

Creating Your Elevator Pitch

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There are more 'good' deals than money, but there is way, way more money than there are great deals.

What makes a great versus a good deal?

- A huge market
- A sustainable competitive edge
- A great business model
- Multiple potential acquirers
- A great, not a good, CEO

What's a great CEO?

 A great people person
 Someone who has good judgment out on the front line, in the trenches, where it counts

Every CEO is a CEO for the first time



Why aren't you getting funded if you have a great deal?

If you have a 'great' deal, and you are not getting funded, then:

- It's not due to a lack of money
- It's not due to the fact that you don't have a great deal (unless you are deluding yourself)
- It's all in the articulation

When the sale really takes place:

The first 10-15 seconds The next 75-80 seconds The next half hour/hour

It's not in the business plan

Keys to a great elevator pitch:

- The first 10-15 seconds:
 - What you do
 - Something that independently authenticates the importance of what you do
- The objective: "Tell me more"

The Pitch

- The 'SALE' takes place here; not in the Business Plan
- The Pain and the Solution
- Give examples that illustrate potential of the opportunity
- The Return
- Establish that there will be a 'next' conversation

Key points of your pitch:

- An iterative process
- Practice, practice, practice
- Enthusiasm
- Be authentic
- Fake it until you make it

Your Personal Coach

- Listening to their thoughts
- An iterative process
- Being totally frank
- Assume not communicating
- 'To your bones'

Remember, at some point in time somebody might have mentioned to Columbus,

> "Did you ever think of asking Queen Isabella" ...

and the world changed, right there, in that moment.

BE PREPARED!



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