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**August 19, 2020** 



Blend Raises \$75 million in Series F Financing Led by Canapi Ventures





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- 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 18 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 August 12, 2020, Blend announced it had secured \$75 million in Series F financing led Canapi Ventures
  - Existing investors Temasek, General Atlantic, 8VC, Greylock, and Emergence also participated in the round
  - This Series F round brings the Company's total amount of funding up to \$385 million
  - According to the Company, the round values Blend at nearly \$1.7 billion
- Founded in 2012, Blend provides a digital lending platform through which both buyers and lenders can utilize a more streamlined application experience
- The Company will use this new capital to accelerate the development of its digital platform for mortgages, consumer loans, and deposit accounts
- Blend also previously announced its expansion into consumer banking and a new product offering for auto loans in late 2019
- In 2020, Blend has hired more than 130 new employees and helped its growing base of over 250 lender customers process more than \$3.5 billion in consumer loans each day, totaling over \$771 billion in loan volume year to date

#### **Transaction Commentary**

"Our customers are our top priority. This additional capital allows us to accelerate our broader strategy to create long-term value by serving our customers, expanding our offerings, and building out the Blend ecosystem. Our goal is to deliver software that gives lenders the flexibility to meet the evolving needs of consumers. We're committed to being the digital layer that enables millions of people to gain access to the capital they need, while helping our customers be there as trusted advisors for every milestone in a consumer's financial journey."



Marc Greenberg
Head of Finance



"Financial institutions have traditionally taken time to modernize legacy systems, but digital is now table stakes. Shelter in place and social distancing mandates have forced banks and other lenders to accelerate digital transformation plans from years to months/ Blend is at the forefront of this innovation, offering flexible digital solutions to help lenders like Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank, Truist, M&T Bank, and other key regional banking institutions meet their accelerated timelines and their customers' changing needs."



Jeffrey Reitman Managing Director



# blend

#### **Blend Overview**

#### **Company Overview**



CEO:	Nima Ghamsari
Headquarters:	San Francisco, CA

Founded: 2012

- Blend is digitizing the mortgage application process so both buyers and lenders can operate through a more streamlined application experience
- The Company's digital lending platform is used by Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank, and over 250 other financial institutions to acquire more customers, increase productivity, and deepen customer relationships

Selected Financing History			
Date	Size (\$ mm)	Investor(s)	
08/12/20	\$75	GCANAPI     EMERGENCE GREYOCKPARTNERS.	
06/24/19	130	Greylockpartners. Founders fund Semeral  SVC LIGHTSPEED TEMASEK	
03/28/18	17	LENNAR FIFTH WALL THOMPST  OUTPETTER  OUTPETTER  SMARSFOOT	
08/24/17	100	greylockpartners. mergence	
01/20/16	40	FOUNDERS FUND  formation   8	
07/15/15	20	CONVERSION LIGHTSPEED VENTURE PARTNERS FORMATION   8	
12/12/13	na	SCIFIVC CONVERSION CAPITAL LIGHTSPEED INSIKT	
06/22/12	3	ANDREESSEN HOROWITZ	

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

#### **Mortgage Suite**

#### Mortgage

- o With Blend, businesses can grow, streamline workflows, and close loans faster
- Blend's comprehensive application utilizes dynamic data to tailor solutions for each borrower's specific situation

#### Home Equity

- Blend enables lenders to increases pull-through, close faster, and capture more of the HELOC and HELOAN market through its platform
- o Blend's source data and intelligent workflows avoid errors and shorten loan cycles

#### Close

o Blend offers a simpler closing for borrowers, closing teams, and settlement agents

#### **Consumer Banking Suite**

#### **Deposit Accounts**

- Blend offers a frictionless, omnichannel deposit account opening experience for its users
- o The platforms reduces the need for in-branch visits with a mobile-first experience that instantly verifies identity and eligibility

#### Auto Loans

- $\circ$   $\:$  Blend's platform allows users to close more loans faster with streamlined verifications and instant approvals
- Customers have seen application completions increase by up to 3x

#### **Home Equity**

- o Blend offers an intuitive and user-friendly application process to tap into home equity
- Borrowers can complete an application in 8 minutes and shave 12 days off the home equity loan cycles

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### **Selected Competitor Overviews**



CEO:	Vishal Garg
Headquarters:	New York, NY
Founded:	2014
Total Announced Funding:	\$205 mm

- Better Mortgage uses data science, machine learning and user experience (UX) design to make the mortgage process enjoyable and exciting
  - The entire process is done online and customers can be preapproved in 3 minutes
  - Better Mortgage earns no commission or origination fees

# **CLOUDVIRGA**

Co-Founder:	Kyle Kamrooz
Headquarters:	Irvine, CA
Founded:	2015
Total Announced Funding:	\$85 mm

- Cloudvirga is building intelligence into the digital mortgage process to revolutionize mortgage origination
  - The Company's mortgage point-of-sale (POS) platforms automate tasks, streamline the process and improves the experience for both customers and loan officers



CEO:	Rajesh Bhat
Headquarters:	San Francisco, CA
Founded:	2012
Total Announced Funding:	\$30 mm

- Roostify operates a web and mobile platform that simplifies the home-buying experience
  - The Company provides step-by-step guidance in the mortgage process
  - Agents, loan officers and home buyers are able to share and track key information easily and seamlessly



CEO:	Stephen Bulter
Headquarters:	San Francisco, CA
Founded:	2015
Total Announced Funding:	\$2 mm

- StreamLoan is provides a B2B SaaS solution for the residential real estate buying and financing process
  - The Company seeks to make the loan process simple, efficient and digital for both the lender and the borrower
  - StreamLoan provides a completely digital and mobile customer experience

## **HABIT**

CEO:	Daniel Hegarty
Headquarters:	London, UK
Founded:	2014
Total Announced Funding:	\$45 mm+

- Habito provides a digital platform designed to offer mortgage products from a range of lenders
  - Unlike a traditional broker, Habito's technology analyzes every mortgage on the market from over 70 lenders to find the best one for its users in seconds

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## Selected Real Estate and Mortgage Technology Landscape









Tech-Enabled











## **Mortgage Automation Solutions**



### Home InsurTech



#### **Appraisal**



#### **Data Analytics**



#### Title InsurTech



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# Selected Well-Funded Private Real Estate Tech Companies in the U.S.

Last Funding Date	Company	Total Financing Amount (\$ in mm)	Last Funding Date	Company	Total Financing Amount (\$ in mm)
07/30/19	C@MPASS	\$1,523	12/21/16	<b>Exercise</b>	\$125
03/20/19	Opendoor	1,345	05/20/20	reonomy	125
06/02/20	♠ vacasa	635	11/07/19	REX	124
05/06/20	knock-	445	06/03/19	REAL CAPITAL ANALYTICS	115
04/30/19	$oldsymbol{oldsymbol{eta}}$ blend	385	12/11/19	onetap	112
03/01/18	LendingHome	283	10/28/19	<b>?</b> PeerStreet ⊓	111
01/03/20	र्णि	245	01/18/18	Apartment () List	109
12/05/19	FIGURE	218	11/21/19	Juniper Square	108
08/14/19	• better.com	205	11/05/18		106
05/07/19	<b>◇</b> VTS	197	06/01/18	<b>©</b> evolve	102
03/10/20	🕂 zumper	136	02/10/16	A10 CAPITAL.	100
06/06/17	CADRE	133	11/13/19	<b>V</b> Qualia	88
01/07/20	roofstock	133	11/13/19	CLOUDVIRGA	85

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



Upgrade's \$40 million Series D Financing



Fincity's \$1 billion Sale to Mastercard



Open Lending's Merger with Nebula Acquisition Corp.



OptimalBue's \$1.8 billion Sale to Black Knight



Aspiration Raises \$135 million in Series C Financing



Rocket Companies Raises \$1.8 billion in its IPO



nCino Completes its IPO Raising \$250 million



Varo Raises \$241 million in Series D Financing

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## Track Record of Success in the Real Estate / Mortgage Tech Value Chain

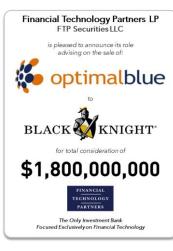
# Digital Mortgage Origination



# Real Estate Invoicing & Payments



#### Mortgage Technology



# Online Home Services Platform



#### Consumer Home Improvement Financing

Financial Technology Partners LP
FTP Securities LLC
is pleased to announce its role as
IPO Advisor to

Greensky
in its

\$1,010,000,000
Initial Public Offering
for a total enterprise value of

\$4,500,000,000

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# Property Insurance Solutions



#### SaaS-based Real Estate Loan Origination



# Listing Management Solutions



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## Significant Experience Across the Banking Technology Space













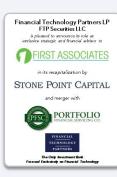






























### FT Partners Advises Better.com on its \$160 million Series C Financing

#### 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
  - The Company has now raised \$254 million in total financing
- Better.com is one of the fastest growing homeownership platforms in the U.S. and has funded more than \$4 billion in loans since its founding in 2016
  - 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

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



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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## 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

#### Financial Technology Partners LP FTP Securities LLC

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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

# FTP Securities LLC

is pleased to announce its exclusive role as financial advisor to



in its sale to





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### FT Partners' Recent Awards and Recognition

# **Bloomberg**

#### **Bloomberg**

- o FT Partners' Steve McLaughlin was featured on Bloomberg / Bloomberg TV
- 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

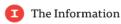
# Institutional Investor





#### The FinTech Finance 40:

Steve McLaughlin ranked #1 in 2017 and 2018

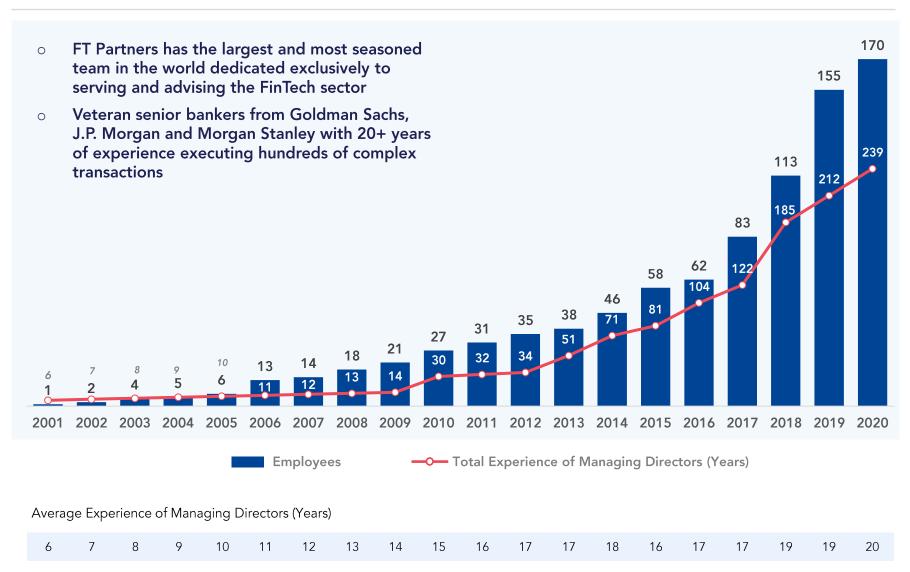




### The Information's "Silicon Valley's Most Popular Dealmakers"

- 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



### 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 in New York and San Francisco from 1995-2002</li> <li>Formerly Co-Head of Goldman Sachs' Financial Technology Group (#1 market share)</li> <li>Wharton M.B.A.</li> </ul>	25
<b>Mohit Agnihotri</b> Managing Director	J.P.Morgan	<ul> <li>Formerly Managing Director and Global Head of Payments Investment Banking at J.P. Morgan</li> <li>Wharton M.B.A</li> </ul>	18
Kate Crespo Managing Director	RAYMOND JAMES®	<ul> <li>Formerly with Raymond James' Technology &amp; Services investment banking</li> <li>14+ years of FinTech transaction execution experience</li> <li>Dartmouth M.B.A.</li> </ul>	18
<b>Larry Furlong</b> Managing Director	Goldman 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>	24
<b>Osman Khan</b> Managing Director	n là la pwe	<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> </ul>	23
Randall Little Managing Director	J.P.Morgan	<ul> <li>12 years as FIG / Capital Markets FinTech investment banker at J.P. Morgan</li> <li>10 years as financial services technology consultant at Sun Microsystems and Ernst &amp; Young</li> <li>NYU Stern M.B.A. (MBA w/Distinction)</li> </ul>	23
Andrew McLaughlin Managing Director	Deloitte.	<ul> <li>20+ years experience executing / implementing financial and operational strategy</li> <li>Formerly with Deloitte Consulting</li> </ul>	14
<b>Amar Mehta</b> Managing Director	J.P.Morgan	<ul> <li>Formerly with J.P. Morgan's Technology (FinTech &amp; Technology Services) team in New York</li> <li>7+ years of FinTech transaction execution experience</li> <li>MBA from IIM-K (India), Bachelor's in Computer Engineering from NTU (Singapore)</li> </ul>	15
<b>Mike Nelson</b> Managing Director	SUNTRUST	<ul> <li>Formerly head of FinTech M&amp;A at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey</li> <li>Kellogg M.B.A.</li> </ul>	20
<b>Timm Schipporeit</b> Managing Director	Morgan Stanley Index Ventures	<ul> <li>Formerly with Morgan Stanley as 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>	17
<b>Greg Smith</b> Managing Director	Merrill Lynch 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>	24
<b>Tim Wolfe</b> Managing Director	Goldman 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>	18