

Telecom Crisis Venture Capitalist Point of View

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Agenda

- Venture Capital as business
- Startupfactory as a case example
- Telecom is there a crisis?
- What matters in mobile internet?
- · How ideas are evaluated
- Conclusions





Venture Capital Business

- Origin in the post 2nd world war U.S.
- Investing in unlisted securities
- Higher risk, higher return expectations
- Traditionally active involvement from investors
- Different stages and instruments
- VC makes money through company trade sales or public offerings



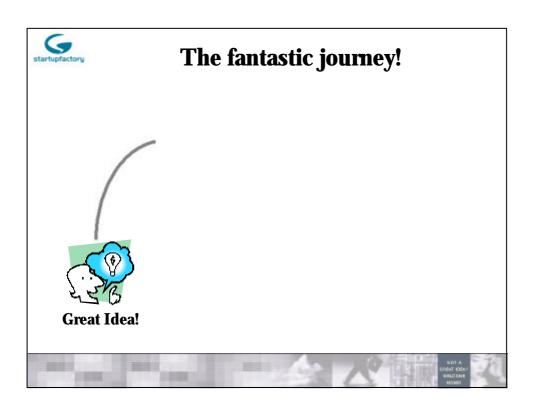


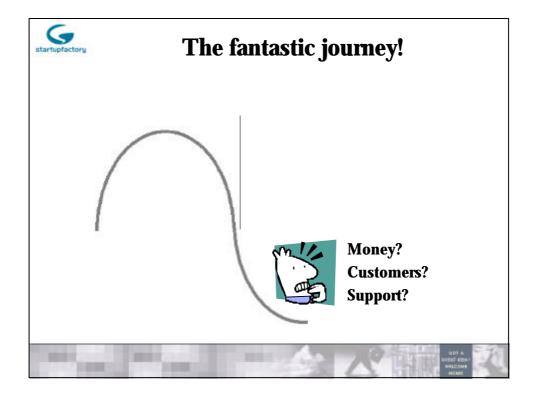
European Venture Capital Statistics

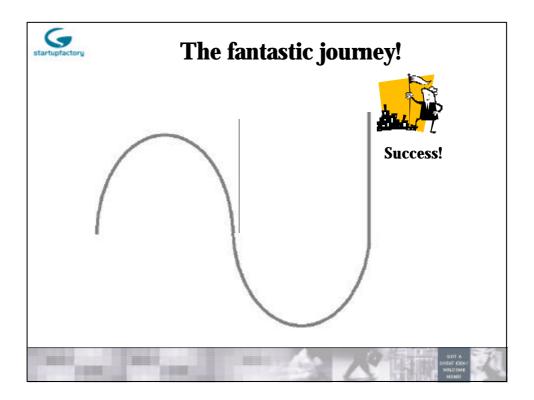
- Europe: 5,88 billion euros during 1-3Q/2001 (September 873 million!)
- Finland: 418 investments totalling 400 million euros in 2000
- year 2001 in Europe expected to finish 16 to 20 percent below 2000
- major sector rotation: internet & e-commerce from 58.5 % in 2000 to 19 % in 2001 (9 % in Q3!)
- **Q3/2001**: biotechnology 21 %, telecom ~19 % (broadband), network hardware 17%, semiconductors & computer hardware 15 %, wireless 15 % source: Tornado Insider













Startupfactory

- Nordic early stage venture capitalist focusing on the IT, datacom and telecom industries
- Offices in Helsinki & Stockholm
- Team comes from Nokia, Ericsson, Microsoft, Sonera, Telia and McKinsey
- ~1,800 business plans analyzed in 16 months
- EUR 55 million fund
- 12 investments made (Sweden, Finland, U.S. and Israel)









Investment Portfolio Examples



- u-NAV Microelectronis
- Xelerated Packet Devices
- MatchEm
- Picofun
- OTM Technologies















Pen – The Most Natural Input Device in the World





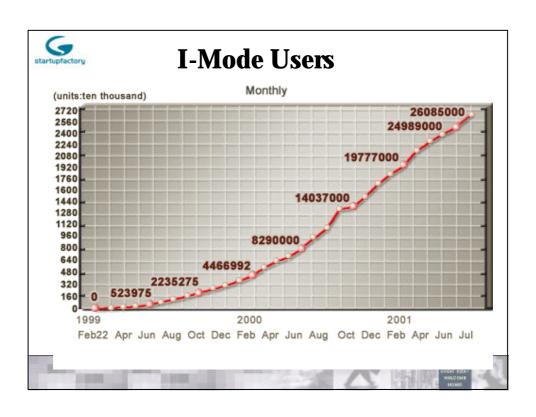


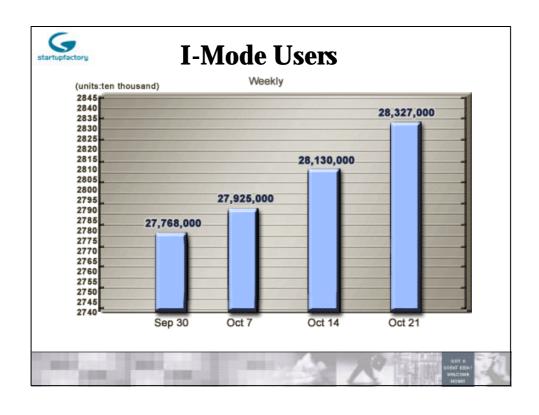
Telecom Crisis?

- Venture capital investments dropped
- Operators debt burden slowing down investments
- Slower than anticipated acceptance of value added mobile services, WAP disappointment
- 3G uncertainties

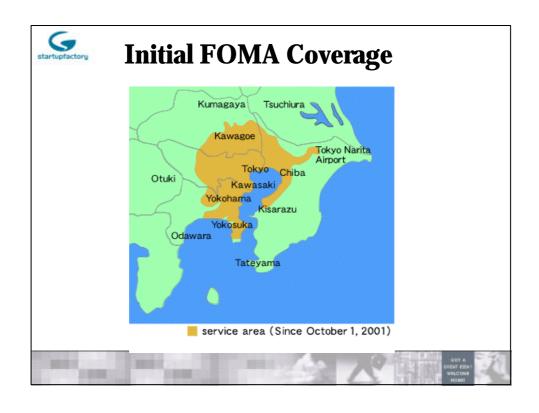
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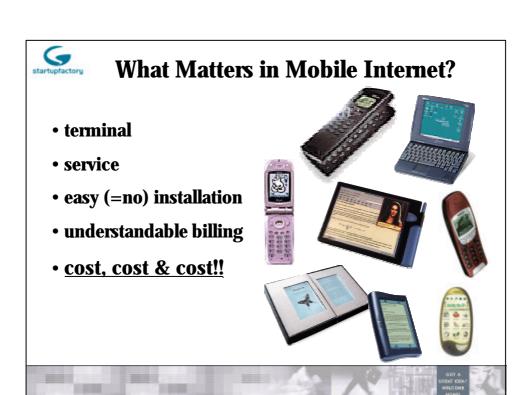


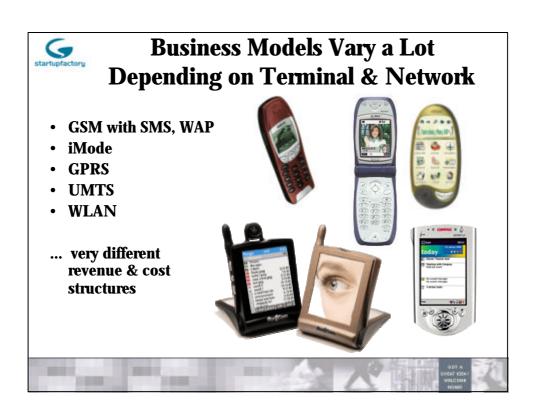














All this is needed...

- 1) Team
- 2) Technology
- 3) Market



1. Present the Team

- Key members
- Commitment
- · Track record
- References
- Execution power
- Magnets to attract the best people



2. Explain Your Idea

- What is the product / service
- Who is the customer
- What is your competitive advantage
 - Why the customer buys from you
 - Who are the competitors
 - Why are you better
 - How do you sustain your advantage
- · How much the customer pays for the product
- What is your execution plan





3. Demonstrate that You Understand the Dynamics of Your Industry

- Consumers
- Your customers
- Big players strategy
- Value chains

- Competitors
- Partners
- Distribution
- Capital markets





Startup Claims that Turn off Investors

- "Our estimates are conservative"
- "According to Gardner Group our market is \$50 billion by 2005"
- "We have no competition"
- "Nokia will sign our deal next week"
- "I have lot of people ready to join as soon as we get financing"
- "Our patents make our business defensible"
- "All we need to get is 1 % of the market"

Source: Guy Kawasaki article in HBR





Conclusions

- Capital market crisis does not change the need for technology innovation
- Next generation mobile & internet will be a major opportunity
- Timing & exact roadmap are big uncertainties, opening up opportunities for skillful entrepreneurs & venture capitalists
- Dont compare too much with i-mode. It is very different.
- Do not count exclusively on any single network technology!!!







Thank you!

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