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FINTECH INVESTOR INTERVIEW:

BetterTomorrow

with Co-Founder Jake Gibson

FinTech Venture Capital



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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 19 years of exclusive focus on Financial Technology

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FT Partners' FinTech Industry Research





Named Silicon Valley's #1 FinTech Banker (2016) and ranked #2 Overall by The Information



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FinTech Investor Interview: Better Tomorrow Ventures

Fund Size:

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Better Tomorrow Ventures Overview

FIRM OVERVIEW

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Office Location: San Francisco

- Better Tomorrow Ventures was founded by two experienced FinTech operators who have been investing together since 2016, when they raised a \$15 mm FinTech-focused fund within 500 Startups
- The team has helped to build more than 50 companies, achieving a 3x multiple on invested capital, and becoming one of the most active and respected accelerators in FinTech
- Better Tomorrow's strategy centers around high-conviction, early-stage investments, where others lack expertise and access, and adding follow-on capital as revenues scale and competitive advantage becomes clear
- Core to the firm's investment focus is the belief that "everything is FinTech", through which the team envisions a world where FinTech is ubiquitous and powering the future

FOUNDING PARTNERS



Sheel Mohnot, Co-Founder 2x FinTech Entrepreneur with 2x Exits

Notable Angel Investments

ETHOS



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Jake Gibson, Co-Founder Co-Founder of NerdWallet

Notable Angel Investments









INVESTMENT CRITERIA AND PREFERENCES

Investment Range: \$0.5 – 1.5 mm * Control: Minority Pre-Seed / Seed **Transaction Type:** Geography: U.S.

Industry Focus:

\$75 mm (2020)

FinTech / Real Estate Tech / InsurTech

Thesis: Everything is FinTech

As next generation infrastructure lowers the barriers to building financial solutions, founders with subject matter expertise will be able to establish a massive advantage in a space that will soon touch every industry.

Interview with Better Tomorrow Ventures

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Jake Gibson
Co-Founder

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Jake, congratulations to you and Sheel on the successful launch of your second FinTech-focused venture fund. You both have a long history in FinTech, but help us understand how your backgrounds led up to this moment?

Thank you! We do have a long history in FinTech and financial services more broadly. We both started out in finance - Sheel was a consultant for financial services firms and then was the first employee at Kiva, the non-profit micro-lender, and I worked on the fixed income derivatives trading floor at JPM. Then we both started FinTech companies around the same time – Sheel with FeeFighters and then Innovative Auctions, and I started NerdWallet. Finally, we started investing in FinTech companies, as angels, and then through the 500 Startups FinTech accelerator that we built together.

So if you consider a Venn diagram of (1) years of experience in the financial sector, (2) experience in building and operating successful companies in the FinTech space, and (3) being the most active backers of exceptional FinTech founders, we are some of the only people sitting right in the middle.

That led us to start BTV, so we could continue to support those founders and those ideas with the right experience, expertise, networks, and now, capital.

What business models and sectors are within your investment mandate? In other words, how do you define FinTech?

Our tagline is "Everything is FinTech", which is our way of ducking the question! We view ourselves as generalists in the FinTech space, backing companies in every sector imaginable that even ostensibly touches financial services, both B2B and consumer, from lending to payments to banking to insurance to real estate. We've even dabbled in healthcare and HR tech, where we see a clear path to touching people's financial lives.

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Interview with Better Tomorrow Ventures (cont.)

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We also have been saying for a while now that FinTech is going to start to integrate itself into tech platforms across the board, so soon, every SaaS company, every marketplace, and even every social media app has the potential to become a FinTech company. This has essentially become a running joke in the VC community, and companies like Shopify, Square, Apple, Google, and Amazon are demonstrating various ways it can be done, but we expect this theme to only grow from here.

Venture investing requires a long-term view. What gives you the confidence that FinTech has staying power? What areas of FinTech do you think are underappreciated or underpenetrated today? Can you discuss a few companies that you are particularly excited about?

Finance and money are as old as time, so we aren't worried about obsolescence. What's happening now is just an evolution - the lines between technology and finance are blurring, but neither is ever going away.

The areas where we aren't seeing enough effort are related to financial inclusion and access. It's been a recurring theme in the FinTech space for about for a decade, but it hasn't yet borne fruit, and we largely attribute that to the expensive and time-consuming nature of building and distributing financial products, requiring profitable audiences to justify the cost.

That's changing now - the barriers to build are coming down, and so will the barriers to access.

Along those lines, some of the more exciting companies are tech platforms that are taking advantage of this new world to distribute financial services to their own audiences, who are otherwise underserved, and then tailoring products to fit their unique needs.

Shopify is a good example of introducing banking, payments, and lending to small retailers and in a way that's difficult for larger financial institutions to compete. Or look at what Apple is doing with its creditbuilder product to onboard customers onto the Apple Card, opening the door to a whole ecosystem of Apple / Goldman Sachs branded financial products.

We're excited to see more innovations like these come to market, bringing unique financial product experiences and overall financial access to "large niches" who otherwise aren't well-served by our existing institutions.

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Interview with Better Tomorrow Ventures (cont.)

Talk to us about how you plan on allocating capital. How many companies do you expect to invest in and how much capital do you intend to keep as dry powder for follow-in investments? How do you expect to split up your new investments based on stage?

We're expecting to write lead checks into around 30 companies, with about half of our fund allocated for follow-on investments. Originally, we thought that would be roughly divided by thirds into seed, pre-seed, and companies that we incubate / accelerate, but with the pace that markets are moving right now, we are staying nimble and prioritizing backing the best ideas and founders, regardless of how they fit into those buckets.

Can you talk to us generally about your LPs and the overall ecosystem that you have access to for deal flow and diligence?

We are very proud of our LP base, which we think of as a "FinTech Mafia", including founders of FinTech unicorns, some of our own portfolio company founders, other GPs who focus on FinTech, some VC firms, a few classic Wall Street names, and strategics, such as RIAs and insurance companies. We also have a great group of funds of funds and family offices who have expressed interest in not only backing us, but also supporting our portfolio companies in their later rounds, once they've graduated beyond us.

How do you think about exits for your portfolio companies? Do you have any strong views on the most likely paths for your companies?

We invest far too early for that to be a primary concern - we focus on building first.

We have been excited to see the space maturing in a real way and exit activity heating up though. It's clear now that incumbents are aware of the threat and are getting more comfortable with acquiring startups. Any fears we previously had regarding public market perception of these companies seem silly now, with the IPO and SPAC pipelines as hot as they are. And finally, the larger FinTech companies have now grown to the point where they are also acquiring to compete.

So overall, we're feeling pretty good about the options for FinTech companies in the current environment.

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Interview with Better Tomorrow Ventures (cont.)

What advice do you have for FinTech entrepreneurs looking to raise their first institutional capital? Any particular pitfalls you've seen that you may help them avoid? Any other key lessons you've learned from being an entrepreneur that you can now leverage sitting on the other side of the table?

My main advice would be to connect with us! The earlier the better! Even if your ideas aren't fully formed, or you just have an itch but aren't yet sure what to focus on, we'd love to meet you and see how we can be helpful.

There is a ton of easy capital out there right now chasing FinTech deals, but we hear time and time again from our portfolio founders that other investors on their cap tables don't understand their businesses, and they consistently come to us for help, rather than their larger investors or board members. FinTech is a unique space that requires a unique lens and expertise, so be careful who you pick as your partners in the earliest stages.

As Sheel likes to say – at seed, you should optimize for who can help you the most. At Series A and B, you should optimize for name brand, and beyond that, you just optimize for price.

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Proven Track Record of Success Across FinTech



































Significant Experience Advising Large Financing Rounds and "Unicorns"

FT Partners has advised on some of the largest financing transactions in the FinTech space

Company	Amount Raised	Selected Prominent Investors in FT Partners Led Rounds
GreenSky"	\$1,560,000,000 [*]	Accel TEMASEK VISA PIMCO
stone ^{co.}	1,545,000,000*	1 10 0 01
⊠ avidxchange	956,000,000*	RCP REVERENCE CAPITAL PARTNERS DST SANT GREENSPRING ASSOCIATES TPG
MERCURY®	420,000,000	ICONIO Premji Invest INSIGHT Great Hill
Remitly	374,000,000*	PARTNERS PARTNERS
NEXT	333,000,000*	BainCapital ON © CDPQ Scotiabank®
Liquidnet 🕶	250,000,000	BainCapital Capital khosla ventures
square trade protection plans	238,000,000	VENTURES LONE TIME CATTLAL
	230,000,000	nyca KeyBank QED ING 🌇
:TRUMID:	200,000,000	■ RRVA Santander RV WELLINGTON 乾源资本 YUAN CAPITAL
hetter.com	160,000,000	InnoVentures Battery Ventures MANAGEMENT THIEL
nmi	150,000,000	ADAMS STREET Elavon PayPal
ADDEPAR	140,000,000	Redpoint Coult
Kabbage [®]	135,000,000	AUGURERCER REPULAN
O BlueVine	102,500,000	PRAGONEER BERMAN COLOR Wunich RE
MoneyLion	100,000,000	cootue mastercard 8VC nabventures
POYNT	100,000,000	QUESTMARK PARTNERS VALOR generation
CHROMERIVER	100,000,000	
Fawry	100,000,000	SILVERLAKE PARTHENON SUMMIT PARTNERS

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Bloomberg

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- o FT Partners' Steve McLaughlin was featured on Bloomberg / Bloomberg TV
- o View the full article and watch the live TV interview



M&A Advisor Awards

- Technology Deal of the Year (2019)
- o 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
- o Investment Banking Firm of the Year (2016) FT Partners



LendIt FinTech Industry Awards 2018:

o FT Partners wins Top Investment Bank in FinTech

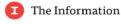
Institutional Investor





The FinTech Finance 40:

Steve McLaughlin ranked #1 in 2017 and 2018

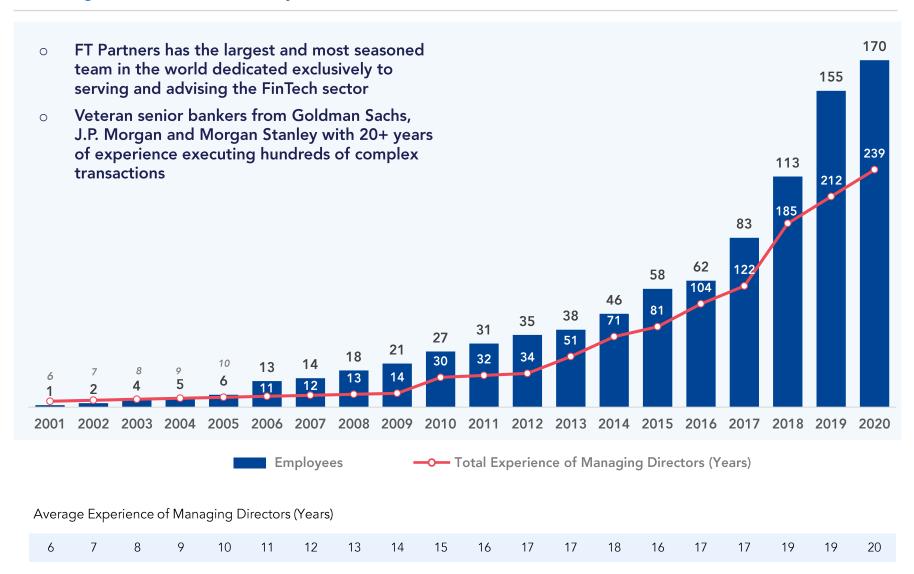




The Information's "Silicon Valley's Most Popular Dealmakers"

- 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
Steve McLaughlin Founder, CEO and Managing Partner	Goldman Sachs	 Formerly with Goldman Sachs in New York and San Francisco from 1995-2002 Formerly Co-Head of Goldman Sachs' Financial Technology Group (#1 market share) Wharton M.B.A. 	25
Mohit Agnihotri Managing Director	J.P.Morgan	 Formerly Managing Director and Global Head of Payments Investment Banking at J.P. Morgan Wharton M.B.A 	18
Kate Crespo Managing Director	RAYMOND JAMES®	 Formerly with Raymond James' Technology & Services investment banking 14+ years of FinTech transaction execution experience Dartmouth M.B.A. 	18
Larry Furlong Managing Director	Goldman Sachs	 Formerly with Goldman Sachs in New York, London and Los Angeles from 1995-2004 Wharton M.B.A. 	24
Osman Khan Managing Director	A B PWC	 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 	23
Randall Little Managing Director	J.P.Morgan	 12 years as FIG / Capital Markets FinTech investment banker at J.P. Morgan 10 years as financial services technology consultant at Sun Microsystems and Ernst & Young NYU Stern M.B.A. (MBA w/Distinction) 	23
Andrew McLaughlin Managing Director	Deloitte.	 20+ years experience executing / implementing financial and operational strategy Formerly with Deloitte Consulting 	14
Amar Mehta Managing Director	J.P.Morgan	 Formerly with J.P. Morgan's Technology (FinTech & Technology Services) team in New York 7+ years of FinTech transaction execution experience MBA from IIM-K (India), Bachelor's in Computer Engineering from NTU (Singapore) 	15
Mike Nelson Managing Director	SUNTRUST	 Formerly head of FinTech M&A at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey Kellogg M.B.A. 	20
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 	17
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 	24
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. 	18