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Future Role of Traditional VCs

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Panel Discussion

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• How did your firm's model change 10 years ago and now?

• What are the key driving forces behind the changes?

 Do you think the changes are fundamental or they are just temporary in the up cycle?

• What are the current key challenges VCs face or the unmet needs in the market?

• How do you envision the VC industry moving forward?

Q&A

Change in startup capital needs also changed VC



- Cost to start an internet startup became 0.1-1% of that in 2000
- Proliferation of the Internet enabled startups to get traction very fast, which later got further accelerated by smartphones and tablets
- Many traditional VCs, whose fund size became larger and preferred to write larger checks, began to face a problematic mismatch between their favored investment size and stage, and the capital needs of the startups

Many new entrants emerged to fill the gap



- People who found the opportunity to provide smaller amounts of capital at attractive terms than traditional VCs started micro VCs and accelerators
- Traditional VCs needed to rethink how to connect with promising startups early on

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Source: CrunchBase

VC 2.0 has been gaining popularity

VCs peer ranking conducted by CB Insights and The New York Times Question: rank the top 20 firms in venture as if you were an LP, i.e. who would you invest in?



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- Traditional VCs has set up seed programs (e.g. dedicated seed investment team, allocation from core fund, scout program)
- As non-VC entrants in late stage provided more capital and helped companies remain private longer, traditional VCs formed growth/opportunity funds to capture value creation before IPO

Traditional VCs evolved



• In addition, traditional VCs ramped up efforts to support startups