

How to realize your global opportunity

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Win technology race on the Global scale

Think global from day one!

World is flat and only political borders are on your way!

No one has privilege on the innovation, idea, technology... and victory

Talents available everywhere, no needs to the physical move

Foundations for successful <u>global</u> deals originating in emerging region

Essential ingredients in place

- Very strong education system (a
- Culture of innovation; emerging entrepreneurship
- Presence of many multinationals
- Early "entrepreneurial" success stories
- High Internet and mobile phone penetration
- Supportive public policies

Increasing activity

- Established companies with "proven technologies" seeking to gain market share and expand globally – many with \$2 Million+ in revenue
- Entrepreneurs outside of the region seeking to leverage technical talent in the region

What we gained in Russia so far:





How do YOU get Noticed ? Solve in order:

- Team: have they done this before, are they good, who are they ? #1 !!
- Market: how large, how do they get what %, how much \$ to get there, sales model is direct, Web, viral ? Does it make sense ?
- Technology: unique ? Does it work ? Defensible ? How hard ? Patentable ?
- Financing: How much to get to which milestone, we like shipping + 6 mos.

Common Mistakes



Take too much money ! Try to be profitable too soon !

- Mistake early revenue vs Growth. Build the company.
- Hire only world class people

Remember that Venture money is the most expensive loan on earth

Areas of Intense VC interest - 2012

Big Data	 Unprecedented growth of useable data Further growth to come from developing "internet of things" Revenue driving insights are buried in the data, right tools are key, inability to locate treasures within the noise
Virtual Nets SDN	 Virtual CPUs, but nets remain locked to physical location Function tied to custom silicon going away (x86 model) Open Flow, Open Stack with relevant protocols, huge. SDN. Software Defined Network - Vyatta
'At Scale' computing	 NoSQL – Mongo, SimpleDB, Cassandra, Hazelcast PaaS – Jelastic, SaaS, IaaS Avro/Thrift, AppDynamics, read Netflix arch papers "Datascope Project" for PB datastore sifting

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Innovation hub – a Real Shot at Success, at Last

- Getting Motivation Right
- Innovative projects have long term horizons, 5 20 years. How to motivate in a high discount rate environment?
- Public perception of the innovator should change from "mad scientist" into a "cool entrepreneur"
- Aligning Social Benefits
- Faster and easier immigration and visas for foreign talent
- Faster and less restrictive customs
- Lower tax burden for high technology entrepreneurs

Supporting with Public Grants

- Grants are not supposed to generate direct returns
- But payback in job creation, salaries, taxes, positive PR is a greater good
- Not a perfect system, but works when properly focused



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Key Challenges for Innovation Hub

Understand Media Bashing

- Lack of clear transparency, information and integration with international efforts
- Few true local success stories yet
- But: If people hate you, you must be doing something right

Getting to Top 3%

- How to get top 3% of global entrepreneurs, engineers, investors and companies to participate and truly support?
- Value of "freedom" and "flexibility" forgetting about Bottom 30%

Consistency

- Great ideas require hard, consistent efforts to be properly implemented - no substitution for long and tedious work
- Consistent government policy for other relevant projects





Discussion and Q/A Time. twitter @agalitsky Thank you!