

Accounting 4 Growth (A4G): CPD to Support Advisory Skills of Professional Accountants

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Introduction

- In this session we will look at an online course which is almost produced which aims to provide SME advisors with a good overview of private equity
 - Debrief the face-to-face events in October, 2019
 - PE activity is slowly picking-up, the reforms are helpful
 - Please help us disseminate this course
- Discussion on CPD being developed in the region and opportunities to develop some high quality region specific courses

Overview of the Introduction to Private Equity Course

Approach of the course

Course is structured into 10 modules each covering an important theme.

Presentation of the concepts cemented by real life case studies and exercises.

Each module has an end-of-module mini exam.

Participants will acquire a solid knowledge of the impact and role of private equity as a form of financing, management and corporate governance.











Module 1 – Equity Investment and Private Equity

Overview

An overview of the dynamics of the venture capital and private equity market and how fund managers identify investments.



What's different about the 22,000 SMEs that private equity firms have invested in in Europe compared with the 20 million European SMEs?

Interactive Materials

Screening challenges

Screening checklist











Module 2 - Use of Funds

Overview

An overview of how investors would like to see invested funds used and how companies can respond with a thought out plan to present including cash balances for growth stage companies and when further liquidity will be required. We also discuss bolt-on acquisitions as a use of funds which is common in PE, as a quicker solution than organic growth.

Objective:

Determining use of funds: money-in vs money-out



Capex vs debt reduction vs working capital



Bolt on acquisitions



PE investors want to know and control how their money is spent. A bolt-on acquisition is an exciting way to grow but has risks to be managed.

Interactive Materials

Artemis acquisition synergies











Module 3 – Getting investor interest

Overview

A video "elevator pitch" will be developed.

Objective:

Best practices in creating an Investment Teaser

How to create a 90 second "elevator pitch" video



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Interactive Materials

Case studies – Analysing different Teasers from Region

Video: What is an "Elevator pitch"

Example: FinTech
Safety Deposit Boxes
Concept











Module 4 - Negotiating private equity investment

Overview

The approach to negotiations is a factor of personal style, cultural factors and private equity specific approaches. In the face to face session a live negotiation role play will be held to underpin the concepts.

Analysing negotiating style Cultural specifics in negotiations Objective setting and planning in negotiation process and the PE approach to negotiations: win-win

PE Funds are able negotiators. You will be able to play a constructive role with a better understanding of negotiation techniques.

Interactive Materials

Exercise 10.1 - Negotiation Self Test. You will take a test and establish what kind of negotiator you are











Module 5 - Financial statements and financial analysis

Overview

An overview of the essentials of understanding company financial statements such as financial performance, financial position and cash flow. An overview of financial ratios, how to calculate them and the story they tell. How to construct a financial analysis by putting accounts into order and constructing credible forecasts.



Accounting profits are easy to manipulate; some basic analysis techniques will allow participants to quickly spot the main issues. By knowing how to apply a couple of relevant financial ratios, one can get an immediate snapshot of the company.

Interactive Materials

Constructing financial ratios from a set of accounts











Module 6 - Company Valuation

Overview

An overview of how private equity and venture capital investors value companies, so that mutual understanding reduces risk of deals failing on valuation issues



One cannot negotiate with a private equity fund without understanding their exit driven approach to valuation and their use of different financial instruments.

Interactive Materials	DCF Valuation Exercise	Multiples valuation	Exit driven valuation
VC equity round valuation simple	VC equity round valuation complex	Valuation within deal structures	Video - What is WACC?











Module 7 - Private Equity Due Diligence

Overview

Often entrepreneurs and their service providers do not understand well the needs of due diligence by investors. This module will allow them to engage based upon understanding as well as seeing the benefits of performing a sell side due diligence. It will also provide guidance on best reporting practices for service providers.

Objective: Sell side due Due diligence cost Sell side due Consultants Best practices in due diligence diligence pre diligence as a "road management and working in due diligence and map" to facilitate apportionment reporting investment transaction broking buy side due diligence

People who think they can hide things from PE investors are fooling themselves and wasting everybody's time. A sell side due diligence is the best way to create interest and maximise chance of success.

Interactive Materials

Due Diligence supporting materials - Due Diligence Checklist Table

Case Study Due Diligence irregularities

Module 8 - Deal Structuring

Overview

Investors often employ complex deal structures. Getting comfortable with the main aspects and the reasons for these will increase chances of a successful deal.

Objective: How private equity Why PE fund **Financial** Main obstacles to Private equity managers like and venture capital instruments used successful deals aspects: veto rights, funds approach deal complexity in deals flipover mechanisms, escrow accounts structuring

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Interactive Materials

Case study 7.1 – African rubber

Case study 7.2 – Cleantech restructuring

Exercise 7.3 – Entrepreneur 50:50 dilemma Exercise 7.4 – VC funding round dilemma











Module 9 - The Term Sheet

Overview

The Term Sheet acts as the "road map" to closing any deal. Understanding its objectives and producing a well-structured term sheet, with adjustment mechanisms, is the basis of any deal.

Objective:

Uses of a term sheet and sequence in investment process

Illustration example: working through a sample Term sheet and its typical clauses - Binding and non-binding aspects

Disputes and litigation in PE







The Term Sheet is the nexus of the PE investment process. Getting it right gets the parties to closing.

Interactive Materials

Exercise - Drafting a Term Sheet for CompCo











Module 10 – Governance & Management Post Investment

Overview

Post investment, there will be significant changes to the way financial management is conducted. It is important to understand these beforehand, being the PE style approach to ownership, to the Board of Directors and to implementing Financial Systems.

Private Equity value addition model Corporate Governance in PE Post Investment Monitoring and Value Enhancement.

The PE partner is no banker or passive partner. His nose goes straight into the business and does not leave. This will require changes in mentality from the Entrepreneur which can be hard.

Interactive Materials	Reading - Venture – GlobalNet	Reading - Expansion – DCM
Reading - Buyout – Maktel	Corporate governance matrix	Exercise - Monitoring the portfolio









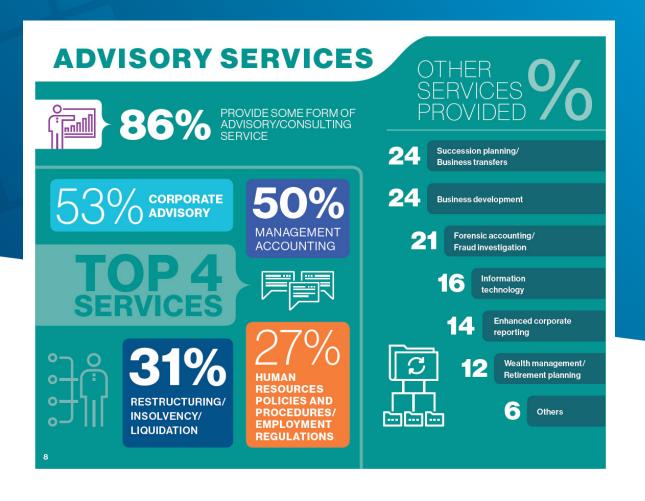


Continuing Professional Development

What CPD is offered in the region?

- Compliance v advisory
- Online v face-to-face
- For a fee v free
- What collaboration activities are currently in place to develop and/or deliver CPD training?
- What opportunities exist to collaborate further?

What advisory services to train?



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