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**January 19, 2021** 



Blend Raises \$300 million in Series G Financing Led by Coatue and Tiger Global







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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





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# Blend

## **Transaction Summary**

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- On January 13, 2021, Blend announced it had secured \$300 million in Series G financing led by Coatue and Tiger Global
  - According to the Company, this round brings its valuation to \$3.3 billion, nearly double its valuation from its Series F in August 2020
  - This round brings the Company's total financing to more than \$685 million
- 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 fuel its next phase of growth and support investment in its consumer banking products, from mortgages to personal loans to deposit accounts and more
- This round follows a record year for Blend, as its technology facilitated \$1.4 trillion in mortgages and consumer loans in 2020, and the Company added more than 200 new employees, increasing its headcount by over 60%
- In 2020, the Company expanded its coverage to approximately 30% of all U.S. mortgage volume with the addition of key customers including South State Bank, TCF National Bank, FirstBank, Evergreen Home Loans, and Idaho Central Credit Union

#### **Transaction Commentary**

"We're working to build a smarter future for banking that delivers an end-to-end digital experience for any consumer banking product and an optimal homebuying journey from start to close. No consumer dreams about applying for a home equity line of credit or a mortgage - they're looking to create a dream kitchen or purchase their first home. We are helping our lenders be there as trusted advisors for their customers at every one of life's milestones."

**B** blend

Nima Ghamsari Founder and CEO



"2020 was a big year of change for the banking industry. Stay at home orders and social distancing mandates accelerated digital adoption faster than anyone could have expected. Blend has been at the forefront of this revolution, helping banks rapidly meet the changing needs of their customers."

**COATUE** 

Kris Fredrickson Managing Partner



"Today's consumers expect Amazon-like experiences across the board, and Blend is well-positioned to help financial institutions achieve that. The company's momentum is a reflection of their rapid pace of innovation and deep commitment to helping their customers bring the simplicity and transparency consumers crave to the banking industry."

TIGERGLOBAL

John Curtius
Partner



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### **Blend Overview**

### **Company Overview**



CEO:	Nima Ghamsari
Headquarters:	San Francisco, CA

Founded: 2012

- Blend is digitizing the mortgage and consumer banking product application process so that both buyers / consumers and lenders can operate through a more streamlined experience
- The Company's digital lending platform is used by Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank, and over 285 other financial institutions to acquire more customers, increase productivity, and deepen customer relationships

Selected Financing History		
Date	Size (\$ mm)	Investor(s)
01/13/21	\$300	COATUE TIGERGLOBAL
08/12/20	75	OCANAPI     EMERGENCE greylockpartners.  8VC TEMASEK @ GENERAL ARTLANTIC
06/24/19	130	greylockpartners. Founders fund General  8VC Lightspeed TEMASEK
03/28/18	17	LENNAR FIFTH WALL THOMPST  LODGETAR  LODGETAR  LODGETAR  SIP  SIRVERIORS  SIP  SIRVERIORS  SIRVERIORS
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#### **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 increase 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**

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

#### Auto Loans

- $\circ\quad$  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 Real Estate and Mortgage Technology Landscape













**Home Financing** 











### Selected FT Partners Research - Click to View



Finicity's \$1 billion Sale to Mastercard



Acima's \$1.65 billion Sale to Rent-A-Center



Kabbage's Sale to American Express



Mambu's \$135 million Series D Financing



Affirm Raises \$1.2 billion in its IPO



Creditas Raises \$255 million in Series E Financing



Current Raises \$131 million in Series C Financing



**Upstart Completes its IPO** 

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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

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\$1,010,000,000 Initial Public Offering

for a total enterprise value of

\$4,500,000,000



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#### Mortgage Technology

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#### SaaS-based Real Estate **Loan Origination**

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\$ 8,500,000

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## Significant Experience Across the Bank and Lending Tech Sector











































### FT Partners Advises Porch on its Merger with PropTech Acquisition Corporation

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On July 31, 2020, PropTech Acquisition Corporation ("PropTech"), a special purpose acquisition company ("SPAC") announced a definitive merger agreement with Porch.com, Inc. ("Porch")
- The business combination was completed on December 23, 2020, PropTech changed its name to Porch, and its common stock is scheduled to begin trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the ticker symbol "PRCH" on December 24, 2020
  - The deal represents a post-transaction equity value of \$1.079 billion
  - Transaction includes a \$150 million fully committed common stock private investment at \$10 per share led by Wellington Management Company, LLP
- Porch is a unique home services platform that provides leading ERP and CRM software to 11,000 inspection, moving and adjacent home services companies, gaining access to a proprietary and recurring sales funnel which captures a majority of homebuyers in the U.S. annually

#### **Significance of Transaction**

- While creating significant liquidity for existing shareholders, Porch's
   Management team will continue to lead the merged Company as over 92%
   of their existing equity is expected to be rolled as part of the transaction
- The net proceeds raised from the transaction will be used to support Porch's working capital, pay down debt and fund expansion through acquisitions

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Porch
- Builds on FT Partners' expertise in navigating the unique process in selling companies to SPACs, and follows highly successful sales of FT Partners' clients <u>Open Lending</u>, <u>CardConnect</u> and <u>REPAY</u>

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on its merger with



(NASDAQ: PTAC)

for a post-transaction equity value

\$1,079,000,000<sup>(1)</sup>



### 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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on its Series C financing from new investors















along with participation from existing investors

for total consideration of

\$160,000,000



### 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

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on its Series B financing led by

# T.RowePrice®

for a total amount of

\$9,000,000



### 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

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### FT Partners Advises TCI on its Sale to MeridianLink

#### Overview of Transaction

- On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, Teledata Communications Incorporated (TCI) announced its sale to MeridianLink, a portfolio company of Thoma Bravo
- Founded in 1982 and based in Islandia, NY, TCI is a leading SaaS-based loan origination platform, helping credit unions, community banks, and finance companies originate and approve consumer loans
- TCI offers a highly flexible, configurable platform providing Loan Origination Software (LOS), online account opening, digital branch, and online sales enablement
- TCI provides DecisionLender, a SaaS loan origination solution that was first released in 1998
- DecisionLender is an industry-trusted LOS that serves more than 300 banks, credit unions, and finance companies nationwide

#### Significance of Transaction

- TCI's combination with MeridianLink strengthens one of the leading providers in the consumer automotive lending space
- TCI and MeridianLink have highly complementary solutions and, combined, will help accelerate innovation in the LOS space

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as the exclusive financial and strategic advisor to TCI
- The success of this transaction highlights FT Partners' role as the leading advisor to companies in the Banking and Lending Technology sector while also building on the Firm's breadth of knowledge and experience across the greater FinTech landscape

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a portfolio company of





### FT Partners' Recent Awards and Recognition

# **Bloomberg**

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- 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

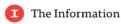
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### The FinTech Finance 40:

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

