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# Branch Raises \$70 million in Series B Financing





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## FT Partners Overview

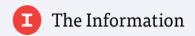
- Financial Technology Partners ("FT Partners") was founded in 2001 and is the only investment banking firm focused exclusively on FinTech
- FT Partners regularly publishes research highlighting the most important transactions, trends and insights impacting the global Financial Technology landscape. 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





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 40"



## **Branch Raises \$70 million in Series B Financing**

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## **Transaction Summary**

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- On March 29, 2018, Branch announced it had raised \$70 million in Series B financing
  - CreditEase FinTech Investment Fund (CEFIF), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Andreessen Horowitz, Trinity Ventures and Victory Park participated in this round
  - With this investment, Anju Patwardhan,
     Managing Director of CEFIF, will join Branch as a board advisor
- Branch intends to use the new capital to fund its continued expansion within the African market, and to launch in India
  - The Company also plans to expand its offering suite beyond microlending into payments and savings
- This investment comes as Branch is experiencing rapid growth
  - In 2018, the Company is expecting its total loan originations to exceed \$250 million
  - In Nigeria, a recently launched market, Branch is growing 50% month over month
  - Overall the Company is growing 20% month over month

#### **Transaction Commentary**

"I've been working in microfinance -- specifically in Africa -- my whole career. Over the past decade, I witnessed the rapid spread of technology in the region. Microfinance has been slow to adopt mobile technologies, and customers have not reaped the benefits of quicker access to capital and more efficient pricing. After years of trying to change microfinance institutions from the outside, I decided to start one myself."

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Matt Flannery Co-Founder, CEO



"A financial revolution is taking place in emerging markets, supported by increasing penetration of smart phones, availability of alternative data sources and changing consumer mindsets. There is a huge unmet demand for financial services in emerging markets. FinTech companies like Branch are leveraging these mobile technologies and their deep local market knowledge to capture these unprecedented market opportunities and promote financial inclusion. Matt is a seasoned entrepreneur with a great track record, as he led Kiva for 10 years to disburse over \$1 billion in loans to small businesses in over 80 countries. We are pleased with the Branch team's track record and insights into these fast-growing markets, and we look forward to leveraging our CreditEase expertise in our new partnership with Branch International."

CEFIF 宜信新金融产业投资基金 **Anju Patwardhan** Managing Director



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## **Branch Overview**

#### **Company Overview**



Co-Founder, CEO:	Matt Flannery
Headquarters:	San Francisco, CA
Founded:	2015

- Branch leverages technology to dramatically reduce the cost of delivering financial services to emerging markets
  - The Company's mission is to deliver world-class financial services to the mobile generation
- · Branch's first product is credit in emerging markets
  - As consumers build credit history with the Company, fees are reduced and borrowers unlock larger loans with more flexible terms

Selected Equity Financing History		
Date	Size (\$ mm)	Investor(s)
03/29/18	\$70	TRINITY VENTURES  ANDREESSEN HOROWITZ  VENTURES  VENTURES  VENTURES  VENTURES  VENTURES
03/31/16	9	ANDREESSEN khosla impact. formation 8

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



Branch's machine learning algorithms process thousands of data points to assess credit profiles and generate tailored loan products

- Download on Google Play
  Use an Android smartphone to download the Branch
  mobile app
- 2 Submit an application
  Complete and submit an application in under 30 seconds for an initial review
- Receive the loan
  Funds are conveniently sent to mobile money accounts within minutes
- 4 Unlock larger loans
  Repay with mobile money accounts and build credit
  history with Branch to unlock larger loans

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## CreditEase FinTech Investment Fund Overview



Managing
Director:
Anju Patwardhan
2016

Fund Size: USD \$150 million CNY ¥1 billion

#### Mission:

- ✓ Create a World Class FinTech Investment Platform
- ✓ Build the CreditEase Global Strategic Ecosystem
- ✓ Facilitate Global FinTech Innovation

#### **Sector Focus:**

Lending • Payments • Enterprise Solutions • Personal Finance / Wealth Management • Insurance

Selected Recent FinTech Investments*			
branch	\$70 mm Series B	fair	\$50 mm Series A2
<b>△dv</b> 01	<b>\$6 mm</b> Series A	<b>@</b> mnyway	\$13 mm Series A
EV ELLEVEST	\$34 mm Series A	🔷 lenda	<b>\$5 mm</b> Series A
>>>> MARQETA	\$25 mm Series D	BIOCATCH Less Friction. Less Fraud.	\$30 mm
CIRCLE	\$60 mm Series D	:TRUMID:	\$37 mm Series C
TRADESHIFF'	<b>\$75 mm</b> Series D	CONSENE	Series B
Mnav	\$38 mm Series B	₩orldCover	Seed

## **Investment Strategy**

## **FinTech**

New technology, new business models, new target customers and new tools

International

**Greater China** 

## Traditional Financial Services

Services for Banks, Insurance companies, Brokers and more

China

Early – Mid Stage

Mid – Late Stage

Source: Company website, PitchBook

<sup>\*</sup> Investment amount reflects total financing round \$ amount not CreditEase's portion

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

## Credit & Loan Management Tools



## Marketplace Lending



#### Consumer Home Improvement Financing



#### SaaS-based Loan Origination



#### Consumer Marketing / Credit Lead Generation



#### **SMB** Financing



## SMB Credit Tools / Financing



#### **Supplier Finance Solutions**



## FT Partners has Advised on Many of the Largest Alt. Lending Transactions

Company	Investor(s)	Amount Raised
PROSPER	Affiliates of  NEW RESIDENTIAL Jefferies  THIRD POINT	\$5,000,000,000 Loan Commitment
GreenSky **	FIFTH THIRD BANK	2,000,000,000 Loan Commitment 50,000,000 Investment
GreenSky **	TPG DST ICONIQ WELLINGTON MARKAGEMENT	300,000,000
<b>GreenSky</b> **	PIMCO	200,000,000
Kabbage Kabbage	RCP CAPITAL PARTNERS ING Scotiabank°	135,000,000
earnest	BV Entery Ventures maveron	75,000,000
<b>taulia</b>	QuestMark Partners  ZOUK BBVA edbi	65,000,000
INSIKT	FIRSTMARK revolution Colchis	50,000,000
PROSPER	Fund Co-Managed by:	50,000,000
credit sesame	ICP INVENTUS GLOBESPAN CAPITAL PARTHERS  Menlo ia capital group	42,000,000
Mnav	EXPERIMENTAL POINT A P	38,000,000

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

























## Significant Experience Across the Banking / Lending Tech Space











































## FT Partners Advises GreenSky on its Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On December 28, 2017, GreenSky Credit filed an SEC Form D stating that it has closed a \$200 million capital transaction
- Founded in 2006 and headquartered in Atlanta, GA, GreenSky is a leading provider of point of sale (POS) promotional financing solutions
  - With operations throughout North America, GreenSky connects approximately 15 funding partners with more than 17,000 merchants, and services close to \$4 billion in origination volume per year
- PIMCO is an American investment management firm with over \$1.5 trillion in AUM, with expanding operations in corporate private equity investments in high growth financial services and technology companies

#### **Significance of Transaction**

- PIMCO's investment represents the continued fundamental shift in lending customer acquisition models away from traditional banks and towards specialists like GreenSky, who partner with traditional banks as partners
- This transaction positions GreenSky as a clear leader in Alternative & POS
   Lending and enables the company to continue to innovate, bring additional
   products to existing markets, and expand into new markets overall

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners has served as the exclusive strategic and financial advisor to GreenSky and its board of directors since 2014, advising the Company through numerous equity and debt capital raises and other financial processes
- This transaction further supports FT Partners' continued success advising prominent companies in the Alternative & POS Lending space and highlights the long-term nature of many of the Firm's advisory relationships
- FT partners leveraged its deep industry knowledge, extensive experience, and broad scope of relationships to help achieve a favorable outcome for the Company

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in its investment from

PIMCO

for total consideration of

\$200,000,000



## 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



## 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



## FT Partners Advises Oakam on its Debt Financing

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On December 4, 2017, Oakam announced it has secured a £35 million (approximately \$47 million) debt investment from Victory Park Capital
- Headquartered in London, Oakam is a digital micro-lender focused on the underserved communities who otherwise struggle to access the funds they need to manage immediate financial obligations and improve long-term financial health
  - To date, Oakam has disbursed £320 million to help financially excluded consumers gain access to credit
- Victory Park Capital (VPC) is an investment firm with a focus on alternative credit
  - VPC provides privately negotiated debt and equity capital solutions to small and middle market companies across a wide range of industries

#### Significance of Transaction

- The funds raised will enable Oakam to accelerate its lending activity in the UK and continue to disrupt the global micro-lending industry
  - Oakam has built a strong track record of growth in the last decade since its launch in 2006, and its loan application levels have grown by 300% in 2017

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Oakam and its Board of Directors
- This transaction demonstrates FT Partners' continued success advising leading companies in the Alternative Lending space and highlights the Firm's ability to find optimal financing solutions for FinTech clients across the globe

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in its debt financing from

VICTORY PARK
CAPITAL

for total consideration of approximately

\$47,000,000



### FT Partners Advises Swift Financial on its Sale

#### Overview of Transaction

- On August 10, 2017, Swift Financial announced its sale to PayPal (Nasdaq:PYPL)
- 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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## Award-Winning Investment Banking Franchise Focused on Superior Client Results

Institutional Investor Institutional Investor Annual Ranking	2017 2015 - 2016 2006 - 2008	<ul> <li>Ranked #1 Most Influential Executive on Institutional Investor's FinTech 40 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>
2017 - 2004 ANNUAL AWARDS	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> <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> </ul>
WINNER  M&A Advisor  Awards	2010 -2014	<ul> <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>	23
<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 / Hambrecht &amp; Quist</li> <li>20+ years of experience covering FinTech as both an Analyst and Investment Banker</li> </ul>	22
<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>	21
<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>	20
<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>	16
<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>	15
Andrew McLaughlin Managing Director	Deloitte.	<ul> <li>20+ years experience executing / implementing financial and operational strategy</li> <li>Formerly with Deloitte Consulting</li> </ul>	12