investiere venture capital

Investiere: Social-proof, direct, early-stage investments

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investiere snapshot



Steffen Wagner – Partner, Co-Founder

- Investor relations and business development
- Experienced strategic management consultant and founder of a tech venture (Berlin) and dry fruit producer (Uganda)



Lukas Weber - Partner, Co-Founder

- Deal sourcing and platform development
- Experienced strategic management consultant and founder of several web start-ups



Laura Regazzoni – Partner

Investor relations and partnerships

 Experienced strategic management consultant, background in research and analysis of performance drivers in private banks



Julien Pache - Partner, Geneva Office

Deal sourcing, legal and business development

– Lawyer, business law

Company Facts

- Largest private investor network in Switzerland
- Privately held Swiss AG, established in 2009
- 7 employees in Zug, Zurich, Geneva
- FINMA approved
- SECA and CTI Invest member

Platform Facts

> 2'000 investors and entrepreneurs

12 Swiss start-up rounds funded since 2010

CHF 4 million invested via the platform

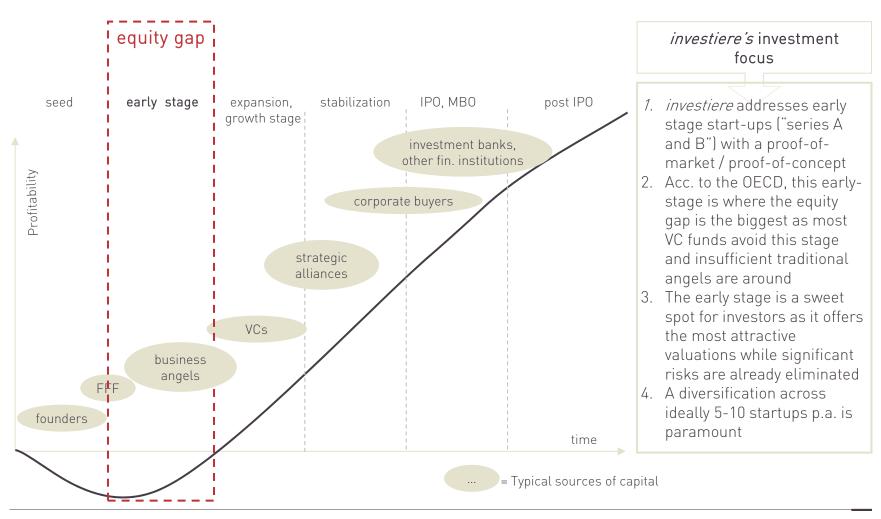
CHF 14 million in financing rounds facilitated

CHF 6k-500k invested per investor & opportunity

Overview

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investiere addresses the "equity gap"



How to successfully create value in VC today

Different "games" at each stage

	Early stage	Growth
Incubators • heavy-support in trial- and-error phase is key: collaborative infrastructure and coaching • apart from FFFFs, equity for cash not feasible (risks, unstable biz plans)	Networks / platforms • diversification via cost-efficient facilitation and syndication platform • traditional angel clubs don't always offer best "fit" for start-up and investors • direct (matched) investments into socially proven deals from community of diverse committed investor types • marketing and sales reach is key	 Managed funds traditional, potent, managed and specialized niche-funds with global reach and active with own board seats (as deal volumes allow to shoulder higher transaction costs) financial power and exit preparation are key
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On early stage investing

Modern financing models combine broad diversification with deal-specific expertise at lean cost



Managed fund

Deal sourcing

Investment

Syndication

decision

Fees

Post-deal quality assurance

Sifting through deal flow software (e.g. gust) and business plans received opportunistically; "increase funnel philosophy"

Investment committee with 3-5 inv. mgrs. decides

- fairly static, industry expert as «guest»
- assumes inv. mgr.'s track record is good enough for increasingly complex investment decisions
- prone to personal bias and politics
- model limits sourcing to few industries

Usually with 1-3 other likeminded VC funds, sometimes solo attempts; *"a few large investors mentality"*

"2 + 20" rule

- recurring mgmt. fees (usually 2% p.a.)
- plus exit fees (usually 20%)

Inv. mgr. takes board seat until exit

- limited investments p.a. (avg. 3–5), as inv. mgrs. can't handle more
- puts pressure on (often too) quick exits



Social-proof direct investments

Deal sourcing leverages broad community of entrepreneurs, industry curators, private investors and even the broader public (crowd voting on start-up ecosystem)

Decision on top of various layers of social proof:

- curation from out of >50 industry curators
- pre-selection by VC specialists
- sufficient FFF commitments
- commitments of (the right) angels socially sourced from large network of (ideally) entrepreneurial private investors

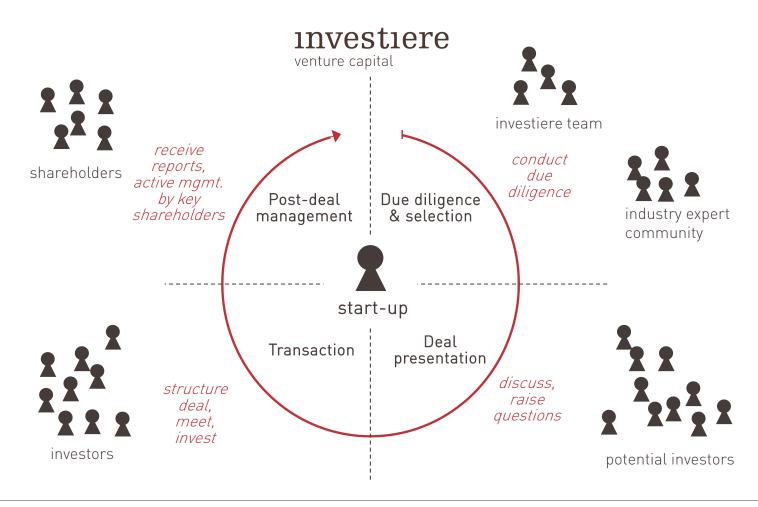
Diverse investor types together create biggest value: FFF, traditional angels, socially-sourced angels, banks, family offices

- no mgmt. fees
- fee on actual investment volume shouldered by both, start-up and investors
- no cash-out for investor: instead of a cash fee, some equity is shared

The most suitable (co-)investor(s) take board seats

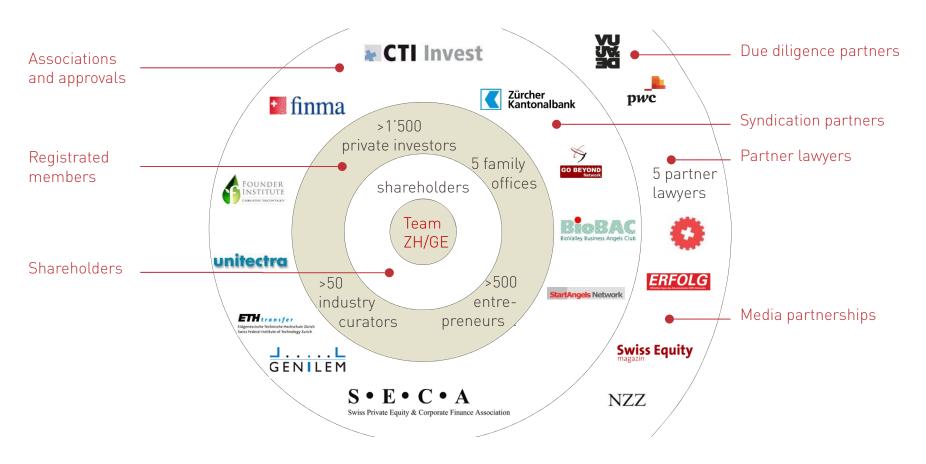
- more deals / broader diversification possible
- standardized investor reporting on platform
- allows most valuable exit at the right time

investiere facilitates the entire investment cycle



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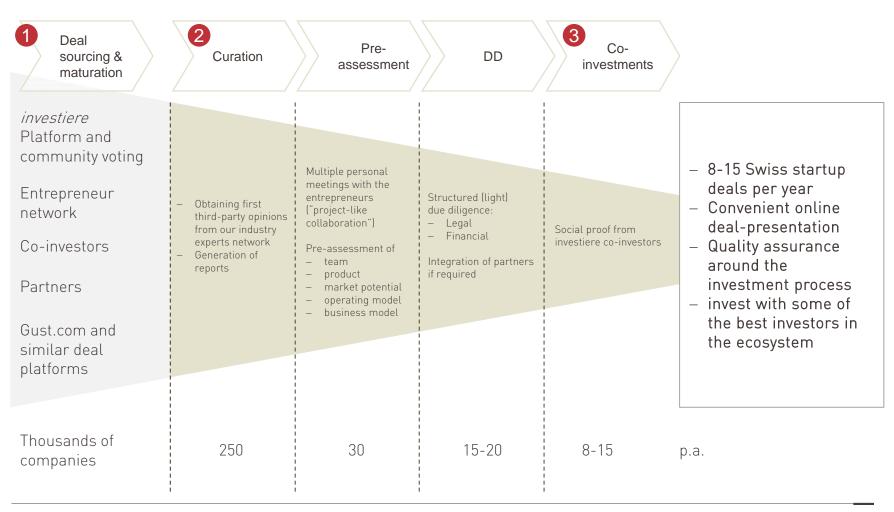
Our network is essential for deal flow and selection



NB: Only illustrative selection of partners

About investiere

investiere leverages start-up specific expertise along a structured process to identify the most promising deals



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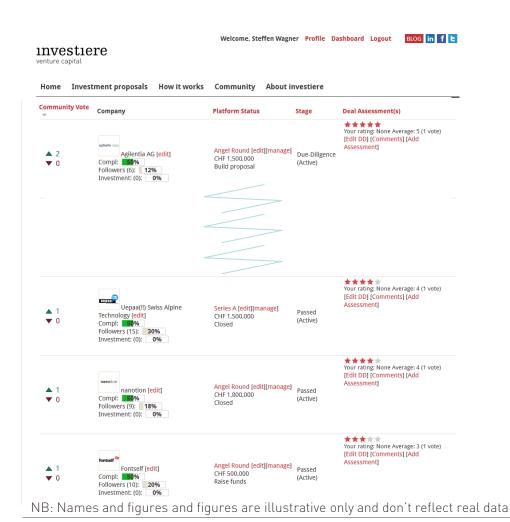
The *investiere* fee model

Purely success based

- No management fees
- Investors pays 4.5% on their upside via shares (funds are at 20%)
- Entrepreneurs pay 6.5% cash on the funds raised
- In return, start-ups and investors receive services along the whole investment cycle
- «We win if you win»

Some social proof highlights

Step 1: A start-up ecosystem radar with an invitation to vote



What investiere does at this step

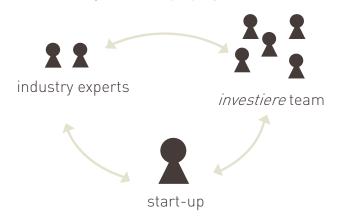
- 1. The *investiere* team, shareholders and industry curators suggest and vote for companies (hundreds are on our radar)
- 2. Suggestions can be made by anyone via the platform
- 3. The *investiere* team picks those with highest traction and mature for curation

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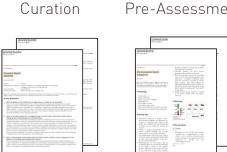
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Step 2: Structured and collaborative assessment of opportunities

Personal meetings / start-ups projects



Creation of evaluation reports







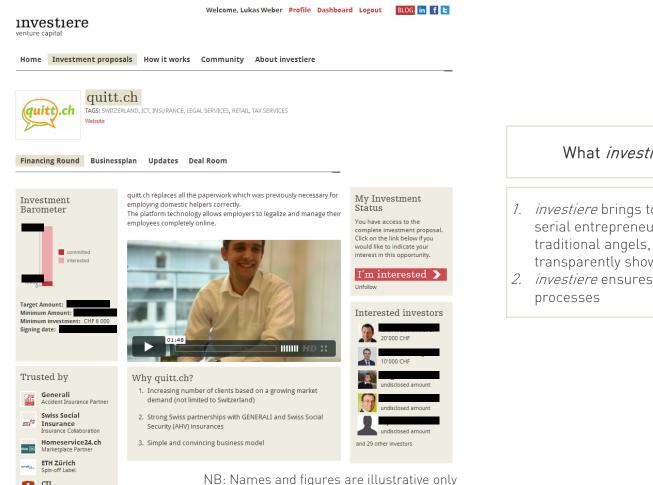
Due Diligence

What investiere does at this step

- 1. investiere evaluates the start-ups together with industry experts. The process comprises 3 steps before a final decision is taken
- *investiere* coaches the start-ups in all aspects of the business plan as well as in the legal set-up of the financing round

Some social proof highlights

Step 3: Co-invest with a smart and diverse set of committed investors



What investiere does at this step

- 1. investiere brings together the best investors: serial entrepreneurs, industry veterans, traditional angels, Banks (e.g. ZKB) and transparently shows interests, commitments
- 2. investiere ensures proven contracts and

What others say

Testimonials



There is no one like investiere that can bring more than CHF 700'000 in just a few weeks. The investiere team stayed with us throughout the process and helped solving all challenges along the way.

Patrick Richter, CEO Agile Wind Power



investiere proved to be a strong partner: many of its private investors are entrepreneurs well known in Switzerland and abroad. A special thanks goes to the investiere team for its extremely valuable support in structuring and coordinating the deal. They clearly understand the issues every startup is confronted with and helped me navigate the complex process of a demanding financing round.

Mathias Haussmann, CEO Uepaa(!!)



investiere.ch were the first to recognize the potential of our case and provided a lead investor who was crucial to open doors to other investor circles.

Samuel Sonderegger, CEO Attolight



"... seriöses Crowd-Funding wie www.investiere.ch - die Plattform ist langjähriges SECA-Mitglied und verfügt über einen tiefen Erfahrungsschatz im Crowd-Funding ..." (Maurice Pedergnana, SECA General Secretary) [03.05.2012]

Neue Zürcher Zeitung

"Bei den Investoren handle es sich oft um erfolgreiche Geschäftsleute, die nochmals etwas «reissen» wollten, ohne selbst ein Unternehmen zu gründen." [12.07.2012]



"Für die Schweizer Cleantech-Szene ist die Finanzierungsrunde eine gute Neuigkeit: Es handelt sich um die erste signifikante Frühphasen-Investition in ein Schweizer Cleantech Start-up seit langem." [19.06.2012]

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