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# Curve Raises \$55 million in Series B Financing Led by Gauss Ventures





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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 17 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



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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 July 16, 2019, Curve announced it has raised \$55 million in Series B financing led by Gauss Ventures
  - New investors in the round include CreditEase, IDC Ventures, Cathay Innovation, and Outward VC
  - Existing investors Santander InnoVentures, Breega, Seedcamp and Speedinvest also participated in this round of financing
  - To date, Curve has raised over \$70 million in equity financing
  - After this round of Series B financing, Curve is valued at \$250 million, according to PitchBook
- Curve is currently available in 31 European countries, and with the new financing, the Company plans to expand its product offering in the UK and overseas
- After launching out of Beta in February 2018, Curve is growing at a fast pace and is on track to welcome its millionth customer by the end of the year
- Curve has two offices in London and Bristol and now employs over 150 people in the UK

### **Transaction Commentary**

"While the challenger and traditional banks are busy fighting to win or retain new customers, Curve is building an Over-The-Top Banking Platform that provides customers with a better banking experience with no need to change their bank. Curve is playing a completely different ball game, it is not a challenger bank which means that we can focus on creating a radically better customer experience, without asking customers to trust their salaries with us, or the significant overhead of becoming a regulated bank. Receiving this level of investment from such prominent investors is a fantastic endorsement of the value and experience Curve brings to its customers."



Shachar Bialick CEO & Co-Founder



### **Selected Financing History**

Announce Date	Selected Investor(s)	Amount (\$ in mm)
07/16/19	Gauss Ventures; CreditEase; IDC Ventures; Investec; Santander InnoVentures; Breega Capital; Seedcamp; Speedinvest	\$55
07/12/17	Santander InnoVentures; Investec; Connect Ventures; Oxford Capital Partners; Breega Capital; Speedinvest; Samos Investments, Undisclosed Investor(s)	11
09/19/16	Samos Investments; Connect Ventures	3
10/01/15	The London Co-Investment Fund; Seedcamp; Speedinvest; Undisclosed Investor(s)	2

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# **CURVE**

### **Curve Overview**

### **Company Overview**



CEO: Shachar Bialick

Headquarters: London, UK

Founded: 2015

- Curve is an "over-the-top" banking platform that consolidates all of a customer's credit cards and accounts into one smart card and app
  - The platform provides instant cashback rewards and eliminates fees for spending abroad
- Curve not only provides real-time alerts on how much customers are spending, but also helps them budget by showing what they are spending it on
- The platform offers military-grade encrypted security, never stores card numbers in the app, and offers standard protection for up to £100,000
  - Customers can switch the credit card that will ultimately be charged in case of accidental purchases on the wrong card
- Curve lets its customers select up to three of their favorite retailers to save 1% cashback on everything
- An average customer spends around £1,500 per month through the Curve platform

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



#### **Curve Blue**

A free card that supports Mastercard and Visa, gives 1% cash on three retailers, and provides free foreign exchange

### **Curve Black**

£9.99/month with Worldwide Travel Insurance and Electronic Gadget Insurance





### Travel

Working in over 210 countries and territories, Curve automatically provides categorized travel reports

### **Business**

Curve provides automated expense reports, including receipts



### Selected FT Partners' Research - Click to View



GreenSky Raises \$1 billion in its IPO



Zafin's \$17 million Series B
Financing



Deserve's Series C Financing Led by Sallie Mae



Vitruvian Partners' Investment in Deposit Solutions



Alkami Raises \$55 million in Series E Financing



Brex Raises \$100 million in Financing



SoFi Raises \$500 million in Financing



Tally Raises \$50 million in Series C Financing Led by Andreessen Horowitz

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### Strong Track Record of Success in the Alternative Lending / Credit Tech Space

#### White Label Loan Management



#### Consumer Home Improvement Financing



#### Consumer Marketing / Credit Lead Generation



# SMB Credit Tools / Financing



#### **Peer-to-Peer Lending**



#### SaaS-based Loan Origination



#### **Personal Credit Management**



### **Supplier Finance Solutions**



### **Deep Expertise Across the Banking Technology Space**











































### FT Partners Advised on Many of the Largest Alternative Lending Transactions

Company	Investor(s)	<b>Amount Raised</b>
PRO <b>S</b> PER	Affiliates of New RESIDENTIAL Jefferies THIRD POINT	\$5,000,000,000 Loan Commitment
GreenSky <sup>™</sup>	FIFTH THIRD BANK	2,000,000,000 Loan Commitment 50,000,000 Investment
<b>GreenSky</b>	Initial Public Offering	1,010,000,000
GreenSky <sup>**</sup>	TPG DST ICONIQ WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT	300,000,000
<b>GreenSky</b>	PIMCO	200,000,000
Kabbage Kabbage	RCP CAPITAL PARTNERS ING Solventures Scotiabank*	135,000,000
earnest	BV Battery Ventures mayeron	75,000,000
<b>taulia</b>	QuestMark Partners  ZOUK BBVA edbi	65,000,000
INSIKT	Coppel. FIRSTMARK revolution Colchis	50,000,000
PR05PER	Fund Co-Managed by:	50,000,000
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credit sesame	ICPINVENTUS GLOBESPAN CAPITAL PARTNERS  Menlo ia capital group	42,000,000

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

























### FT Partners Advises Vitruvian on its Investment in Deposit Solutions

#### Overview of Transaction

- On August 15, 2018, Vitruvian Partners ("Vitruvian") announced it has made a \$100 million minority investment in Deposit Solutions with participation from Kinnevik and existing shareholders including e.ventures
  - The investment values Deposit Solutions in excess of \$500 million
- Vitruvian is an independent European private equity firm that invests in high growth companies in Europe and beyond (more details here)
- Headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, Deposit Solutions provides an international Open Banking platform for savings deposits
- Deposit Solutions' Open Banking platform transforms the value chain in the savings deposit market to the benefit of banks and savers alike
  - Deposit Solutions now connects more than 70 banks from 16 countries to more than 30 million savers through a wide variety of Points-of-Sale including renowned financial institutions such as Deutsche Bank and Fidelity's FFB

#### Significance of Transaction

Through this investment, Deposit Solutions plans to accelerate the
expansion of its business, while ultimately trying to achieve its mission of
making Open Banking the new standard for the global \$50 trillion market for
savings deposits

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Vitruvian
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep FinTech expertise and its continued success in providing buy side advisory to top-tier financial sponsors

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on its minority investment in



with participation from new and existing investors

for total consideration of

\$100,000,000



### FT Partners Advises Credit Sesame on its Growth Financing

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On October 25, 2017, Credit Sesame announced it has raised over \$42 million in equity and venture debt
  - The funding comes from existing and new investors including Menlo Ventures, Inventus Capital, Globespan Capital, IA Capital, SF Capital, among others, along with a strategic investor
- The \$42 million in funding is comprised of \$26.6 million in equity and \$15.5 million in venture debt, bringing the Company's total funding to over \$77 million
- Headquartered in Mountain View, CA, Credit Sesame was founded in 2011 and has provided credit and loan management tools to over 12 million members
  - The mobile and web solution provides consumers with tools to build a
    path to achieve financial wellness, including free access to their credit
    profile complete with their credit score, credit report grades, credit
    monitoring, interactive step-by-step tools and recommendations for
    better lending options

### Significance of Transaction

- The funds will be used to accelerate the company's growth, hiring, and member acquisition, and to advance its analytics, robo-advisor and machine learning technologies
- A new strategic investor has also joined Credit Sesame's consortium of investors in this round and a separate strategic partnership may be announced in the near future that will allow millions more to benefit from Credit Sesame's services

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Credit Sesame in this transaction
- This transaction further demonstrates FT Partners' continued success advising both leading consumer FinTech brands as well as companies across the Credit / Lending Tech landscape

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in its growth financing with participation from





for total consideration of

\$ 42,000,000



### FT Partners Advises Margeta on its Series E Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On May 21, 2019, Margeta announced it has raised \$260 million in Series E financing led by Coatue Management
  - The round includes participation from several new investors including Vitruvian Partners, Spark Capital, Lone Pine Capital and Geodesic
- Founded in 2010, Marqeta is the leading global modern card issuer, powered by the most advanced issuer processor platform built in over two decades
- Margeta's open APIs allow a new generation of businesses, such as Square, Affirm, DoorDash, Kabbage and Instacart, to build innovative payment programs and experiences to meet the unique needs of their customers

#### **Significance of Transaction**

- Marqeta, which has doubled its revenue for three straight years and experienced dramatic increases in spending activity on its platform, is now valued at nearly \$2 billion
- The funding will be used to accelerate Margeta's expansion plans, both domestically and in key global markets
  - With 300 employees, the Company recently expanded internationally, opening a European office headquartered in London

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Marqeta and its board of directors
- FT Partners previously advised Margeta on its \$45 million financing led by ICONIQ in 2018, its strategic \$25 million financing led by Visa in 2017, and its \$25 million Series C financing in 2015 -- over this time period, Margeta's valuation has grown over 20x
- This transaction demonstrates the long-term nature of many of FT Partners' client relationships and highlights our deep domain expertise and transactional excellence across FinTech and the Payments sector

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in its Series Efinancing led by

with participation from new investors



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for total consideration of

\$260,000,000



### FT Partners Advises Deserve on its Series C Financing

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On August 27, 2018, Deserve announced it has raised \$17 million in a Series
   C financing round led by Sallie Mae
  - Accel, Aspect Ventures, Pelion Ventures, Mission Holdings, Alumni
     Venture Group and GDP Venture also participated in the round
- Deserve is a venture-backed FinTech company that helps people build credit and achieve financial independence
  - The Company has helped tens of thousands of customers from over 160 countries at over 1,800 universities across all 50 states
  - Deserve uses non-traditional data points and advanced machine learning algorithms to determine credit eligibility
- Sallie Mae offers products that promote responsible personal finance, including private education loans, free scholarship search tools, free college financial planning tools, and online retail banking

#### Significance of Transaction

- Deserve will use the financing to further scale its platform and infrastructure to achieve its mission of helping the 40 million college students and young adults in the U.S. gain financial independence through access to fair credit
- The Company also plans to expand its "perks" program by offering exclusive offers from a number of new partners including Amazon Prime, T-Mobile, Lemonade, Feather, and Wikipedia

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Deserve
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep Alternative Lending and Banking Tech domain expertise and its successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for high growth FinTech companies globally

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on its Series C financing led by



for total consideration of

\$17,000,000



### 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 GreenSky on its \$1 billion Initial Public Offering

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On May 23, 2018, GreenSky (Nasdaq: GSKY) priced its IPO at \$23 per share, raising approximately \$1.01 billion
- Due to strong demand, the deal priced at the high end of the initial \$21 \$23 filing range and the number of shares was increased by 3.9 million, or 11%
- GreenSky will use the IPO proceeds to purchase Holdco units and Class A common stock from its CEO and other officers as well as early equity investors
- GreenSky is a leading FinTech company that powers commerce at the point of sale; the Company's technology platform facilitates merchants sales, while reducing the friction, and improving the economics, associated with a consumer making a purchase and a bank extending financing for that purchase
  - GreenSky has approximately 12,000 active merchants on its platform and the Company has enabled 1.7 million consumers to finance over \$12 billion of transactions since its inception through March 31, 2018

### Significance of Transaction

- GreenSky's IPO is the largest U.S. Technology IPO of 2018 and is also the largest U.S. FinTech IPO in over two years<sup>1</sup>
- This transaction further supports FT Partners' continued success advising leading FinTech growth companies and also highlights the long-term nature of many of the Firm's advisory relationships

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as IPO Advisor to GreenSky on this transaction
- FT Partners previously advised GreenSky on its \$300 million investment by TPG, Iconiq, Wellington, and DST in 2014, its \$2 billion loan purchase agreement and \$50 million investment by Fifth Third Bank in 2016, and its \$200 million investment by PIMCO in 2017
- FT Partners has leveraged its deep industry knowledge, extensive transaction expertise, and broad scope of relationships to consistently achieve favorable outcomes for GreenSky

### Financial Technology Partners LP FTP Securities LLC

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Initial Public Offering

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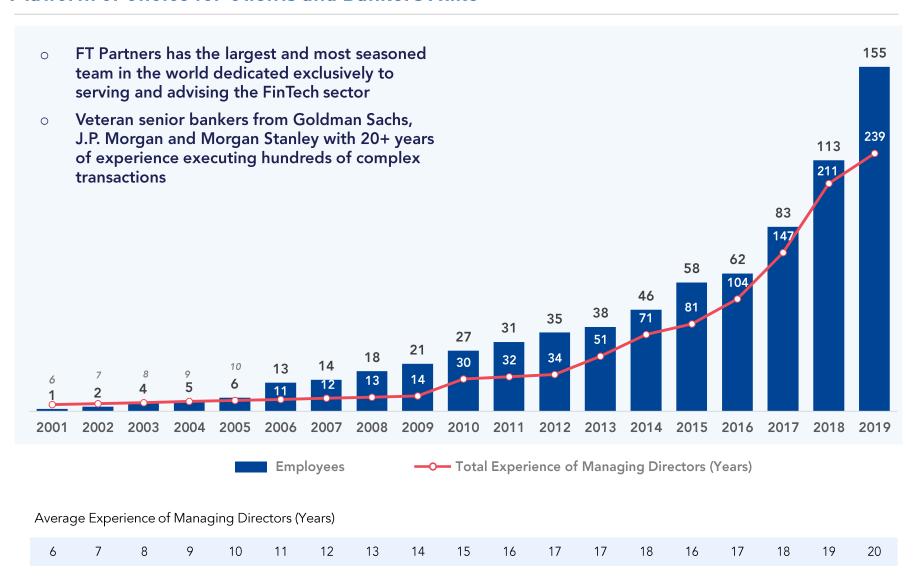
\$4,500,000,000



### **Award-Winning Investment Banking Franchise Focused on Superior Client Results**

LendIt	2018	Top Investment Bank in FinTech			
	2018	Steve McLaughlin Ranked #1 for the Second Year in a Row on Institutional Investor's FinTech 40 List			
Institutional Investor	2017	Ranked #1 on Institutional Investor's FinTech 40 List			
Institutional Investor Annual Ranking	2015 & 2016	Ranked Top 5 on Institutional Investor's FinTech 35 List			
Ailluai Kalikilig	2006 – 2008	Consecutively Ranked (2006, 2007 and 2008) among the Top Bankers on Institutional Investor's "Online Finance 40"			
The Information	2016	Ranked #2 Top Technology Investment Banker on The Information's "Silicon Valley's Most Popular Dealmakers"			
2018 -2004 ANNUALAWARDS WINNER M&A Advisor Awards	2018	Corporate / Strategic Deal of the Year	2011	Boutique Investment Bank of the Year	
	2018	Cross Border Deal of the Year	2011	Deal of the Decade	
	2017	Investment Banker of the Year	2010	Upper Middle Market Deal of the Year, \$500 mm+	
	2016	Investment Banking Firm of the Year	2010	IT Services Deal of the Year, Below \$500 mm	
	2016	Cross Border Deal of the Year	2010	Cross-Border Deal of the Year, Below \$500 mm	
	2015	Dealmaker of the Year	2007	Dealmaker of the Year – Steve McLaughlin	
	2015	Technology Deal of the Year	2007	Business to Business Services Deal of the Year	
	2014	Equity Financing Deal of the Year	2007	Computer & Information Tech Deal of the Year, \$100 mm-	
	2014	Professional Services Deal of the Year, \$100 mm+	2007	Financial Services Deal of the Year, \$100 mm+	
	2012	Dealmaker of the Year	2004	Investment Bank of the Year	
	2012	Professional Services Deal of the Year, \$100 mm+			

### Platform of Choice for Clients and Bankers Alike



### 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 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>	24
<b>Mohit Agnihotri</b> Managing Director	J.P.Morgan	J.P.Morgan  • Formerly Managing Director and Global Head of Payments Investment Banking at J.P. Morgan • Wharton M.B.A	
<b>Kate Crespo</b> Managing Director	RAYMOND JAMES*	<ul> <li>Formerly with Raymond James' Technology &amp; Services investment banking</li> <li>12+ years of FinTech transaction execution experience</li> <li>Dartmouth M.B.A.</li> </ul>	17
<b>Larry Furlong</b> Managing Director	Goldman Sachs	<ul> <li>Formerly with Goldman Sachs in New York, London and Los Angeles from 1995-2004</li> <li>Wharton M.B.A.</li> </ul>	23
<b>Osman Khan</b> Managing Director	pwc pwc	<ul> <li>Formerly Managing Director and 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> </ul>	22
<b>Andrew McLaughlin</b> Managing Director	Deloitte.	<ul> <li>20+ years experience executing / implementing financial and operational strategy</li> <li>Formerly with Deloitte Consulting</li> </ul>	13
<b>Mike Nelson</b> Managing Director	SUNTRUST	<ul> <li>Formerly head of FinTech M&amp;A at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey</li> <li>Kellogg M.B.A.</li> </ul>	19
<b>Timm Schipporeit</b> <i>Managing Director</i>	Morgan Stanley Index Ventures	<ul> <li>Formerly with Morgan Stanley as 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>	16
<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 and Hambrecht &amp; Quist</li> <li>20+ years of experience covering FinTech as both an Analyst and Investment Banker</li> </ul>	23
<b>Tim Wolfe</b> Managing Director	Goldman Sachs	<ul> <li>Formerly with Goldman Sachs from 2000-2002</li> <li>40 Under 40 M&amp;A Advisor Award Winner 2013</li> <li>Harvard M.B.A.</li> </ul>	17