#### Guidebook to:

# The Human Capital Advantage

# A CURRICULUM FOR EARLY STAGE VENTURES

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#### SECTION 1

## Introduction



#### Introduction

START-UPS SHOULD
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Increasing evidence indicates that start-ups should develop their human capital strategies before their first hire. But given other priorities – including short-term financial pressures, lack of knowledge and/or investors emphasizing other needs – both entrepreneurs and investors give this topic cursory treatment at best.

The Hitachi Foundation (THF), which was active from 1985 through the end of 2016, focused on business practices that both measurably improved economic opportunities for low-wealth individuals and enhanced long term business value. THF's Good Companies at Work program identified and profiled close to 100 mature businesses, primarily in healthcare and manufacturing, whose innovative people strategies underpin company success. While there are many differences across sectors, one thing these companies (referred to as "Pioneer Employers") share is their recognition that delivering top-quality products and services that meet or exceed customer demand starts with their people. These companies outperform their peers and provide strong returns for workers, shareholders, and communities.

The Foundation's Entrepreneurship at Work program, informed in part by the practices of the Pioneer Employers, began introducing earlier stage entrepreneurs to the need to not only focus one's business externally (products, sales, customers, investors) but also internally (workforce, operations, management, culture). The program also noted that having conversations with entrepreneurs about operational excellence cannot occur without holding a comparable set of discussions with investors.

In May of 2015, THF convened a group of practitioners and thought leaders to brainstorm approaches to encourage early-stage entrepreneurs to incorporate people-strategies into their businesses, and ways to best encourage investors to assess and promote these strategies. Shortly afterwards, THF engaged <a href="Broughton Consulting">Broughton Consulting</a>, LLC to develop The Human Capital Advantage: A Curriculum for Early Stage Ventures.

#### DESIGNED FOR EARLY STAGE ENTREPRENEURS

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In the fall of 2015, THF and Broughton Consulting began working with the Village Capital 2015 U.S. Health Cohort, a group of 12 early stage entrepreneurs focused on health solutions designed to bridge the "health-wealth" gap. The ventures took part in a 3-month program designed to help the businesses scale and become investment ready. Entrepreneurs also had opportunities to build relationships with mentors, potential investors, customers, and stakeholders. The program culminated with two of the ventures receiving investment capital.

THF and Broughton Consulting engaged with the cohort, testing components of the Human Capital Advantage curriculum once a month for those three months. Feedback from this group was critical in enabling us to design curriculum content and delivery mechanisms with the needs and temperament of early stage entrepreneurs at the forefront. Kevin Davis of Rebound Technologies also provided key early feedback on content, and leaders from

#### **CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

### Management practices and nuts and bolts

The Human Capital Advantage Curriculum is comprised of five modules which contain a mix of management best practices (e.g., an intentional focus on organizational culture, participatory management practices, emotional intelligence 101), and more nuts and bolts information about specific practices (such as hiring, onboarding, providing better than basic benefits, and building a learning organization).

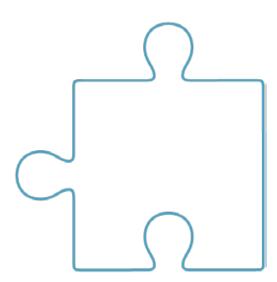
### Fluid and adaptable

The curriculum is highly fluid and may be adapted based on the needs and stage of the particular cohort being trained. It is applicable to all businesses, but contains optional content specifically geared towards businesses that employ hourly/ frontline employees. It is written with a U.S. focus, but can be adapted to an international audience. An overview of the five modules, guidance for their use, and a snapshot of their original content can be found later in the Guidebook.

#### **CONTENTS OF GUIDEBOOK**

This Guidebook to The Human Capital Advantage includes the following:

- Making the case about why focusing on operational excellence and human capital early in a startup's life cycle can be a strong competitive advantage
- Specific guidance for trainers on how to use the curriculum
- An overview of the curriculum at the time of publication (recognizing that the curriculum is fluid and will change and evolve as it is used)
- Additional resources for trainers and investors



#### SECTION 2

# The Human Capital Advantage



#### The Human Capital Advantage

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create a curriculum encouraging early stage entrepreneurs to invest time and resources in their human capital strategy early in their life cycle, when they are consumed with concerns such as proof of concept, customer acquisition, and raising capital? Because the world is changing at an exponential rate, and organizations need to be able to change, adapt, and innovate equally fast in order to maximize their chances of surviving and thriving. Traditional top-down management systems, which were critical during the past 100 years in maximizing efficiency and standardization, must be updated to allow innovation to flow from the bottom up. As Gary Hamel, professor at the London Business School and director of the Management Innovation eXchange (MIX) says in his 15 minute MIX lecture titled Reinventing the Technology of Human Accomplishment<sup>1</sup> the three major challenges facing organizations today are:

- 1. How can you build a company that can change as fast as change itself?
- 2. How can you create an organization where innovation is the work of everybody, all the time, every day?
- 3. How do you create an organization where people are willing to bring you the gifts of their initiative, creativity and passion?

Meeting these challenges may seem daunting, but Hamel is optimistic. As he says in the same lecture, "For the first time since the Industrial Revolution, you can't build a company fit for the future without building one that's fit for human beings." That is, organizations must be more like humans, who are extremely adaptable and resilient. Characteristics of successful organizations, according to Hamel, include:

- Openness/transparency
- Meritocracy
- Flexibility
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Engagement
- Accountability
- Learning from the fringe

This is what the Human Capital Advantage Curriculum is designed to address – a new way of doing business that <u>engages employees</u> fully at all levels and allows organizations <u>1.http://www.managementexchange.com/video/gary-hamel-reinventing-technology-human-accomplishment</u>

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to innovate at a fast enough rate to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

### **Competitive Advantage**

Increasingly, data shows that companies that have strong human capital and operational excellence practices have a competitive advantage and are more able to compete over the long term. Yale professor James Baron studied several hundred high-tech Silicon Valley startups from the mid-1990s until 2002 and found that it is much easier to get the culture and human resources blueprint right early in the life of a venture than to go back and try to change it later. Even more significantly, firms that established a strong and healthy culture from the beginning had a better chance of long term survival. Finally, firms that had a culture of engaging all employees for the long term (which he called "commitment" firms) performed better and endured longer than those that focused rewards on a few star performers at the expense of the rank and file (called "star" firms).

According to Baron and his co-author Michael Hannon: "The field of competitive strategy teaches that for something to be a source of competitive advantage, it must be relatively scarce and difficult for competitors to emulate. This appears to be just as true in the arena of human resources strategy. Perhaps one reason for the relatively good performance of our Commitment model firms is precisely that it is a blueprint that runs counter to the conventional wisdom, which pronounced it unworkable in Silicon Valley in the late-1990s. The signals a company sends by championing the Commitment blueprint are especially powerful in a world in which relatively few companies are sending those signals."

But can this strategy be used in the service industry, which is known for paying low wages and offering indifferent or even poor customer service in order to keep prices low? MIT professor Zeynep Ton calls that a "bad jobs strategy" and demonstrates that there is an alternative – service firms that invest in employees and in operational excellence in order to provide great customer service – and are more profitable as a result. Ton studied four service industry firms that exemplify this "good jobs strategy:" QuikTrip, Costco, Trader Joe's, and Mercadona, a Spanish grocery store chain.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> James Baron and Michael Hannon, "Organizational Blueprints for Success in High-Tech Start-Ups: Lessons From the Stanford Project on Emerging Companies," California Management Review, Volume 44, No. 3 (Spring 2002) <a href="https://cmr.berke-ley.edu/documents/sample\_articles/2002\_44\_3\_4776.pdf">https://cmr.berke-ley.edu/documents/sample\_articles/2002\_44\_3\_4776.pdf</a>

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To quote Zeynep Ton: "These companies provide jobs with decent pay, decent benefits, and stable work schedules. But more than that, these companies design jobs so that their employees can perform well and find meaning and dignity in their work. These companies, despite spending much more on labor than their competitors do in order to have a well-paid, well-trained, well-motivated workforce, enjoy great success. Some are even spending all that extra money on labor while competing to offer the lowest prices, and they pull it off with excellent profits and growth." <sup>3</sup>

These companies also enjoy much lower employee turnover and the resulting savings in recruiting, hiring, and training new employees (50% to 200% of that employee's annual salary, according to the Society of Human Resources Management).<sup>4</sup>

### Human Capital as a Strategic Focus

Early stage ventures are generally able to adapt quickly, with team members wearing multiple hats. But as they grow, they tend to adapt existing command and control, hierarchical management structures that are no longer optimal for the pace of global change. By encouraging a new way of managing early in the life of a venture – one that sees human capital as a strategic advantage rather than merely an administrative task – that venture may be able to avoid the ossification that could stifle its competitiveness later in its lifecycle.

In a 2012 internal survey, alumni of Village Capital (at that time a global network of more than 400 entrepreneurs – now many more), cited talent acquisition and retention as their number one barrier to growth, surpassing financing. "Through interviews and surveys, we have consistently seen that firms view human capital as a reactive need instead of as a distinct vertical of their business. Likewise, HR is often perceived as a division of a department, instead of as a core strategic priority."

The majority – 78 percent – of organizations surveyed for the report did not have a dedicated human resources professional. Even more – 90 percent – considered human resources to be an administrative rather than strategic function. The report concluded that "Given its importance, the community of practitioners who support entrepreneurs

<sup>3</sup> Zeynep Ton, "Why Treating Your Employees Fairly Can Atually Boost Your Profits," Fast Company, <a href="https://www.fastcompany.com/3027244/4-low-cost-retailers-that-are-worth-more-than-youd-think">https://www.fastcompany.com/3027244/4-low-cost-retailers-that-are-worth-more-than-youd-think</a>

<sup>4</sup> Allen, David G. 2008. "Retaining Talent: A Guide to Analyzing and Managing Employee Turnover," SHRM Foundation

VENTURES WITH STRONG HUMAN CAPITAL PRACTICES MAY BE UP TO 40 PERCENT MORE PROFITABLE FOR INVESTORS OVER TIME THAN THOSE WITHOUT. needs to prioritise human capital as much as it has historically prioritised financial capital."<sup>5</sup>

They can learn from large companies such as Google, which are increasingly making human capital a strategic focus, realizing that hiring and retaining top talent and creating an environment that supports them is the only way to build an organization that can continuously innovate.<sup>6</sup> Google and others are investing in analytics to determine who to hire, how to retain them, and why they leave. According to a report from Deloitte University Press, issues of retention and engagement are now second in priority for business leaders, behind the challenge of building global leadership. "The balance of power has shifted from employer to employee, forcing business leaders to learn how to build an organization that engages employees as sensitive, passionate, creative contributors. We call this a shift from improving employee engagement to a focus on building an irresistible organization."7

#### **Better for Investors**

Investors also benefit from encouraging a focus on human capital from the beginning of a venture's lifecycle. Data shows that ventures with strong human capital practices (or those that initiate self-funding human capital interventions) may be up to 40 percent more profitable for investors over time than those without. In most cases, investors would benefit from a more comprehensive human capital due diligence prior to investment, including asking questions such as, "Are employees fully engaged? Is the organization structured efficiently? Is management effective in both transformational and transactional influence? Do we have too many employees or too few to achieve business objectives? Are there too many, insufficient or poorly designed HR programs?"<sup>8</sup>

#### A coalition of 25 diverse global investors representing \$2.6 <u>trillion in ass</u>ets, called The Human Capital Management

**5** Ross Baird and Simon Desjardins, "Show Me What You Can Do: Diagnosing the Human Capital Challenge for Social Entrepreneurs and Exploring Emerging Solutions," Shell Foundation and Village Capital, 2015, <a href="http://www.shellfoundation.org/ShellFoundation.org/new/media/Shell-Foundation-Reports/Show-me-what-you-">http://www.shellfoundation.org/new/media/Shell-Foundation-Reports/Show-me-what-you-</a>

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**6** Dr. John Sullivan, "How Google Became the #3 Most Valuable Firm by Using People Analytics to Reinvent HR," ERE Media, February 2013, <a href="https://www.eremedia.com/ere/how-google-became-the-3-most-valuable-firm-by-using-people-analytics-to-reinvent-hr/">https://www.eremedia.com/ere/how-google-became-the-3-most-valuable-firm-by-using-people-analytics-to-reinvent-hr/</a>

**7** Josh Bersin, "Becoming irresistable: A new model for employee engagement," Deloitte Review Issue 16, January 2015, https://dupress.deloitte.com/dup-us-en/deloitte-review/issue-16/employee-engagement-strategies.html

8 Dr. Solange Charas, "Should we quantify the impact of human capital? Returns can be 40% higher," Pitchbook, February 2015, <a href="http://pitchbook.com/news/articles/should-we-quantify-the-impact-of-human-capital-returns-can-be-40-higher">http://pitchbook.com/news/articles/should-we-quantify-the-impact-of-human-capital-returns-can-be-40-higher</a>

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Coalition, has begun engaging with large retailers and other companies on questions of human capital management that directly impact financial returns. The group cites the "increasing volume of research demonstrating the link between levels of employee engagement and share-price performance of public companies" as their motivation.<sup>9</sup>

The coalition has also been influenced by a major report released in the spring of 2015 by the Pensions and Capital Stewardship Project at Harvard Law School and funded by the Investor Responsibility Research Center Institute. Titled "The Materiality of Human Capital to Corporate Financial Performance," this report is an analysis of 92 studies that examined the relationship between human resources policies and financial outcomes such as return on equity, return on investment, and profitability. The majority of the 92 studies found a positive correlation between employee training and human capital policies and investment returns.<sup>10</sup>

The report concludes that "there is sufficient evidence of human capital materiality to financial performance to warrant inclusion in standard investment analysis. However, we also find that doing so remains a challenge for a number of reasons. These range from the fact that companies do not provide investors with comparable data to a lack of consensus over which combinations of policies have the most impact on financial outcomes." The report concludes with suggestions on standard ways companies can report their human capital practices, in an attempt to overcome some of these challenges.

In addition to taking human capital into account before and during an investment, some investors are also looking at a different model. Rather than the traditional venture capital model of investing for five years or so, helping the company maximize its growth, and then encouraging an exit event such as sale of the company, these investors are following the evergreen model. In this model, investments are structured to provide ongoing cash distributions rather than an exit. The Tugboat Group, founded by longtime investor Dave Whorton, is a group of investors with this focus on evergreen investments. They are affiliated with The Tugboat Institute, a group of entrepreneurs dedicated to building companies

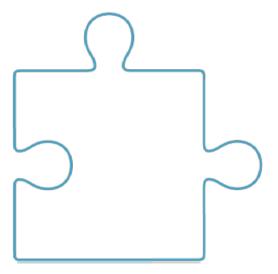
**<sup>9.</sup>** "\$2.6 Trillion Investor Coalition Sees Link Between Human Capital Management and Shareholder Return," Engagement Strategies Media, <a href="http://www.enterpriseengagement.org/articles/content/8472962/26-trillion-investor-coalition-sees-link-be-">http://www.enterpriseengagement.org/articles/content/8472962/26-trillion-investor-coalition-sees-link-be-</a>

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<sup>10.</sup> Larry Beeferman and Aaron Bernstein, "The Materiality of Human Capital to Corporate Financial Performance," May 12, 2015, <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2605640">http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2605640</a>

that have great cultures, strong human capital practices, and are built to last.<sup>11</sup>

From all this activity, it's clear that there is increasing evidence for investors of all sizes that paying attention to a company's human capital practices can be a good strategy for maximizing returns. For investors looking for guidance as to how to do this, this Guidebook provides a section on **Resources for Investors** that includes links to due diligence checklists and term sheets that take human capital into account.



<sup>11.</sup> Bo Burlingham, "How to Build a Company That Will Be Around in 2115," Inc. Magazine, 2015, <a href="http://www.inc.com/magazine/201510/bo-burlingham/built-to-last-and-last.html">http://www.inc.com/magazine/201510/bo-burlingham/built-to-last-and-last.html</a>

#### **SECTION 3**

# Guidance for Trainers Using The Curriculum





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#### **Guidance for Trainers Using The Curriculum**

THE HUMAN CAPITAL ADVANTAGE IS APPLICABLE TO ALL BUSINESS SECTORS, BUT CONTAINS OPTIONAL CONTENT SPECIFICALLY GEARED TOWARDS BUSINESSES THAT EMPLOY HOURLY/FRONTLINE EMPLOYEES.

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**Module One** is the foundation of the curriculum. It makes the case of why an early investment in human capital can be a key competitive advantage and helps entrepreneurs: identify their core values, begin to focus on creating a participatory culture, identify the next five big organizational milestones and the requisite hires/investors/partners needed to accomplish these things, develop an initial human capital vision, and practice pitching that vision.

**Module Two** builds on work done in Module One to identify entrepreneur core values and determine next hires. Elements covered include: hiring for culture fit, developing strategies to build a diverse organization, learning how to effectively onboard and mentor new employees, and clearly and consistently communicating core values.

**Module Three** focuses on compensating and incentivizing new employees through better than basic benefits, investing in employee wellness, developing smart profit sharing plans, sharing equity broadly (if applicable), and thinking about how to allocate equity fairly among startup partners.

**Module Four** provides entrepreneurs with tools to: build an organizational culture of learning and continuous improvement, create high performing teams, give and receive feedback, communicate well and manage conflict, and effectively manage employee performance.

Finally, **Module Five** addresses how to lead in a collaborative and participatory way. It includes a leadership style check in, basic principles of emotional intelligence and humble inquiry, and an introduction to the practice of open book management.

THE BACKBONE OF
THE CURRICULUM
IS A LEVELING UP
WORKSHEET THAT
CARRIES THROUGH THE
ENTIRE CURRICULUM

#### Structure

Early feedback from the Village Capital 2015 U.S. Health Cohort was key in designing a curriculum that meets the needs of early stage entrepreneurs. The curriculum features minimal but sufficient traditional lectures, a review of current practices at the beginning of each section, short case studies of mostly early and mid-stage companies to which entrepreneurs can relate, participatory exercises, and useful tools that can be applied right away.

Each of the five modules offers 45-60 minutes of prework, including articles and short videos. This ensures that participants begin with a common understanding of the upcoming module elements and a common language. The backbone of the curriculum is a Leveling Up worksheet that carries through the entire curriculum. This worksheet enables entrepreneurs to capture what they've learned in each module and set goals for their organizations.

#### Hands-on exercises include:

- Identifying core values
- Hiring for culture fit
- Understanding unconscious bias and the role it plays in hiring
- Budgeting for better than basic employee benefits
- Allocating equity fairly (and broadly)
- How to cultivate a learning organization
- Leadership style (online quiz)
- Emotional intelligence (online quiz)
- Leadership goal setting
- Practice articulating human capital strategy to investors, new hires, and other partners

#### Using the Curriculum

The Human Capital Advantage Curriculum is designed to adapt to the needs of individual entrepreneur cohorts. Combined, the five modules represent about 15 hours of training (each one takes 2.5 to 3 hours to deliver). The modules could be delivered in five sessions over a period of time, or trainers may wish to focus on only one. It is also possible to pull out sections from several of the modules and deliver them in a customized manner.

#### Each module contains:

 A detailed agenda with advance work for the entrepreneur and timing for each section

- A PowerPoint presentation with extensive notes that serves as the foundation of the module (note: each PowerPoint presentation also includes an appendix with additional slides on specific content that can be used if relevant to the particular cohort being trained)
- Hands-on worksheets and exercises

Factors to consider when deciding which modules to use as well as the additional content in the appendices include:

- Stage/number of employees at firms being trained
- Whether firms have/will have hourly employees
- Amount of time available to provide training

#### Advance Preparation

#### **Facilitator:**

- Review the overview of the five modules to determine which content is the best fit for the cohort of entrepreneurs to be trained
- Review the materials recommended in the agenda for the content you are about to deliver (note: additional materials on each topic may be found in the Literature Scan)
- Review the PowerPoint slides for the content you will be delivering (note: there are resources in the notes pages of many of the slides to aid facilitators in delivering the content)
- Think through the agenda and the timing for each segment, noting that each module generally takes 2.5-3 hours to deliver
- Email the pre-work articles/videos to the entrepreneurs who will participate in the training several days in advance so that they have time to review these materials
- Make the hands-on exercises available to entrepreneurs the day of the training, in either hard copy or electronic format
- Ensure that you have access to a laptop, projector and screen for the training session
- Note: facilitators should plan to pay copyright fees for the use of the various cartoons in the PowerPoint presentations

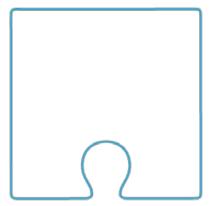
#### **Participants:**

- Review the pre-work materials in advance of the training session (estimated time to review is 45-60 minutes)
- Arrive ready to engage

#### Role of Facilitator

During the training, the facilitator has several roles. One is to serve as a content expert, knowledgeably delivering the material covered in the PowerPoint slides. Reviewing the advance material is essential, as is studying the case material to be able to present it in an engaging fashion. Another role is to ensure that participants are actively engaged in the material and with each other. The majority of the time should be spent not in lectures but in discussion. During the exercises, the facilitator should circulate the room, checking in with participants/groups to respond to any issues that arise (participants will sometimes ask questions one-onone that they may not feel comfortable asking in front of a group). In addition, the facilitator should try to ensure that all participants have an opportunity to share their opinion, drawing out quieter members as appropriate. Finally, the facilitator should ensure the training runs according to the schedule, bearing in mind that small adjustments in the timing may be necessary.

The remainder of this Guidebook consists resources for trainers, including: resources for investor; a literature scan of useful books, articles, and videos; and a snapshot of the Human Capital Advantage Curriculum at the time of development.



#### **Human Capital Advantage Curriculum Overview**

#### HUMAN CAPITAL ADVANTAGE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

### Module One: Human Capital: A Key Competitive Advantage

- Why investing in human capital is a critical component to competing, innovating, and providing excellent customer service in the fast-changing global economy
- Why culture matters
- Core values exercise
- Exercise on next 5 big things and skills/hires/advisors needed to accomplish those
- Articulate vision for investing in human capital to new hires and investors
- APPENDIX
  - Review of human capital best practices

### Module Two: Recruiting, Onboarding, Culture Building

- Hiring for culture fit
- Pursuing diversity for strength
- Effective onboarding and mentorship
- Intentional focus on culture
  - Recognition and rewards
  - Developing a culture of appreciation
  - Celebrating success and having fun
- Communicating core values clearly and consistently
- APPENDIX
  - Hiring and supporting those with barriers to employment

### **Module Three: Compensation, Benefits, Profit Sharing/Sharing Equity Broadly**

- Budgeting for human capital investment
  - Better than basic benefits for startups
  - ° Investing in employee wellness
- Profit Sharing/sharing equity broadly
  - Employee ownership: broad-based stock options, SARs
  - How to allocate equity fairly in a startup company
- APPENDIX
  - Innovative scheduling practices for workplace stability
  - Effective profit sharing
  - ESOPs for exit and engagement

### Module Four: Learning And Development

- Creating a culture of learning and continuous improvement
  - Cross training
  - Creating high performing teams
- Giving and receiving feedback
  - Managing conflict
  - ° 360-degree reviews
  - Development plans and career ladders
- APPENDIX
  - Pay for skills/measuring training ROI
  - Teaching soft skills (attendance, professional dress, conflict resolution)
  - Partnering with educational providers

### Module Five: Reenvisioning Leadership

- What kind of leader are you?
  - ° EQ 101 and online test
  - ° Servant leadership and the art of humble inquiry
- Participatory decision making
  - What structures work?
  - When is it appropriate and when is it not?
- Open book management: an operating system to help your business scale while teaching everyone to think and act like owners
  - Overview
  - Key components
- APPENDIX
  - Additional slides on emotional intelligence

### SECTION 4

## Resources



#### **Human Capital Advantage Curriculum Resources for Investors**

#### I. SAMPLE TERM SHEET LANGUAGE

- <u>Impact Terms Project</u> (covers many areas of interest to impact investors)
- World Positive Term Sheet
- Echoing Green SEEDIIT Term sheet
- One Planet Investments ITS Integrated Term Sheet with impact goals
- <u>Mission Investors Exchange</u> (must join for access to sample documents)
- Y Combinator sample legal documents
- National Venture Capital Association model legal documents (more standard terms, but may still be useful)
- Angel Capital Association Knowledge Center and particularly the video podcasts for new angel investors

#### II. SAMPLE DUE DILIGENCE QUESTIONS

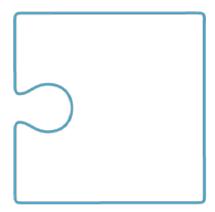
- Engagement Strategies Media: \$2.6 Trillion Investor Coalition Sees Link Between Human Capital Management and Shareholder Return (includes some of the Human Capital Management Coalition's due diligence questions)
- Solange Charas, Pitchbook: <u>Should we quantify the impact</u> of <u>human capital? Returns can be 40% higher</u> (includes some due diligence questions)

#### III. MEASURING IMPACT

- Global Impact Investing Network (a variety of resources for impact investors)
- <u>B Corporation</u> (rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, accountability, and transparency)
- <u>B Analytics/GIIRS Ratings</u> (GIIRS Ratings are the gold standard for impact measurement in impact investing)

#### IV. USEFUL ARTICLES

- Aner Ben-Ami, Transform Finance: <u>Square peg, Round</u> <u>Hole: Innovating Finance For Social Enterprises</u>
- Larry Beeferman and Aaron Bernstein, Investor Responsibility Research Center Institute and Harvard Labor and Worklife Program: <u>The Materiality of Human</u> <u>Capital to Corporate Financial Performance</u>
- TONIIC: The 7-Step Framework (see particularly Step 3: <u>Conducting Due Diligence</u> and Step 4: <u>Getting to Deal Terms</u>
- Daniel Epstein, Huffington Post: <u>Beyond Debt and Equity</u>: <u>My Love for Quasi-Equity</u>



#### **Human Capital Advantage Curriculum Literature Scan**

#### I. GENERAL

- The Hitachi Foundation: **Business Action Guide Series**
- The Hitachi Foundation: <u>Doing Well And Doing Good</u>: <u>Pioneer Employers Discover Profits and Deliver</u> <u>Opportunity for Frontline Workers</u>
- Zeynep Ton, MIT Sloan School of Management: <u>The Good Jobs Strategy</u>
- Anne Claire Broughton, SJF Institute: <u>Employees</u>
   <u>Matter: Maximizing Company Value Through Workforce</u>
   <u>Engagement</u>
- Jody Heymann, Harvard Business Press: <u>Profit at the</u> <u>Bottom of the Ladder.</u>
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- SRC Video: <u>The SRC Story</u>
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- The Hitachi Foundation: <u>Business Action Guide: Peer Reviews: Optimax</u>
- About Money: <u>360 Degree Feedback: The Good, the Bad,</u> and the Ugly

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- The Hitachi Foundation: <u>Business Action Guide: OBM:</u>
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- Ari Weinsweig, Zingerman's: <u>Five Steps to Building an Organizational Culture</u>

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- The Hitachi Foundation: <u>Business Action Guide</u>: <u>Incentivizing Continuous Improvement: Roll Forming</u>
- Alan G. Robinson and Dean M. Schroeder: <u>The Idea-Driven Organization: Unlocking the Power in Bottom-up Ideas</u>

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- Ari Weinzweig, Zingerman's: <u>A Culture of Positive</u> <u>Appreciation</u>

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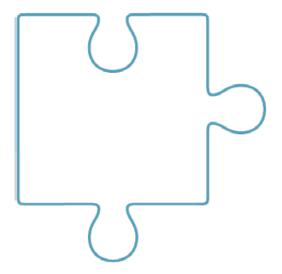
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#### MODULE 1

Human Capital as a Key Competitive Advantage

#### MODULE 2

Recruiting, Onboarding, Culture Building

#### MODULE 3

Compensation, Benefits, Sharing Equity Broadly

#### **MODULE 4**

**Learning and Development** 

#### MODULE 5

Reenvisioning Leadership