Innovative Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice

Lesson 23: Business Plan - part 2

Group business plans

Draft a business plan for your group:

- Executive summary
- Mission, vision, and culture
- Company description including team roles
- and legal structure
- Opportunity analysis and research
- Marketing strategy
- Funding request



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Management & operations - making the plan happen

Strategy and Implementation

- What is your long term plan?
- What is your short term plan?
- What do you want to achieve and by when?

Management Team

- Do you have partners?
- What are your skills?
- What are your partner's skills?
- What experience do you have?
- ▶ Do you have a business track record?

Management and operations: Making the plan happen

- ► The team must be composed of an effective balance of members with technical expertise, experience in the field, and life experience.
- Briefly discuss the current and proposed management team and reference their resumes in the appendices.
- descriptions of key roles and responsibilities

Management and operations: Making the plan happen (cont.)

Operations:

- If your business will be involved in research and development, this section should describe it.
- Include the state of development, such as prototype, testing, or commercialization.
- Any patents, patents pending, or other intellectual property should be discussed and the stage of commercial readiness.
- ► The description of the physical location is similar to the discussion of place in the marketing mix but with the emphasis on logistics and workforce readiness.

Management and operations: Making the plan happen (cont.)

Operations (cont.): proximity

- geographic proximity to customers and/or suppliers or distributors may be a critical site factor.
- ► Other aspects to consider are business-friendly laws and courts, tax rates and structures, overall quality of life, and environment.
- ► For example, if you require a concentration of highly skilled scientists, you might want to locate near a university with a strong science orientation or near other firms with similar labor-pool requirements.

Management and operations: Making the plan happen (cont.)

Operations (cont.):

- ► The business plan is an opportunity to
 - set inventory control systems,
 - production processes, and
 - quality-assurance methods.

Mind map Strategy and Implementation

1 operations

- what do you need to start to run your business?
- What do you need day-to-day, week-to-week, month-to-month?

2 plan

- What is your long term plan?
- What is your short term plan?
- What do you want to achieve and by when?

3 strategy

how are you going to achieve your plans?

4 people

- What are your skills? What experience do you have?
- Do you have partners? What are your partner's skills?

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Financial analysis & projections - translating action into money

Financial analysis

- What are your financial predictions?
- ► How much capital do you need?
- When will you break even and start making profits?
- Profit and loss tables
- Cash flow tables

the numeric representation of all that you wrote previously.

- demonstrate organizational viability in financial terms.
- likely to show initial losses, show this.
- should match both the general market and the other information you provided throughout the business plan.

Source of capital:

- Start-up costs
- description of capital requirements
- make the list as complete and accurate as possible.

Start-up cost examples:

| Energy Mavens LLC Estimated Start-Up Costs | | | | | |
|--|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Start-Up Expenses | Estimate | Notes/Assumptions | | | |
| Certifications | \$ 20,000 | Federal certifications for manufacturing | | | |
| Consulting Fees | \$ 5,000 | Manufacturing consultants | | | |
| Expensed Equipment | \$ 3,000 | Computers, printers, and the like | | | |
| Financial Institution Fees | \$ 5,000 | Loan fees at 2% | | | |
| Identity Set/Stationary | \$ 2,000 | Letterhead, business cards, envelopes | | | |
| Insurance | \$ 6,000 | 6 months | | | |
| Licenses | \$ 300 | City, State, County | | | |
| Marketing | \$ 19,000 | Pre-venture advertising and promotion | | | |
| Marketing Materials | \$ 20,000 | Website, brochures, presentations | | | |
| Owner's Wages | \$ 7,500 | Pre-opening 3 months | | | |
| Payroll (with taxes) | \$ 40,000 | Engineer and manager 3 months | | | |
| Permits | \$ 200 | Building permits for leasehold improvements | | | |
| Professional Fees - Accounting | \$ 1,000 | Set-up of accounting system | | | |
| Professional Fees - Legal | \$ 3,000 | LLC formations, lease review, contracts | | | |
| Professional Fees - Other | \$ 2,000 | Professionals involved in leasehold improvements | | | |
| Rent | \$ 15,000 | \$4.00/sq. foot - 15,000 sq. foot - 3 months | | | |
| Research & Development | \$ 5,000 | Technical analysis | | | |
| Supplies - Office | \$ 1,000 | General supplies | | | |
| Telephone/Internet | \$ 300 | \$100 per month for 3 months | | | |
| Travel/Fuel (.55xMILES) | \$ 10,000 | Pitching product to companies & investors | | | |
| Utilities | \$ 9,000 | Eventually switch over to panels | | | |
| Web Fees | \$ 500 | Web - URL and fees | | | |
| Other | \$ 300 | Accounting software | | | |
| Total Start-Up Expenses | \$ 175,100 | | | | |

Cash flow projections:

- ► This projections show cash receipts less cash disbursements over a period of time.
- Creating your cash flow projections for three years will bring financial potential and risks into clear focus both for you and your stakeholders
- lt will also allow you to review your business plan and to reconsider your business approach.
- In a start-up business, cash flow is <u>likely to be negative at various points</u>, such as the early months or in certain seasons.
- A business cannot survive long with negative cash flow, so it must increase cash coming in (revenues, loans, equity investments, and the like) and/or reduce the amount of cash going out (expenses, equipment purchases, debt repayment, for example).

Financial analysis and projections

| Exhibit 2-3 Cash Flow Calculations | |
|--|------------|
| Starting Cash | (+) |
| Cash In from Operations [Sales] | (+) |
| Cash Out from Operations [Cost of Goods Sold, Expenses, Taxes] | (-) |
| Cash In from Investing [Equity Infusions, Earnings on Investments] | (+) |
| Cash Out from Investing [Equipment Purchases, Repaying Investors] | (-) |
| Cash In from Financing [Loans] | (+) |
| Cash Out for Financing [Repayment of Debt] | <u>(-)</u> |
| Ending Cash Balance [Starting Balance for Next Period] | (=) |

Balance sheet projections:

- ► It provide snapshots of your business at specific points in time, such as the last day of a month, quarter, or year.
- ▶ Balance sheets show the business's assets (what you own), liabilities (what you owe), and net worth, or owner's equity

Assets = Liabilities + Owner's Equity

Financial analysis and projections

| Energy Mavens LLC Balance Sheet as of December 31 | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | | |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Short-Term Assets | \$200,000 | \$300,000 | \$450,000 | | |
| Long-Term Assets | 3,500,000 | 3,200,000 | 2,800,000 | | |
| Total Assets | \$3,700,000 | \$3,500,000 | \$3,250,000 | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Short-Term Liabilities | \$100,000 | \$200,000 | \$200,000 | | |
| Long-Term Liabilities | 1,500,000 | 1,050,000 | 800,000 | | |
| Total Liabilities | \$1,600,000 | \$1,250,000 | \$1,000,000 | | |
| Owner's Equity | \$2,100,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$2,250,000 | | |
| Total Liabilities & Equity | \$3,700,000 | \$3,500,000 | \$3,250,000 | | |

Income statements projections:

- ► It summarizes income and expense activity over a specified period, such as a month, quarter, or year, and shows net profit or net loss.
- ► Generally, start-up enterprises suffer losses for several months, or even a few years, depending on the type of business.
- ➤ You can show initial losses in your statements, but they must be comparable to industry norms, and you must have cash to cover any shortfalls

Financial analysis and projections

| Exhibit 2-5 | Income Statement | Summary Format |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|
|-------------|------------------|----------------|

Energy Mavens LLC Income Statement for the Year Ending December 31

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Net Sales Revenue | \$2,500,000 | \$3,500,000 | \$5,500,000 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | 1,400,000 | 1,700,000 | 3,000,000 |
| Gross Profit | \$1,100,000 | \$1,800,000 | \$2,500,000 |
| Operating Expenses | 300,000 | 400,000 | 600,000 |
| Earnings before Interest & Taxes | \$800,000 | \$1,400,000 | \$1,900,000 |
| Interest Expense | 100,000 | 90,000 | 80,000 |
| Taxes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Income | \$700,000 | \$1,310,000 | \$1,820,000 |

Breakeven analysis:

- ► This calculation will determine your organization's breakeven point—that is, when the volume of sales exactly covers the fixed costs.
- Calculating the breakeven point will help demonstrate whether there is a viable market for your business.

$$\frac{\text{Fixed Cost (\$)}}{\text{Gross Profit per Unit (\$)}} = \text{Breakeven Units}$$

Ratio analysis:

- ► This analysis help you to understand your business performance relative to your industry peers.
- A business plan should include standard ratios:
 - gross profit, quick, current, debt, collection period, receivable turnover, inventory turnover, net profit on sales, net profit to assets, and net profit to equity.

Ratio analysis:

By comparing your business from one period to another and looking at the industry norms, you can adjust the way you will operate, or you can explain why you are outperforming your industry through your competitive advantages or underperforming because of specific circumstances.

Risk and assumptions:

- All businesses take risks and make their projections based on assumptions.
- ► To present a realistic plan, you will need to state your assumptions and known risks explicitly.
- ► You will have done some of this in your SWOT analysis

Funding request and exit strategy: The ask and the return

Funding request:

- Your business plan should explicitly state the amount of funds you will need in accordance with the financial projections you provide.
- The reasoning for the request will have to be clear and compelling.
- ► Then you should identify the type of financing you require or are requesting and include your own financial contribution and that of any partners or co-owners, the amount of debt (loans) you will need to take on.

Funding request and exit strategy: The ask and the return

The exit strategy:

- The exit strategy is the way in which you and/or your investors expect to leave the company someday in a planned and orderly way.
- ► For investors, this might mean <u>a buyout plan for their equity, or an initial</u> <u>public offering (IPO)</u> when the company goes public—that is, puts itself on the stock exchange.
- ► It could mean the sale of the business when certain benchmarks are met or at a predetermined point in time.

Funding request and exit strategy: The ask and the return

The exit strategy (cont.):

- Lenders and investors will want to know how they will recoup their investment and earn enough profit to warrant the risk they are taking.
- Any business plan is only as strong as its implementation schedule.
 - ► Therefore, the schedule—timetable—of milestones (goals) that you include will be important to your business and your stakeholders.
 - ▶ By establishing realistic deadlines for the completion of activities, you demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the necessary tasks.

Finances & Financing

1 startup costs

How much capital do you need?

2 costs

- what assets do you have?
- what money will be coming in & going out each month?

3 your finances

- how much will you charge per unit & how many will you sell (per month)?
- how will this increase?

4 predictions

- What are your financial predictions?
- predict your Cash flow
- predict your monthly profit and loss
- When will you break even and start making profits?

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executive summary cover page table of contents appendices

Executive summary

This is a **summary of the whole Business Plan** and serves as an overview of your business for the reader. Fill it in as you go along, or fill it in after you have filled in the rest of the headings.

Venture Capitalists often don't read further than your executive summary, if it is not good enough. Ensure that your business concept and profitability is highlighted sufficiently in your Executive Summary.

Executive summary: A snapshot of your business

- ► This part has to be <u>compelling and comprehensive</u>.
- ► It can be the hook that either catches potential investors or loses their attention.
- The executive summary must <u>encapsulate the story of the business</u> <u>clearly and concisely, propose the funding request, and inspire</u> <u>enthusiasm for the possibility of its success.</u>

Executive summary: A snapshot of your business

- This section should be written last and limited to one or two pages.
- ▶ It should answer the who, what, when, why, and how questions for the business.
 - ► Who will manage the business? What will it do, and what is the owner asking for in the plan? When will the proposed plan be implemented? How will the business succeed?

Cover page and table of contents

Cover page

- ► The cover page should be <u>professional</u>, <u>neat</u>, <u>and attractive</u>.
- ▶ It should provide the name of the business and the principals, contact information, and any confidentiality statement.

The table of contents

► Should be sufficiently detailed so an investor or manager can easily find a section, but not so detailed that it takes up pages of the plan.

Appendices: Making the case in greater detail

- ► The appendices will provide you with <u>an opportunity to strengthen your</u> <u>business plan</u> with examples and details that are not critical for inclusion in the main portions
- ► Each appendix should be numbered and placed in the plan according to the order of reference in the text.
- The appendices should be listed in your table of contents.

put it all together

- create the mind map that puts all your mind maps together
- summarize your business
- for example
 - 1. what you know
 - 2. what you need to know / do

Thank you! any questions?