# FT PARTNERS FINTECH INDUSTRY RESEARCH

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# Flexpoint Ford Acquires Purchasing Power



From Rockbridge Growth Equity



## **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



### FT Partners' FinTech Industry Research





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

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## **Transaction Summary**

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- On December 1, 2016, Rockbridge Growth Equity announced that it has sold Purchasing Power to Flexpoint Ford
- Rockbridge initially invested in Purchasing Power in 2011 and has since helped to develop its technology platform and optimize customer experience
  - During their partnership, Purchasing Power's revenue and EBITDA have more than doubled
  - The Company's product offering has increased from 400 SKUs to more than 50,000
- Falcon Investment Advisors partnered with Rockbridge on the initial acquisition of Purchasing Power

### **Management Team**



Richard Carrano, President & CEO

- Joined Purchasing Power in 2001 and originally served as CFO
- $\bullet \quad \hbox{Previously co-founded eTour, a consumer internet website discovery service} \\$



Scott Rosenberg, Chief Financial Officer

- Joined the Company in 2012
- Previously spent nine years at eBay Enterprise as CFO



Elizabeth Halkos. Chief Revenue Officer

- Joined the Company in 2006, originally as VP of Sales and Marketing
- Previously worked at Inforte Corporation, Earthlink and Monster.com



Scott Wheeler, Chief Operating Officer

- Has served as COO since 2010 and oversees operational, marketing, technology and e-commerce systems
- Formerly was VP and General Manger at LexisNexis Risk Solutions

### **Transaction Commentary**

"Our strategic partnership with Rockbridge Growth Equity has been extremely valuable for Purchasing Power. Through this collaboration, we have increased our revenue streams, expanded our financial wellness platform and undergone rapid growth and expansion allowing us to provide customers with an even more convenient and stress-free way to purchase the items they need."



Richard Carrano President, CEO



"Purchasing Power's focus on providing voluntary purchase programs to a wide customer base is unmatched in its industry and the management team has exceeded our expectations. We have enjoyed working with the team and look forward to watching the company continue to grow."

ROCKBRIDGE GROWTH EQUITY **Kevin Prokop** Managing Partner













Sign Up

purchasingpower.com

Brand name products; receive immediately

Shop

Through pay-roll deductions

**Pay Over Time** 

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# **Purchasing Power Overview**

### **Company Overview**



CEO: Richard Carrano
Headquarters: Atlanta, GA

Founded: 2001

- Purchasing Power is a specialty e-retailer that offers an employee purchasing program using payroll deductions
  - The Company's program is available to over 7.5 million people as a voluntary benefit
  - Available through large companies, associations and government agencies across 20 different industry sectors
- Purchasing Power also provides a number of financial tools and resources to improve employee financial wellness
  - Different financial tools are made available by employer to help employees gain financial freedom
  - The Company also offers a blog filled with free financial tips
- Consumers are able to purchase name brand consumer products, vacations and online education services
  - Currently, the Company offers over 45,000 products and over 1,800 different brands through its program
- Purchasing Power currently processes over \$1.7 billion in orders and 35 million payroll deductions for over 260 business clients

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

#### A BETTER WAY TO BUY:

- 1. No credit check: Everyone who meets the eligibility requirements are qualified
- 2. Register: Sign up anytime
- 3. Shop: Easily find items in the online catalog
- 4. Order: See the total price and how much will be deducted from each paycheck
- 5. Pay over time: Payments are automatically deducted over twelve months



No Overspending: individual spending limits based on salary and tenure



Automated Deductions: manageable payments for 12 month terms and no interest



**Transparent Transaction:** upfront price, no hidden costs



Ownership: receive purchases up front

### **Financial Tools:**



Free Budgeting Software



Personalized Financial Tools & Coaching



Free Credit Report



Alternative Credit Report

## **Flexpoint Ford Overview**



#### **Overview**





Donald Edwards CEO



**Johnathan Oka** *Managing Director* 



**Charles Glew** Managing Director



Steve Begleiter Managing Director

### Locations

• Chicago, IL (HQ)

New York, NY

### **About**

- Flexpoint Ford is a private equity investment firm with \$1.5 bn in assets under management that specifically specializes in investments in the financial services and healthcare sectors
- The Firm's investment professionals have substantial investment and operating expertise in the heavily regulated healthcare and financial services industries
- Leverages a flexible investment strategy with the ability to deploy capital across a wide range of transaction sizes, structures and asset classes
- Comfortable investing in both minority and control structures across private and public companies

#### **Investment Preferences**

#### Investment Criteria

Fund Size: \$950 mm

Fund Raised: 2015

**Investment Range:** \$20 – 200 mm

Revenue: NA

EBITDA: \$5 mm+

#### General Preferences 1

Control: Majority, Minority

Geography: North America

Transaction Type: Growth, Buyout,

LBO, PIPE,
Recapitalization

Industry Focus: Risk Management,

Mortgage Services, Payment Systems,

Insurance Technology,

Healthcare. Financial

Services

### **Selected Recent Investments / Exits**

### FinTech / Financial Services Investments 2

Date	Company	Deal Amt. <sup>3</sup>	Board Rep.	Sector
10/16	JetPay ( <i>PIPE</i> )	\$20	Donald Edwards, Steven Michienzi	Pymts
10/15	Service Finance Company (PE Growth)	NA	NA	Bnkg
08/14	Credibly (PE Growth)	NA	Steve Begleiter	Bnkg
01/14	MCLS (PE Growth)	NA	NA	Bnkg
02/13	Pelican Auto Finance (Buyout)	50	Michael Tyree	Bnkg
08/12	Jefferson Capital (Buyout)	131	Steve Begleiter	ВРО
06/12	GeoVera (Buyout)	NA	Chris Ackerman	Ins
03/11	VeriClaim (Sedgwick CMS)*	82	Steve Haworth	Ins
02/11	WisdomTree (Buyout)	NA	Steve Begleiter	CapMkts
10/10	FinPac (Umpqua)*	NA	Chris Ackerman	Bnkg
01/08	Home Pointe Insurance (Buyout)	16	NA	Ins
03/07	Norwich Group (Signature Consulting Solutions)	100	Charles Glew	Ins
01/07	Hilltop Holdings (PIPE)	20	NA	Ins
01/07	American Strategic Insurance (Progressive)*	NA	NA	Ins
07/02	1st Acceptance (PIPE)*	NA	Donald Edwards	Ins

# **Rockbridge Growth Equity Overview**



#### **Overview**





**Dan Gilbert** Co-Founder & Managing Partner



**Kevin Prokop**Co-Founder &
Managing Partner



**Brian Hermelin** Co-Founder & Managing Partner



**Nick Hartman** *Managing Partner, Operations* 

#### Location

Detroit, MI

### **About**

- Rockbridge Growth Equity was founded in 2007 by Dan Gilbert, the Founder and Chairman of Quicken Loans, along with Brian Hermelin and Kevin Prokop
- Actively seeks to partner with management teams of portfolio companies to provide resources from Rockbridge's family of companies, including Quicken Loans
- Will consider minority positions with governance positions
- Rockbridge may extend equity up to \$300 mm in certain cases
- Prefers companies with rapid growth and profitability, or companies on the verge of reaching that potential

### **Investment Preferences**

#### Investment Criteria

Fund Size: NA

Fund Raised: NA

**Investment Range:** \$20 – 100 mm

**Revenue:** \$20 – 100 mm

**EBITDA:** \$5 – 25 mm

#### General Preferences 1

Control: Majority, Minority

Geography: North America (US

preferred)

Transaction Type: Venture, Growth,

Buyout

Industry Focus: Consumer / Direct

Marketing, Internet Services, Business / IT Services, Healthcare IT, Financial Services, Technology, Digital Media, Sports /

Entertainment Business

Services

### Selected Recent Investments / Exits

### FinTech / Financial Services Investments<sup>2</sup>

Date	Company	Deal Amt. <sup>3</sup>	Board Rep.	Sector
09/13	RapidAdvance (Buyout)	NA	Brian Hermelin	Bnkg
09/11	Purchasing Power (Flexpoint Ford)*	NA	Kevin Prokop Brian Hermelin	Bnkg
08/11	MyInsuranceExpert.com (Buyout)*	NA	Brian Hermelin	Ins
11/10	Title Source (PE Growth)	NA	NA	Ins
11/09	Ready Financial Group (AccountNow)*	\$7	Dan Gilbert	Pymts
01/08	One Reverse Mortgage (Buyout)	NA	Brian Hermelin	Bnkg
01/08	Quicken Loans (MBO)	64	Dan Gilbert	Bnkg

## Other Notable Technology Investments 2

Date	Company	Deal Amt. <sup>3</sup>	Board Rep.	Sector
07/15	Sportsrocket (Series A)	\$10	NA	Dig Med
01/14	ABUV (PE Growth)	NA	NA	Online
01/13	Triad Digital Media (Buyout)	NA	Brian Hermelin Brian Linden Kenan Basha	Dig Med
12/10	Connect America (Buyout)	NA	Kevin Prokop Brian Hermelin Steve Linden	ΙΤ
11/10	One on One Marketing (PE Growth)	NA	Kevin Prokop Brian Hermelin	Mktg
01/10	Protect America (MBO)	NA	Kevin Prokop Brian Hermelin Steve Linden	Security

## Selected FT Partners' Research - Click to View



**Research Report: Transaction Security** 



Research Report: PayPal Spin-off Overview



Research Report: Global Money Transfer



Research Report: Apple Unveils Apple Pay



Heartland's Sale to Global Payments



TransFirst's Sale to TSYS



**Square Completes its IPO** 



First Data: Post Quiet Period Review

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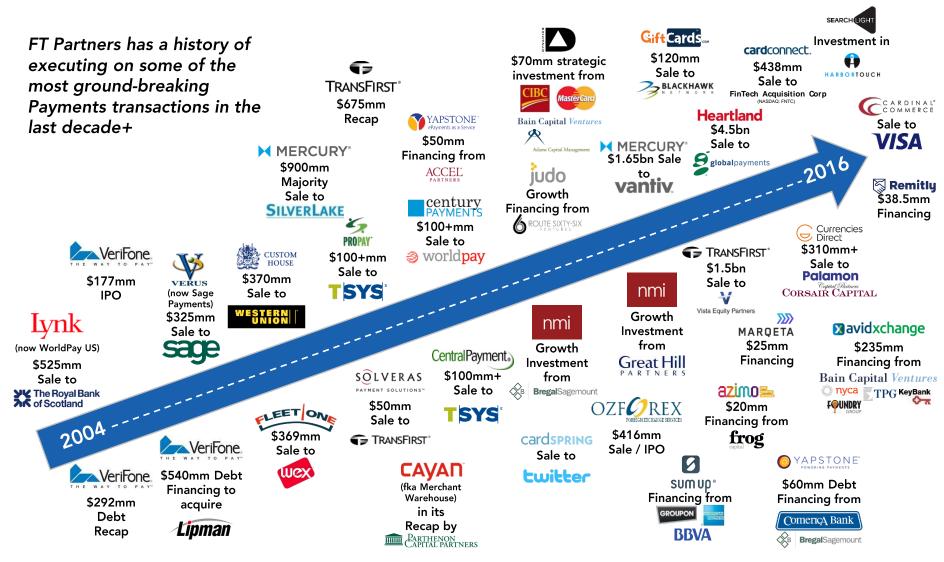




Unparalleled experience in Payment Processing across the entire spectrum of transaction types and dynamics, with extremely strong execution and outcomes

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## Timeline of Selected FT Partners Payment Processing Transactions



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## **Ground-Breaking Transactions Pioneered by FT Partners**















First sale of a U.S. merchant acquirer to a large international financial institution; became Worldpay U.S. First sale of a U.S. merchant acquirer to an international software company; became Sage Payments First sale of an "International Payments Specialist" to a pure-play consumer remittance provider

First large-scale transaction for an integrated merchant acquirer First sale of a payments company to an established social media company

Largest U.S. strategic merchant acquiring acquisition in over the last decade Sale of a payment processor to a SPAC vehicle

Transactions demonstrate success breaking new ground across the Payment Processing sector

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M&A Advisor Awards

2016	<ul> <li>Investment Banking Firm of the Year</li> <li>Cross Border Deal of the Year</li> </ul>
2015	<ul> <li>Dealmaker of the Year</li> <li>Technology Deal of the Year</li> </ul>
2014	<ul> <li>Equity Financing Deal of the Year</li> <li>Professional Services Deal of the Year, Above \$100mm</li> </ul>
2012	<ul> <li>Dealmaker of the Year</li> <li>Professional Services Deal of the Year, Above \$100mm</li> </ul>
2011	<ul> <li>Boutique Investment Bank of the Year</li> <li>Deal of the Decade</li> <li>10 Deal of the Year Nominations Across 9 Categories</li> </ul>
2010	<ul> <li>Upper Middle Market Deal of the Year, Above \$500 mm</li> <li>IT Services Deal of the Year, Below \$500mm</li> <li>Cross-Border Deal of the Year, Below \$500mm</li> </ul>
2007	<ul> <li>Dealmaker of the Year – Steve McLaughlin</li> <li>Business to Business Services Deal of the Year</li> <li>Computer and Information Technology Deal of the Year, Above \$100mm</li> <li>Financial Services Deal of the Year, Above \$100mm</li> </ul>
2015	Steve McLaughlin ranked #4 in Institutional Investor's FinTech 35 List
2006 - 2008	<ul> <li>Consecutively ranked (2006, 2007 and 2008) among the top Bankers in Financial Technology</li> </ul>
2008	<ul> <li>Equity Financing Dealmaker of the Year – Steve McLaughlin</li> <li>Information Technology Deal of the Year</li> </ul>





Middle Market Financing Awards

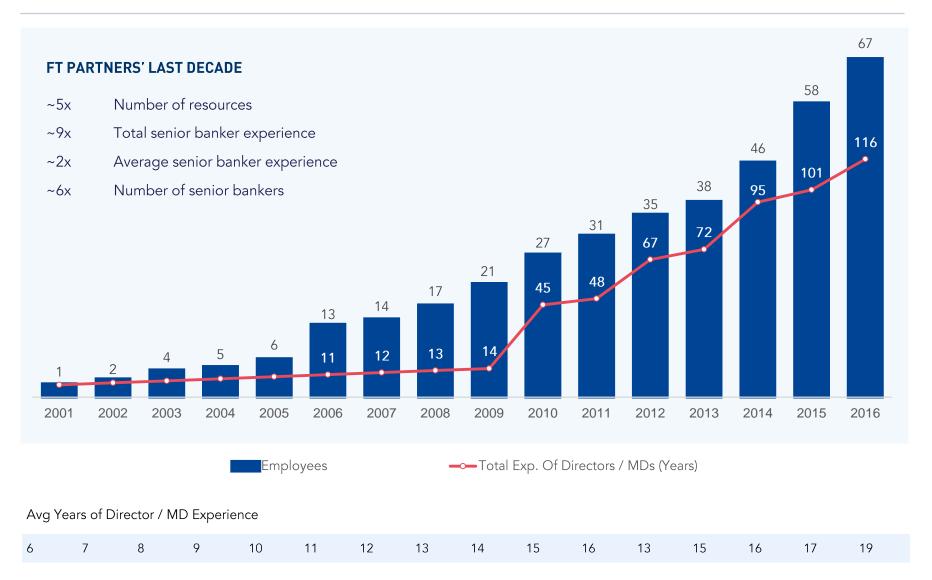
- Financial Services Deal of the Year

2006

- Financing Professional of the Year Steve McLaughlin
  - Financing Deal of the Year Equity
- Financing Deal of the Year Debt

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<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>	21
<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 / Sterne Agee</li> <li>Recent coverage included V, MA, TSS, GPN, HPY DST, ENV, FISV, FIS, JKHY, WU &amp; EEFT among others</li> </ul>	20
<b>Steve Stout</b> Managing Director	J.P.Morgan	<ul><li>Formerly with J.P. Morgan and UBS</li><li>Formerly Global Head of Strategy at First Data</li></ul>	18
<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>	14
<b>Andrew McLaughlin</b> Managing Director, Research & Business Development	Deloitte.	<ul> <li>Leads FT Partners' Research and Business Development Team</li> <li>Formerly with Deloitte Consulting</li> </ul>	10