Big Idea CONNECTpreneur Investor Network

VIRTUAL ROCKET PITCH + POWER NETWORKING

April 27, 2023 Connectpreneur.org





AGENDA

11:00-11:05am | VIRTUAL NETWORKING (via Private Message)

11:05-11:15am | WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS
TIEN WONG, Founder and Host, CONNECTpreneur
Community
PATRICK SHERIDAN, CEO, Modus Create

11:15-11:55pm | ROCKET PITCH SESSION Companies will be introduced by:

- MARK HAAS, CEO, AEG

- HUNTER HAINES, Associate , NEXT powered by Shulman Rogers

11:55-12:30pm | BREAKOUT ROOMS & NETWORKING (Breakout rooms hosted by presenting companies)

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SPEAKERS



TIEN WONG, CEO, OPUS8, INC. @tienwong

Tien is CEO of Opus8, an investment and advisory firm which helps technology companies and alternative investment fund managers raise capital. He is also Chairman of Lumious, a leader in corporate tech training and learning analytics, as well as Chairman of Lore Systems, a provider of network engineering, cloud computing, and strategic IT consulting. In 1991, Tien co-founded and served as CEO of CyberRep, Inc. until its acquisition in 2003 by Affiliated Computer Services. CyberRep was one of the largest CRM outsourcing companies in the world with over 2,300 employees and \$80 million in revenue. Today, the CyberRep/ACS business unit is one of the world's largest call center operations, with nearly \$3 billion in revenue as divisions of Xerox, Conduent, and Continuum. CyberRep was ranked for 4 consecutive years in INC. Magazine's "Inc. 500" as one of the fastest-growing companies in the USA. CyberRep was profitable for 11 straight years and was backed by Allied Capital Corporation.

Tien is a recognized international expert in CRM, direct marketing, and BPO, having presented at dozens of industry events around the world on CRM and BPO topics. He has provided industry commentary on the ABC, Fox, NBC, CNBC, Maryland Public Television, and China's CCTV networks, as well as Time Magazine, The Washington Post, Inc. Magazine, and Success Magazine. He serves on several boards including the Montgomery County (MD) Economic Development Corp., Center for Innovation Technology GAP Fund's Investment Advisory Board, Junior Achievement, and Refraction. He was appointed by Governor Martin O'Malley to the 9-member Maryland Venture Fund Authority which allocates and manages over \$130 million of capital which is invested into top-tier venture funds and startups. He is an Entrepreneur in Residence at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, and a graduate of Dartmouth College.



PAT SHERIDAN, CO-FOUNDER & MANAGING PARTNER, MODUS CREATE

Pat is focused on the intersection of design, technology, and business. He saw the need for a high-end product consulting firm built with open-source team design and the concept for Modus was born. Pat helps clients see new ways to tackle challenges with emerging technology and brings his unmatched passion to work every day. As a serial entrepreneur and active startup mentor, he's a co-organizer of NoVa.JS and NYC.JS. He is a 2011 graduate of Mind Share, received his MBA from Georgetown University, where he is currently an Entrepreneur-in-Residence, and holds a BFA from the Corcoran College of Art and Design, where he currently serves as an advisory council member for the George Washington University Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

PRESENTING COMPANIES

- Gembah Henrik Johansson
- getGFTD Nina Guise-Geritty
- iQure Pharma- Pawel Zolnierczyk
- **One Health Group- Albert Di-Rienzo**
- Shaker & Spoon Mike Milyavsky
- WheelTug Isaiah Cox

Gembah **Executive Summary April 2023**

Company: Gembah, Inc. Address: 908 E. 5th Street, Suite 908, Austin, TX, 78702 USA Email: henrik@gembah.com Website: gembah.com

The world's first B2B marketplace for new consumer products. The Gembah platform leverages Al and data-driven insights to identify new consumer products based on e-commerce sales, search, and buyer review data. Factories review and reserve new products that they can manufacture, and post them for brands to buy and become the exclusive seller of.

Key Customers

MUD\WTR native pet

HEXCLAD 😻 babylist THRASIO Vivante

Target Customers

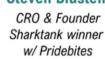
- E-commerce brands (FBA, Shopify)
- D2C and Retail brands (Home, Pet, Baby, Toys, Sports & Outdoors)
- B2B product companies

Leadership Team



Henrik Johansson Steven Blustein

CEO & Founder Boundless. Creditland. **Outbound Engine**





Zack Leonard COO & Founder InstaCart. KPMG



СРО Catalyst, Intrado

Customers' Problem

- Product brands must innovate to survive and thrive
- . Product development is risky, slow, and expensive
- For a SMB failure in new product development can equal complete business failure

Other Solutions

- Alibaba makes it easy to buy products that already exist, but do not provide a solution for finding/creating new products
- Sourcing agents and Design agencies are expensive and only offer part of the solution

The Gembah Solution

- Makes it easy for brands to find new products and/or to create them from scratch.
- Leverages NLP + Data to identify new product improvements consumers are looking for
- Leverages Generative AI to automatically generate and visualize new product concepts

Competitive Landscape

- No competitor offers an end-to-. end solution and marketplace for new products
- Historically brands use design agencies and sourcing platforms as a part of the solution:

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Competitive Advantage

- Drastically reduces the cost and risk with new product development, 🖕 making it affordable and accessible for SMBs on one single platform.
- More than 3,500 factories and 650 experts on the platform today
- . Reduces the cost and time to market with more than 50%.
- Reduces the risk with new product development with as much as 80%

Revenue Model

Subscription Plans

- Factories \$2,400 / year
- Brands \$1,200 / year _

Reservation Revenue

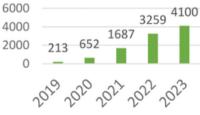
- Factories \$100 per product
- Brands \$500 per product

Project Revenue

- Design Project AOV: \$24.2K
- Supply Chain AOV: 11.6K

Traction





Fundraising History

- \$11M Series-A in June-21
- \$3.3M Seed in May-20
- Currently raising \$4M Series-A1 round, led by existing investor ATX Venture Partners
- Terms are attractive to new investors

Bridget Sandoval



getGFTD

Value Proposition: getGFTD is a unique mobile app that allows you to send a specific service or item from a friend's, family member, or co-worker's personalized Wishlist to them anytime – anywhere! The inter-app digital wallet is funded with the amount you sent for a specific gift to show your appreciation or recognition. In a world were impersonalization and distance are barriers, we at getGFTD have closed that gap.

Company Background: Founded because traditional gifting is impersonal, incompasteful, we tested our concept and brought to market a mobile product that and revenue.

Leadership Team: Our team has over 75 years of corporate experience in a diverse set of skills, mergers, and acquisitions to technology. Our team members who have started and grown their companies by 10x with continued growth projections. We have experience in venture capital and selling international companies.

Services: Our solution is a one-stop mobile application for achieving personal and convenient gifting based directly upon users' customized Wishlists. We offer in one mobile application services that no other company on the market does. Personalized Wishlists for every occasion, localized shopping, sustainable and convenient gift giving.

Technologies: getGFTD is singular in the market space of giving. We have successfully addressed the needs of the 97% of Americans who give gifts but do not want the waste and inconvenience of traditional options. getGFTD has provisionalpatent technology with analytical infrastructure to capture user behavior. We are a triple encrypted SaaS-based product.

Market: The gift card market currently stands at \$205 Bn in 2023 with a 19.1% CAGR and breakage of \$21. That market is ripe for disruption since Millennials and Gen Zers want experiences over items, to shop locally, and want fewer and fewer gift cards – only 35%. 18–28-year-olds are our fist movers. They are employed, tech-savvy, trend setters actively using their mobile devices for commerce and convenience impulse giving and receiving.

Revenue Model: Our primary income stream is a C2C model where users pay 7.5% on the cost of the service or item sent. In six

Quick Facts Company Name: getGFTD, 1

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Industry: Technology and Commerce

Domain: Software platform to peer-to-peer transactions

Bank: Chase Manhattan

Law Firm: Karceski IP – patent attorne Gordon/Feinblatt – tradema and contract attorneys

Patent Estate: 1 Provisional Patent 4 Trademarks

Number of Employees: 1 Full, 11 Contractors, 9 Advisors

Leadership Team: Nina Guise-Gerrity - CEO Folline Cullen – CFO Haseeb Mughal – CTO Hunzala Rajput - CMO

Amount of Financing Sought \$250K

Use of Funds:

months, the local business partnering with getGFTD will pay a monthly subscription fee to be featured on the Trending page and within the matching category. Our extensive analytics gives us user information to use ion future advertising and for paid influence marketing.

Competition: While we have indirect competitors, we have a blue ocean in the competitive landscape by excelling money transfer-gifting to be local, service-oriented, and personalized. We offer what no other app does in a seamless and encrypted product.

Financial Projections (Unaudited):					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Revenue	1,400	\$384,000	1,2000,000	2,324,000	4,775,000
Users	400	8,000	25,000	45,000	87,500



Cutting edge non-opioid treatment for drug-resistant epilepsy and neuropathic pain

\$2.3MM Capital Raise – it is a perfect timing to join iQure now and benefit from Series A Preferred Shares and high warrant coverage (40%)

iQure Pharma develops breakthrough novel treatment for unmet medical needs: drug-resistant epilepsy and neuropathic pain. iQure Pharma is run by an experienced senior team of new drug developers with a strong focus on exit (license deal to a big pharma partner).

iQ-007 is a small molecule with first-in-class mechanism of action that regulates clearance of excess glutamate in the synaptic cleft. Whereas excess glutamate is proved to be a cause of epilepsy and other neurodegenerative diseases. The beauty of this novel mechanism of action is its simplicity and that it enhances naturally occurring system in organisms to regulate glutamate level and thus there are no side effects seen on animal models. This mechanism of action has lured attention of the industry and iQ-007 experiences unprecedented market traction with strategics.

iQ-007's unique selling point is efficacy in virtually all models of drug-resistant epilepsy with extraordinary safety profile. The compound has been heavily screened by the NIH in its Drug-Resistant Epilepsy Screening Program with excellent results.

Second indication for iQ-007 is neuropathic pain. iQure Pharma has also a back-up compound for neuropathic pain with efficacy better than the current standard of care.

Reasons to invest:

- Multi billion \$ markets, unmet medical and social needs: Drug-resistant epilepsy (30% of patients do not respond to currently available treatment, \$3Bn), neuropathic pain (highly unsatisfactory efficacy of current standard of care pregabalin – 1 in 4 persons responds, this devastating condition turn patients with insufficiently effective treatment to opioids; \$9Bn)
- Clear path to exit via out-licensing of therapeutic candidates to big pharma partner; exit proceeds in form of upfront payment, milestone payments and royalties from a license deal
- Big pharma is excited about iQ-007 (three deep dive scientific due diligence completed), exit within 3-4 years with expected ROI 9x with very high upside potential in longer term up to 140x in case the therapeutic with blockbuster potential is on the market
- Very experienced management team in managing biotech spin-offs and exiting them and in drug development (former senior Roche managers) backed up by strong group of advisors and professional setup of the Board
- Attractive terms of investment (Series A Preferred shares, attractive valuation of \$3.5MM, high warrant coverage 40%)
- iQure Pharma has already reached next value inflection point but decided to close Series A Preferred round at unchanged valuation so this is perfect timing to join iQure now. iQure is going to raise next and last planned round of \$7MM with VCs at higher valuation \$15MM
- Lead investor Keiretsu Forum, due diligence performed, due diligence team members invested in iQure together with Mid-Atlantic Keiretsu fund run by Howard Lubert and Scott MacColl. Brain Cain – due diligence leader from Keiretsu invested in iQure and joined the Board.

One Health Group (OHG) onehealth

Value Proposition

Provide animal health practitioners and caregivers with diagnostic quality animal health data - anywhere, at any time, while increasing their operational efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity, resulting in optimum personalized health and wellbeing for each animal in their care.

Company Background

Founded in Q3 2017 by experienced cofounders, OHG is a medical device innovator that's focused on the intersection of animal and human health, which are intrinsically linked. Leading with animal health applications, OHG is on a mission to bring breakthrough health diagnostics, therapies, and advanced analytics to the market.

Leadership

Experienced leadership team that has worked together for over a decade on a variety of medical solutions, leveraging their 120 years of combined medical product research, development and commercialization successes to deliver over one hundred medical solutions to the market, resulting in billions in sales, and over 100 issued patents.

Products/Services

Designed in collaboration with veterinarians, OHG is bringing a comprehensive, extensively patented, and easy to use animal health platform, called Voyce, to the market. Never again do animal health practitioners and caregivers have to worry about collecting and disseminating accurate health and wellness data from those in their care, regardless of the species, breed, and setting. No other solution can deliver the breadth and depth of personalized anatomical, contextual, functional and physiological data as Voyce.

Technologies/Special Know-How

At its core, Voyce has a small sensor that uses Ultra-WideBand Radar (UWBR) to collect health data, a mobile app for health status and alerts, and a cloud-based dashboard with predictive analytics that - founded on over a million hours of collected animal data in 3,500 clinical settings. The OHG team is the leader in UWBR technology for animal health.

Voyce is easily programmed in the clinic, or remotely over the air via Careflows. The predictive analytics for personalized care are based on deep learning algorithms. No special training is required to use Voyce, or to interpret its data. Simply place Voyce on or near the animal, and Voyce does the rest. Voyce is GLP compliant, safe, and rugged.

Market (One Health Group's (TAM/SOM)

OHG is a B2B Company whose Voyce solution can be applied to every animal health market vertical, such as Veterinary Health (\$150B/\$40B), Animal Research (\$18B/\$4B), Production Animals (\$100B/\$20B), and Service Animals (\$250MM/\$125MM); all are growing at 8 - 13% CAGR. While each vertical has its own business model, for veterinary applications/utilization, they purchase Voyce for \$750/sensor, and pay \$25/month/sensor for access to data, the dashboard, upgrades, alerts, and more.

Distribution Channels

Strategic Partners (e.g., Merck, URUS, Labcorp, IDEXX, Zoetis) Channel Partners (e.g., Animal Cloud, FirstVet, Summit Animal Hospital)

Competition

Closest is PetPace, yet with far inferior capabilities. None compare to Voyce.

Quick Facts

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Website: https://onehealthgroup.com/

Industry: Animal Health & Wellness Domain: Remote Non-Contact Monitoring and AI Prediction

Bank: Wells Fargo Law Firm: Barclay Damon Patent Estate: Banner Witcoff

Number of Employees: 5

Leadership Team: Albert Di Rienzo, President Mark Frazer, EVP Quality/Regulatory Amanda Landis-Hanna, CVO **Brent Brightwell, Corp Development David Shack, Product Development** Frank Stitley, CFO

Amount of Financing Sought: \$2.0MM Bridge Round \$10MM Series A

Current Investors: Founders/Family/Friends **Pureland Global Ventures** Veterinary Angel Network (VANE) Alamo Angels North Texas Angel Network Westchester Angels

Use of Funds: 40% Development 25% Bus Dev & Marcom 10% Research

25% Operations

2022 2023 2024 2025 2025 \$0.005MM \$0.5MM \$10.1MM \$27.8MM \$152.9MM Revenue Net P&L (dollars in (\$2,70)6 \$5,405 (\$787) \$65,672 thousands)

Financial Projection (Unaudited):



Value Proposition

Shaker & Spoon is synonymous with top-notch, bar-worthy cocktail experiences that come to you, giving the knowledge and confidence to go beyond pouring a glass of wine or opening a beer. S&S is poised to capitalize on a number of different categories: *cocktail mixers (\$8B), promotional gifts (\$6B), RTD cocktails (\$6B), hospitality cocktails/gifts (\$2B), US bar/ nightclub product (\$2.5B), and DTC cocktails (\$500M)*, approximating \$25B in market size. As a largely DTC brand expanding into retail and B2B, Shaker & Spoon has a stunningly loyal fan base, engaging palates across the country and allowing users to experience the brilliance of an ever-rotating roster of the world's greatest bartenders from wherever they choose.

Company Background: Shaker & Spoon launched in 2015 with subscription and gift services, growing organically to include many new offerings (single-recipe kits, mixers, barware, and more), and a B2B program. We continue to be recognized for our quality (just named 2023's best subscription box for cocktails by *People*), have exceptional ratings and reviews, and a massively engaged audience. Recently added third-party and ad sales have each already reached 6+ figures in revenue.

Leadership Team: Shaker & Spoon's leadership team is a sharp, versatile, and balanced cohort of savvy first-time founders with a combined 20+ years of experience operating Shaker & Spoon, having bootstrapped the company to \$30M+ of revenue. We also have an extraordinary advisory board with 50+ years of experience in brand-building and 40+ years in the spirits industry.

Products/Services: With interest in cocktails having reached a fever pitch, consumers need a convenient and affordable way to experience the types of drinks that are leading the way in cocktail culture. Shaker & Spoon provides just that by sending original cocktail recipes, developed with the world's best bartenders, along with everything needed to make them (other than the alcohol). We manufacture unique bespoke ingredients via a proprietary small-batch process that matches the output of the best bars in the world, empowering our customers to create the perfect cocktail experience for any occasion.

Special Know-How:

- 7+ years of original recipe IP and data around each recipe's performance with customers
- Close relationships with the best bartenders in the world and a long history of supporting the bartending community
- Unique, vertically integrated setup and proprietary small-batch production process to create a truly unique product exactly the way it's done at the world's best bars—making our products very difficult to match, let alone beat
- Active private online community of 17k+ enthusiastic members acting as a lead converter and churn reducer

Market: Our target market is the premium, curious customer who doesn't mind spending but wants to see value for that spend. Typically in their 30s–50s with an average 6-figure income, they are split across gender and geography.

Distribution Channels: Shaker & Spoon sells primarily DTC through our website, but has been opening additional channels via third parties (UncommonGoods, about to launch on Amazon), and also has a growing B2B program.

Contact: Mike Milyavsky, Co-Founder & CEO Address: 71 Commerce St Brooklyn, NY 11231 Phone: 410-206-8803 Email: mike@shakerandspoon.com Website: shakerandspoon.com Industry: Beverage — DTC, Gifts, Hospitality Bank: Chase Number of Employees: 21 Leadership Team: Mike Milyavsky, Co-Founder & CEO Anna Gorovoy, Co-Founder & CBO Dina Epshteyn, COO Amount of Financing Sought: 1.5 million Use of Funds content creation, direct sales, headcount, marketing, profitability generation

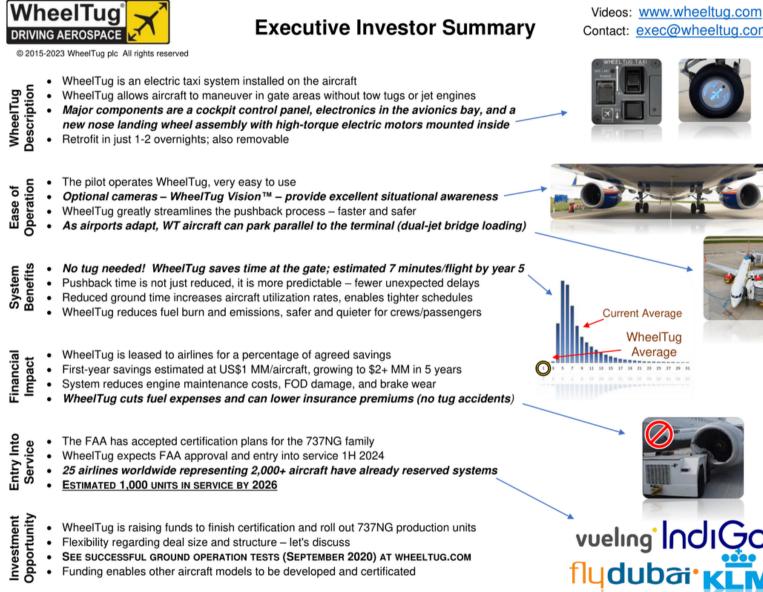
Quick Facts

Company Name:

Shaker & Spoon

Competition: Other cocktail subscription boxes provide lesser value and a worse experience, don't come close to the caliber of bartender talent that we feature, and are generally not creating bespoke products like we are.

Financial Projections (Unaudited):					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025
Revenue	9,900,000	9,300,000	15,600,000	23,250,000	34,560,000
EBIT (dollars	-646	1,200	3,000	5,300	8,950
in thousands)					



- Opportunity ٠ Flexibility regarding deal size and structure - let's discuss SEE SUCCESSFUL GROUND OPERATION TESTS (SEPTEMBER 2020) AT WHEELTUG.COM ٠
 - Funding enables other aircraft models to be developed and certificated ٠

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April 27 Attendees As of 04 26 23

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Albert	Di-Rienzo	President & Chief Innovation Officer	One Health Group	
Mike	Milyavsky	CEO & Founder	Shaker & Spoon	
Isaiah	Cox	CEO	WheelTug	

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ora	Brown	Owner	Odaa Virtual Assistant Agency
Douglas	Brown	Principal	DAB Holdings LLC
Nade	Byrd	Founder / CEO	Qepr, Inc
Matthew	Cahn	CEO	Wijja
Roger	Cameron	Director	Safer Business Growth
oe	Carlin	Principal	JonXeone Capital
Sue	Carr	President	CarrTech Corp
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