



Angel Investing & Early-Stage Investment Course

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Overview

The Angel Investing & Early-Stage Investment Course is a five-day course for angel investors, family-office teams, investment committees, founders, and finance leaders who leave with an Angel Investment Decision Pack. It connects angel investing fundamentals, early-stage investment training, startup due diligence, startup valuation, angel portfolio strategy, deal terms, governance, and exits in one decision workflow. Agile Leaders Training Center delivers this course on disciplined early-stage investment decisions.

Who Should Attend

- Functions responsible for screening startup and seed-stage opportunities
- Investment committees responsible for recommendations and approvals
- Family-office teams responsible for direct early-stage allocations
- Founder finance teams responsible for funding-round preparation
- Portfolio advisers responsible for governance and value-support decisions

The course assumes participants can interpret basic business and financial information; it excludes legal, tax, and regulated investment advice.

Departments and Industries

The course supports investment decisions across private capital and innovation ecosystems.

- Corporate finance and investment departments
- Family-office and private-capital functions
- Strategy, innovation, and corporate venture teams
- Technology, healthcare, consumer, and industrial ventures
- Accelerators, incubators, and entrepreneurship organizations

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Apply an investment thesis and screening scorecard
- Analyze startup due diligence evidence and risks
- Compare valuation methods, terms, and ownership effects
- Build an angel portfolio and follow-on reserve plan
- Evaluate board, governance, and exit choices
- Create an Angel Investment Decision Pack



Course Agenda

Day 1: Angel Investing Foundations and Risk

- Angel Investor Role and Early-Stage Capital Map
- Startup Funding Stage and Instrument Comparison
- Angel Investment Thesis Canvas
- Deal-Flow Screening Scorecard
- Early-Stage Risk Classification Matrix

Day 2: Due Diligence and Investment Selection

- Startup Due Diligence Workplan
- Founder and Management Assessment Matrix
- Market and Competition Evidence Map
- Product, Traction, and Unit-Economics Review
- Red-Flag Register and Recommendation Memo

Day 3: Valuation, Terms, and Ownership

- Startup Valuation Method Comparison
- Pre-Money and Post-Money Calculation
- Term Sheet Economic and Control Terms Map
- Convertible Instrument and Equity Comparison
- Capitalization Table and Dilution Model

Day 4: Portfolio, Boards, and Exits

- Angel Portfolio Strategy and Diversification Logic
- Follow-On Reserve Allocation Worksheet
- Portfolio Milestone Monitoring Dashboard
- Startup Board Governance Checklist
- Angel Exit Pathway Assessment

Day 5: Angel Investment Decision Practice

- Suggested Exercise: Startup Screening and Risk Classification
- Suggested Exercise: Due Diligence Evidence Challenge
- Suggested Exercise: Valuation and Term Negotiation
- Suggested Exercise: Board and Exit Scenario Review
- Capstone Exercise: Angel Investment Decision Pack

Practical Exercises

The course uses suggested activities to connect investor analysis with traceable decisions.



- Suggested activity: screen a fictional startup against an investment thesis and risk matrix.
- Suggested activity: organize due diligence findings into evidence, gaps, and decision conditions.
- Suggested activity: model valuation, ownership, dilution, and follow-on funding scenarios.
- Suggested activity: present an Angel Investment Decision Pack with governance and exit priorities.

FAQs

Who suits the Angel Investing & Early-Stage Investment Course?

Angel investors, family-office teams, investment committee members, founders, and finance professionals suit the course; it assumes comfort with basic business and financial information.

How does angel investing differ from venture capital investing?

Angel investors generally deploy their own capital individually or through groups, while venture funds manage pooled capital under a mandate. Their deal sizes, governance, portfolio construction, and decision processes can differ.

What evidence belongs in startup due diligence?

Startup due diligence can examine founders, market demand, customer evidence, product readiness, intellectual assets, business economics, financial assumptions, legal records, financing history, and material risks.

How do term sheets and cap tables affect an angel investment?

Term sheets define economic and control rights, while cap tables show ownership and dilution. Reviewing both helps an investor assess return assumptions, governance influence, and exposure to later financing rounds.

Conclusion

Participants leave with an Angel Investment Decision Pack linking thesis, screening, diligence, valuation, terms, ownership, portfolio fit, governance, and exits. The work product makes assumptions, evidence gaps, risks, and decision conditions visible. It supports consistent comparison and documented investment committee discussion.