

Worldwide Angel Capital Database Under Development

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JCF Consulting, Inc. and JCF Capital Advisors, LLC are developing a comprehensive worldwide angel capital database and directory including angel groups, firms, funds, and networks covering the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, and East-Asia.

Entrepreneurs and early stage ventures have encountered extreme difficulties in today's capital climate when seeking angel capital funding to launch their idea or startup. Angel capital has typically bridged the gap between raising investment funding from friends and family (F&F) and venture capitalists. Angel investors are generally defined as high-net worth investors (HNW) or a group of investors who invests as individuals or groups, thus pooling their investment capital. A limited number of angel groups actually professionally-manage a fund.

During the real estate boom, angel capital was plentiful to identify and raise as HNW investors could easily tap into the equity in their homes or properties where liquidity was abundant. Today, many of those investors are now upside-down on their properties or scrambling to service the debt as prices have spiraled downward. In addition, the funding gap between F&F and venture capital has grown significantly over the past decade. The number of venture capital firms that will look at funding a deal of less than \$1M have practically disappeared. Most venture capitalists have a \$5M minimum funding requirement as many manage public pension funds with large unfunded liabilities where high multiple returns must be achieved. Thus, the significance of identifying and contacting angel capital investors has grown exponentially. HNW individuals have learned about the significance of joining a formal group and participating in a pooling approach to leverage industry experience, know-how, and quality deal flow. Technology has also played a big role in the development and collaboration of these groups worldwide.

Recognizing the funding gap and extreme difficulty in identifying and raising angel capital financing in today's illiquid capital markets, JCF will be releasing to the public a worldwide database and directory of angel firms, funds, groups, and networks that span across the globe. This database is currently in development with final release scheduled for early to mid January 2010. Format will be excel-based and include the following information: firm or fund name, phone, fax, general e-mail, address, key executive, key executive email, and web site. Approximately 900+ records have been identified to be included in the database.

A limited number of copies will be made available to the public.

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