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FT PARTNERS TRANSACTION ANNOUNCEMENT

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FT Partners is Pleased to Announce
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for a total amount of

\$150,000,000

Forge's \$150 million Financing

Overview of Transaction

- On May 4, 2021, Forge announced the raise of \$150 million in new funding
 - The financing round included participation from new investors Temasek, Wells Fargo Strategic Capital, LUN Partners Group as well as existing investor Deutsche Börse
- Forge's digital platform streamlines liquidity for hundreds of unicorn issuers and thousands of institutional and retail investors from around the world
 - Leveraging its robust technology, operations and trust infrastructure, Forge delivers a suite of services that includes trading, custody, data and company solutions
- The Company also announced that it has received FINRA approval to operate as a single broker dealer with SharesPost, and in the months since its acquisition of SharesPost, the Company tallied three consecutive record-breaking quarters
- Since inception, Forge has completed more than \$9 billion in transactions in nearly 400 private companies ⁽¹⁾

Significance of Transaction

- The continued interest from global strategic and financial investors validates Forge's leadership position as it continues to develop new, innovative products and services to meet the needs of the private market
- Forge intends to use the new funding to continue to expand service offerings in the US and beyond

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Forge
- FT Partners previously advised Forge on its [merger with SharesPost](#) in May 2020, its acquisition of IRA Services in October 2019, and its [\\$70 million Series B financing](#) in July 2018
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' deep domain expertise within Capital Markets Tech, as well as its successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for high-growth FinTech companies globally

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1) Transactions conducted through SharesPost Financial Corporation, Forge Markets LLC, and Emerson Equity, LLC (broker dealer for SharesPost, Inc. in 2011). Members FINRA/SIPC

FT Partners Advises Forge on its \$150 million Financing

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FT Partners Previously Advised Forge on its Merger with SharesPost

Overview of Transaction

- On May 12, 2020, Forge announced its merger with SharesPost
- SharesPost is a private market alternative trading system focused on enabling retail and institutional investors and company employees to access liquidity
 - Founded in 2009, SharesPost built the first private equity marketplace, which strove to connect buyers and sellers of private securities through its proprietary trading platform
- Forge's digital platform streamlines liquidity for hundreds of unicorn issuers and thousands of institutional and retail investors from around the world
 - Leveraging its robust technology, operations and trust infrastructure, Forge delivers a suite of services that includes trading, custody, data and company solutions

Significance of Transaction

- Together, the two companies will create one of the largest global private securities marketplaces, bringing liquidity and transparency at scale to pre-IPO companies and investors
- Combined, the two will have facilitated thousands of transactions with more than \$6 billion in private market transaction volume, for hundreds of unique issuers and over 1 million customers
- The deal will provide Forge with deeper insight on private company trends, as well as bid, offer, and pricing data that provides transparency to clients and partners to better understand and engage in the private markets

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- FT Partners previously advised Forge on its acquisition of IRA Services in October 2019, and its [\\$70 million Series B financing](#) in July 2018
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep alternative marketplace domain expertise and its continued success in providing buy side advisory to top-tier FinTech companies

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FT Partners Also Previously Advised Forge on its Acquisition of IRA Services

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Overview of Transaction

- On October 31, 2019, Forge Global ("Forge") announced it has agreed to acquire IRA Services Trust Company
- Founded in 1979, IRA Services acts as a custodian of self-directed IRA accounts. IRA Services allows its clients to invest in alternative assets such as real estate, private equity, equity crowdfunding and other assets
 - As of September 2019, IRA Services had over 663,000 funded accounts
- Founded in 2014, Forge is the leading stock market for private companies
 - The Company's global electronic trading platform connects individual and institutional investors with sellers like venture capitalists and shareholder employees, as well as some of the largest and most prominent private companies themselves

Significance of Transaction

- Through this acquisition, Forge plans to expand into a larger suite of product offerings for both private companies and their employees; including company sponsored liquidity programs and stock option lending
- The combined product offerings from Forge and IRA Services are expected to be highly synergistic

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Forge
- FT Partners previously advised Forge on its [\\$70 million Series B financing](#) in July 2018
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' expertise in sell-side advisory in the capital markets industry

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FT Partners Also Previously Advised Forge on its \$70 million Series B Round

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Overview of Transaction

- On July 25, 2018, Forge (formerly known as Equidate) announced it has raised \$70 million in a Series B financing round led by Financial Technology Partners ("FT Partners"), Panorama Point Partners and Operative Capital
 - Munich RE Ventures and BNP Paribas also participated in the round
 - Forge's existing investors include Peter Thiel, Tim Draper and Scott Banister
- Founded in 2014, Forge is the leading stock market for private companies
 - The Company's global electronic trading platform connects individual and institutional investors with sellers like venture capitalists and shareholder employees, as well as some of the largest and most prominent private companies themselves

Significance of Transaction

- Responding to the current trend of growth companies staying private much longer, Forge sees traditional institutional investors becoming significantly more active in the pre-IPO economy
 - Forge's technology-centric approach is the key to unlocking the market's true potential
- Forge believes its run-rate of \$1 billion of trade volume this year squarely places the company as both the market leader and the fastest growing player

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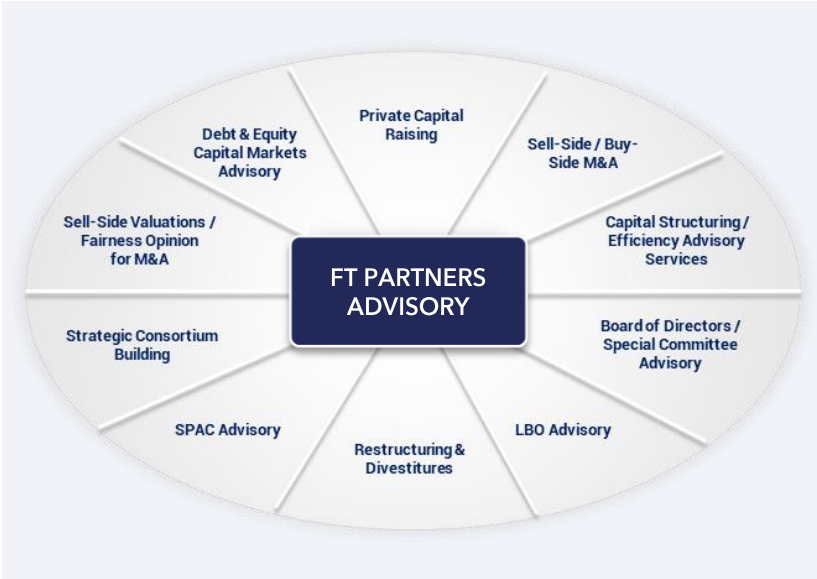
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Overview of FT Partners

- 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

FT Partners’ Advisory Capabilities



FT Partners’ FinTech Industry Research

- In-Depth Industry Research Reports
- Proprietary FinTech Infographics
- Monthly FinTech Market Analysis
- FinTech M&A / Financing Transaction Profiles



The Information

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”



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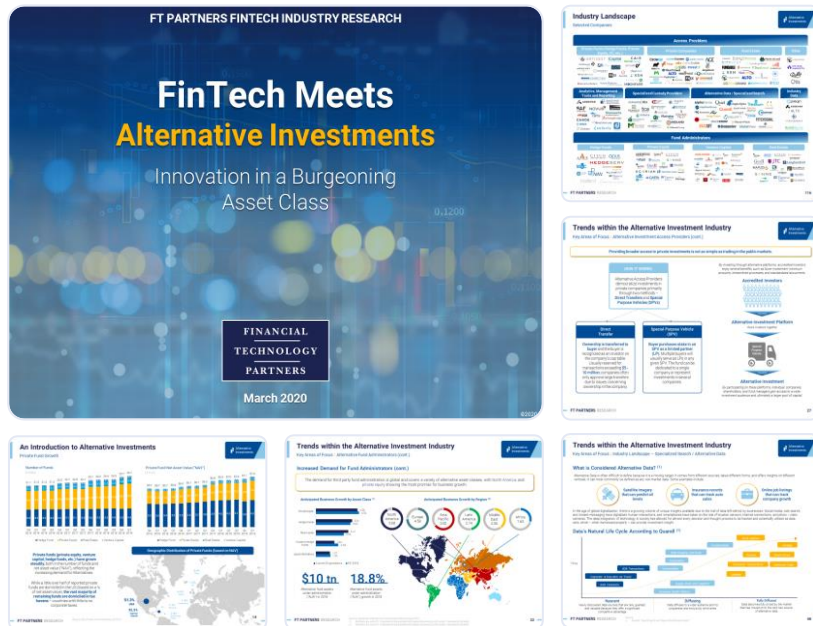
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FinTech Meets Alternative Investments Innovation in a Burgeoning Asset Class



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Demand for alternative assets remains strong as investors and plan sponsors seek asset diversification, higher yields, and uncorrelated returns. As a result, alternatives are a clear bright spot in the asset management industry. As demand grows for alternative assets, a new FinTech ecosystem is developing to help investors, investment managers, and service providers to access new asset classes and manage their investments and operations with new data, software, and platforms.

Highlights of the report include:

- An overview of trends driving the developing FinTech ecosystem around the Alternative Investment Management industry
- A detailed landscape of FinTech companies operating in the Alternatives space
- Proprietary list of financing and M&A transactions in the space
- Interviews with the CEOs of 11 companies driving innovation in Alternatives
- Detailed profiles of 41 FinTech companies operating in the industry

This report features an exclusive interview with Kelly Rodriques, CEO of Forge

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Selected FT Partners Capital Markets / WealthTech Transactions

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M&A Transactions

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FT Partners has advised on some of the most prominent and groundbreaking transactions in the Securities / Capital Markets / Wealth Technology sectors

FT Partners Advises Imagine Software on its Sale to Francisco Partners

Overview of Transaction

- On May 3, 2021, Francisco Partners announced the combination of Imagine Software, a real-time risk and compliance software platform, and TradingScreen, a provider of trading execution and order management software
- The combined company, TS Imagine, will be a dynamic end-to-end trading and portfolio management software platform for connecting the investment management industry with a network of brokers, banks and exchanges
- TS Imagine will have approximately 400 employees in 10 offices worldwide, serving approximately 500 global buy-side and sell-side institutions across North and South America, EMEA, and Asia Pacific including hedge funds, traditional asset managers, pension funds, mutual funds, and financial institutions

Significance of Transaction

- The combination creates one of the most robust SaaS cloud-based software platforms in capital markets and investment management, bringing integrated and complete front office solutions, complementary product capabilities, best-in-class technology, global geographic coverage, and deep expertise to better serve investment firms and financial institutions around the world
- The company is uniquely positioned to address complex and time-consuming workflows in the front, middle and back offices, unifying order management, trade execution, portfolio analytics, real time risk compliance, accounting, and operations

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Imagine Software
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep domain expertise in Capital Markets Technology, as well as our successful track record in generating highly favorable, category-defining outcomes for our clients

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FT Partners’ Recent Awards and Recognition

Bloomberg

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- 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:

- FT Partners wins Top Investment Bank in FinTech

Institutional Investor



The FinTech Finance 40:

- Steve McLaughlin ranked #1 in 2017 and 2018

The Information

Silicon Valley's Most Popular Dealmakers

| Name | Title | Company |
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| Steve McLaughlin | Managing Director | FT Partners |
| Michael Bishop | Managing Director | Goldman Sachs |
| Paul Rosen | Managing Director | Wells Fargo |
| Quincy Smith | Partner | Credit Suisse |

The Information's “Silicon Valley's Most Popular Dealmakers”

- Ranked as the #2 top Technology Investment Banker by The Information subscribers (2016)
- Only FinTech focused investment banking firm and banker on the list

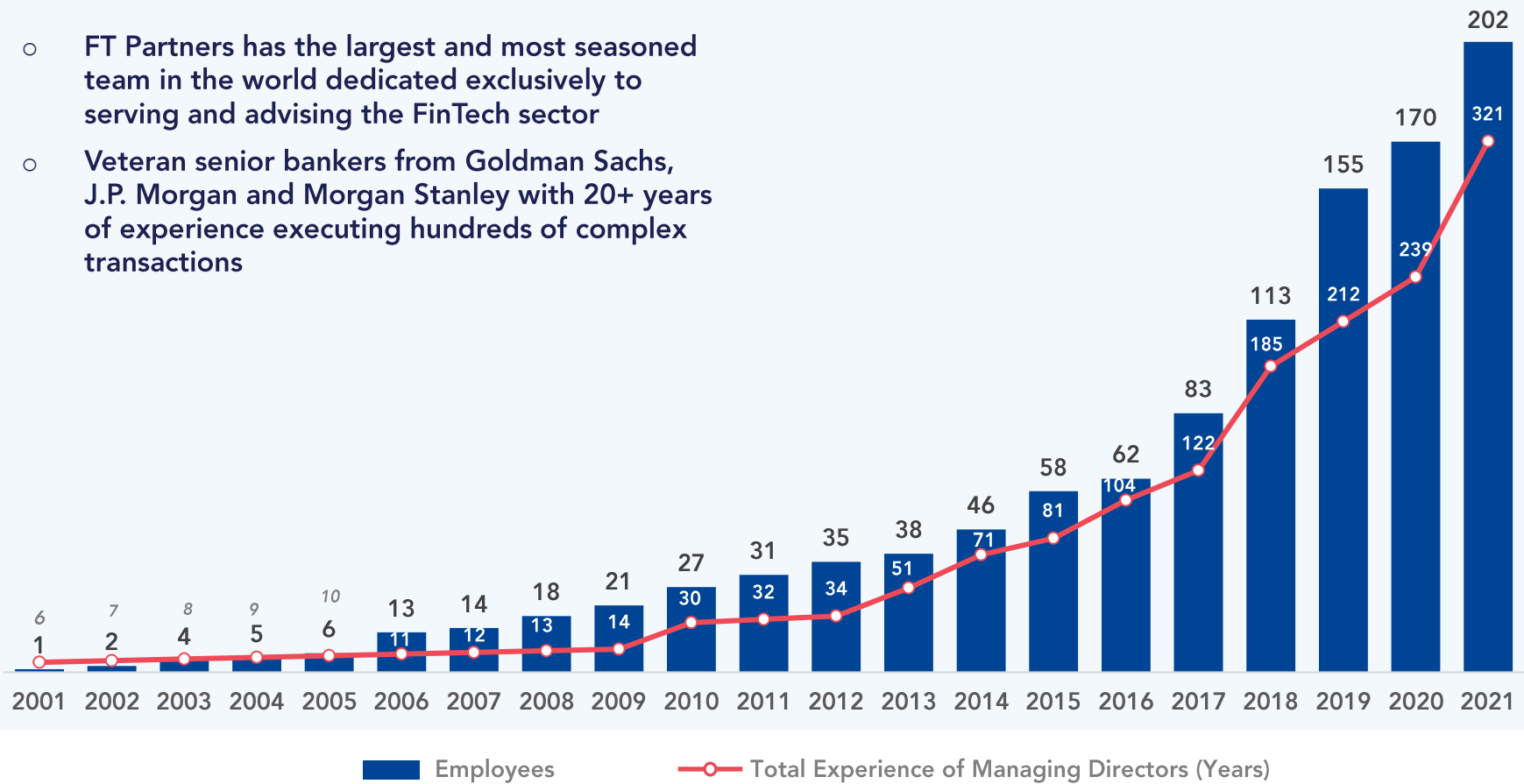
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Average Experience of Managing Directors (Years)

