to residents of Connecticut, Colorado, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Vermont and West Virginia
- All loans originated through the Upgrade platform are issued by WebBank, Member FDIC

Products & Services Overview







1. Affordable Personal Loans: Consumers can check their rates and complete a loan application online

Loan Characteristics		
APR	6.87 – 35.97%	
Amount	\$1,000 - \$50,000	
Term	36 months or 60 months	
Origination Fee	1 – 6%	
Minimum Credit Score	620	

Loan Purpose: Pay off credit cards, debt consolidation, business uses, home improvement, large purchase, etc.

- 2. Personal Credit Line (Beta): Combines the low cost, fixed rate and responsible credit of a personal loan with the flexibility and convenience of a credit card
 - Up to \$50,000 credit line with fixed rates
 - No origination fee
 - Charged interest only on the amount used
- Funds sent straight to bank account
- Term of 12 to 60 months
- Ongoing credit availability
- 3. Credit Health: Free tools that won't impact credit scores
- Access to VantageScore 3.0
- Credit Report Summary
- Educational resources
- Data-driven credit score simulator
- Customized recommendations
- Weekly updates, trending charts and email alerts

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CreditEase FinTech Investment Fund Overview





Team



Anju PatwardhanManaging Director



Dennis Cong *Managing Director*



Richard Williamson
Managing Director



Simon Page Senior Advisor



Zheng Cui Principal



Bingze Gu Associate

Selected Investments















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Locations

- Beijing, China (HQ)
- San Francisco, CA

- London, UK
- Hong Kong

About

- CreditEase FinTech Investment Fund ("CEFIF") is the largest Chinese venture fund that invests directly in FinTech companies globally
- · Launched its \$1 billion fund in 2016
- Makes direct investments of \$1 20 million
- This fund along with its sister funds CreditEase Credit Fund, VC/PE Fund of Funds and Real Estate Fund of Funds - is an attempt from CreditEase to invest in specialized innovative companies to enhance CreditEase's core functions

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GreenSky Raises \$1 billion in its IPO



Prosper's Series G Financing



Oakam's Debt Financing from Victory Park Capital



defi SOLUTIONS Raises \$55 million in Series C Financing



Atom Bank Raises ~\$207 million in Financing



N26 Raises \$160 million in Series C Financing



Revolut Raises \$250 million in Series C Financing Led by DST Global



Chime Raises \$70 million in Series C Financing

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Continued Track Record of Success in the 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)	Amount Raised
PROSPER	Affiliates of New RISIDENTIAL Jefferies THIRD POINT	\$5,000,000,000 Loan Commitment
GreenSky [™]	FIFTH THIRD BANK	2,000,000,000 Loan Commitment 50,000,000 Investment
GreenSky **	Initial Public Offering	1,010,000,000
GreenSky [™]	TPG DST ICONIQ WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT	300,000,000
GreenSky	PIMCO	200,000,000
Kabbage [®]	RCP CAPITAL ING SATURDAY ARTHUR PARTNERS Scotiabank*	135,000,000
earnest	ADAMS STREET Ballery Ventures maveron	75,000,000
taulia	QuestMark Partners ZUUK BBVA edbi	65,000,000
INSIKT	Coppel. FIRSTMARK revolution Colchis	50,000,000
PROSPER	Fund Co-Managed by:	50,000,000
credit sesame	ICP INVENTUS GLOBESPAN CAPITAL PARTNERS Menlo ia capital group	42,000,000
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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 years¹
- 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

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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 Kabbage on its \$135 million Minority Financing

Overview of Transaction

- On October 14, 2015, Kabbage announced a minority \$135mm Series E equity financing round
- The round was led by Reverence Capital Partners as well as ING, Santander InnoVentures and Scotiabank
- Additional new investors include China's Yuan Capital and Japan's Recruit Strategic Partners; existing investors BlueRun Ventures, UPS Strategic Enterprise Fund and Thomvest Ventures also participated in the round
- In conjunction with the equity raise, Kabbage also increased its credit facility by more than threefold to over \$900mm to fuel the expansion of its direct lending business
- Kabbage is the leading technology and data platform powering automated lending; the Company leverages numerous data sources generated through business activity to better understand performance and deliver fast, flexible funding in real time

Significance of Transaction

The transaction represents one of the few times in recent history that multiple global financial institutions have invested in a U.S.-based financial technology company, suggesting the potential for Kabbage's world-class platform to change the landscape of lending worldwide

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as strategic advisor to Kabbage in this groundbreaking transaction
- Transaction demonstrates FT Partners' continued success advising on \$100mm+ financings for leading, world class financial technology companies while also building on the Firm's deep domain expertise in the Alternative Lending space

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in its Series E minority financing led by











for total consideration of

\$ 135,000,000



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FT Partners Advises Swift Financial on its Sale

Overview of Transaction

- On August 10, 2017, Swift Financial announced its sale to PayPal (Nasdaq:PYPL) for approximately \$200 million
- Headquartered in Wilmington, DE, Swift Financial was founded in 2006 and has since provided funding to over 20,000 businesses in the U.S. through a unique combination of data, technology and customer service
 - Swift Financial provides working capital to growing businesses through two options, loans and advances, through proprietary brands LoanBuilder.com and Swift Capital

Significance of Transaction

- The acquisition will enable PayPal to better serve small businesses by enhancing its underwriting capabilities to provide access to affordable business financing solutions
- While PayPal Working Capital provides access to capital based exclusively
 on proprietary insights, Swift's technology will allow PayPal to assess
 supplemental information to more fully understand the strength of a
 business and provide access to complementary financing products

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Swift Financial in this transaction
- FT Partners advised Swift Financial on its previous capital raises including financing from both Khosla Ventures and Third Point Ventures
- This transaction further demonstrates FT Partners' continued success advising leading FinTech companies in the Alternative Lending space

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in its sale to



for approximately

\$ 200,000,000



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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

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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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LendIt	2018	2018 Top Investment Bank in FinTech
Institutional Investor Institutional Investor Annual Ranking	2017 2015 - 2016 2006 - 2008	 Ranked #1 Most Influential Executive on Institutional Investor's FinTech 35 List Steve McLaughlin Ranked Top 5 on Institutional Investor's FinTech 35 List 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"
2017 - 2004 ANNUALAWARDS WINNER M&A Advisor Awards	2015 - 2017 2010 - 2014 2004 - 2007	 Investment Banker of the Year - 2017 Investment Banking Firm of the Year - 2016 Cross Border Deal of the Year - 2016 Dealmaker of the Year - 2015 Technology Deal of the Year - 2015 Equity Financing Deal of the Year - 2014 Professional Services Deal of the Year, Above \$100 mm - 2014 Dealmaker of the Year - 2012 Professional Services Deal of the Year, Above \$100 mm - 2012 Boutique Investment Bank of the Year - 2011 Deal of the Decade - 2011 Upper Middle Market Deal of the Year, Above \$500 mm - 2010 IT Services Deal of the Year, Below \$500 mm - 2010 Cross-Border Deal of the Year, Below \$500 mm - 2010 Dealmaker of the Year - Steve McLaughlin - 2007 Business to Business Services Deal of the Year - 2007 Computer and Information Technology Deal of the Year, Above \$100 mm - 2007 Financial Services Deal of the Year, Above \$100 mm - 2007 Investment Bank of the Year - 2004
Middle Market Financing Awards	2006 - 2008	 Equity Financing Dealmaker of the Year – Steve McLaughlin – 2008 Information Technology Deal of the Year – 2008 Financial Services Deal of the Year – 2008 Financing Professional of the Year – Steve McLaughlin – 2006

The FT Partners Senior Banker Team

Name / Position	Prior Background	Experience / Education	Years of Experience
Steve McLaughlin Founder, CEO and Managing Partner	Goldman Sachs	 Formerly with Goldman Sachs in New York and San Francisco from 1995-2002 Former Co-Head of Goldman Sachs' Financial Technology Group (#1 market share) Wharton M.B.A. 	23
Larry Furlong Managing Director	Goldman Sachs	 Formerly with Goldman Sachs in New York, London and Los Angeles from 1995-2004 Wharton M.B.A. 	22
Greg Smith Managing Director	Merrill Lynch J.P.Morgan	 Formerly award winning Equity Research Analyst at Merrill Lynch, J.P. Morgan and Hambrecht & Quist 20+ years of experience covering FinTech as both an Analyst and Investment Banker 	22
Osman Khan Managing Director	A Âpwc	 Formerly Managing Director and Head of FIG M&A at Alvarez & Marsal 15+ years FIG deal, consulting and assurance experience at PwC 40 Under 40 M&A Advisor Award Winner in 2013 LSE (BSc w/Honors), MBS (MBA w/Distinction), ICAEW (FCA) 	21
Steve Stout Managing Director	J.P.Morgan First Data	 Formerly Global Head of Strategy at First Data Formerly Led J.P. Morgan Payments Investment Banking Practice Former Equity Research Analyst on #1 ranked team at UBS Former Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank 	20
Mike Nelson Managing Director	SUNTRUST	 Formerly head of FinTech M&A at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, began investment banking career at Piper Jaffray Kellogg M.B.A. 	18
Tim Wolfe Managing Director	Goldman Sachs	 Formerly with Goldman Sachs from 2000-2002 40 Under 40 M&A Advisor Award Winner 2013 Harvard M.B.A. 	16
Kate Crespo Managing Director	RAYMOND JAMES®	 Formerly with Raymond James' Technology & Services investment banking 12+ years of FinTech transaction execution experience Dartmouth M.B.A. 	16
Timm Schipporeit Managing Director	Morgan Stanley Index Ventures	 Formerly with Morgan Stanley as Senior Executive Director of European Technology Investment Banking Team in London Formerly a Venture and Growth Investor focused on FinTech at Index Ventures 	15
Andrew McLaughlin Managing Director	Deloitte.	 20+ years experience executing / implementing financial and operational strategy Formerly with Deloitte Consulting 	12