



# Introduction to Founders Advantage Capital

*Patient. Permanent. Founders Advantage.*

# WHO WE ARE AND WHY YOU SHOULD PARTNER WITH US

## Who We Are

- FA Capital is a publicly traded investment firm (TSX-V: FCF) focused on partnering with **premium, mid-market, owner-operated businesses**
- We provide business owners with **collaborative** and **permanent** capital along with a **disproportionate share of all growth** (we might acquire 50% but may provide 75% of growth to our investee partners)
- Founded in February 2016 and headquartered in Calgary, Alberta
- Investee partners include: Dominion Lending Centres, Club16, Impact Radio Accessories, and Astley Gilbert (see Appendix for details)

## Strategic Capital Partner: Sagard Holdings

- In June 2017, we partnered with **Sagard Holdings**, securing a committed **5-year Senior Facility for up to US\$75MM (C\$100MM)**
- Subsidiary of the **Power Corporation**, a diversified international holding and management company; Notable investments include Great-West Lifeco, London Life and Investors Group

## Proven Long-Term Thinking and Leadership

- Management** has >100 years of experience across several industries with strong ties to the family office world
- Stephen Reid** (President & CEO) co-founded Alaris Royalty Corp. where he initiated key long-term relationships with business owners
- J.R. Kingsley Ward** (Chairman of the Board) is Managing Partner of VRG Capital Corp., a manager of seven family offices
- Ron Gratton** (Director) has been involved with the McCaig Family Office for >7 years

## Benefits to Business Owners

- Liquidity Event**
  - Ability to take some chips off the table through a partial (yet meaningful) liquidity event
- Owner Operated**
  - Maintain operational (day-to-day) control which helps preserve culture and key management/personnel
- Motivation and Reward**
  - Owners and management earn a disproportionate share of all growth
- Permanent Capital**
  - We do not have a liquidity timeframe so can hold investments indefinitely, removing timing uncertainty
- Balance Sheet Preservation**
  - Balance sheet of the business is left unencumbered as any acquisition leverage is held primarily on FA Capital's balance sheet

**Founders Advantage Capital: A founder-friendly alternative capital solution**

# SITUATIONS OUR STRUCTURE IS OPTIMAL FOR

## Business Owner's Situation

### Seeking a Liquidity Event

- Desires a partial liquidity event to de-risk
- Management wants to buy-out owner
- Owner wants to buy-out partner(s)

### Owner Operated

- Not ready for retirement and identifies strongly with the business
- Does not like working for a 'boss'
- Must retain company culture and build legacy

### Alignment of Interest is Critical

- Wants to grow the business prudently
- Does not like short investment horizons
- Seeking partner to share in business risk

### Confident in Company's Prospects

- High confidence in ability to achieve forecast
- Strong desire to share in continued growth

### Seeking Strategic Partnership

- Wants a partner that can help with growth
- Prefer to have a sounding board for strategic growth initiatives

### Debt Averse

- Preference for minimal leverage
- Desire for status quo capital structure

## Why Our Solution Works

FA Capital will **purchase 50% - 75%** of common equity

FA Capital is a **collaborative** partner

FA Capital's **valuation is tied to long-term portfolio growth**

Business owner receives a **disproportionate share of growth**

FA Capital has access to a **vast network of seasoned executives** in various industries

FA Capital **retains acquisition debt primarily on its balance sheet**

# INVESTMENT CRITERIA AND STRUCTURE

## Portfolio Company Characteristics

### “Not-For-Sale” Companies

- Reluctant sellers seeking to continue to operate business
- Exceptionally managed

### Successful Companies in Defensive Industries

- Non-cyclical in nature
- Low correlation to the capital markets and economy
- Strong growth characteristics

### Sustainable Free Cash Flow Generation

- Attractive margins
- Asset-light with low capital intensity
- Modest debt

## Portfolio Company Criteria

### Target Size

- EBITDA: \$4 - \$30MM
- Purchase price: \$20 - \$100MM
- Control positions (50% - 75%)

### Target Industry

- Industry-agnostic (non-cyclical businesses)

### Geography



**BUY**

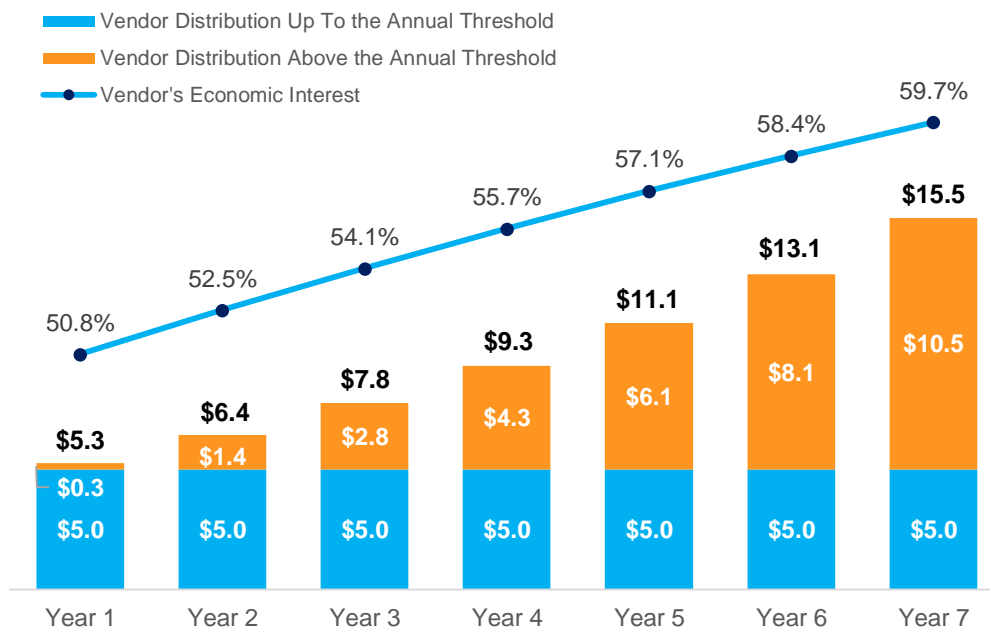
**BUILD**

**HOLD**

# ILLUSTRATIVE TRANSACTION

## Illustrative Scenario

- 1 Up-Front Structure<sup>(1)</sup>**
  - FA Capital purchases a 50% interest at an 7.0x EV/EBITDA multiple
  - Annual Threshold of \$10MM based on TTM EBITDA
- 2 Distribution Allocation**
  - Vendor receives 50% of the first \$10MM of annual distributions
  - Vendor receives 75% of all annual distributions above the Annual Threshold
- 3 Sale Proceeds**
  - Net sale proceeds are split according to Economic Interest at time of sale
  - Economic Interest = (Total Distributions Received)/(Cumulative Distributions)



## Distribution Allocation

All figures in \$MM	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Distributable FCF	\$10.4	\$11.9	\$13.7	\$15.7	\$18.1	\$20.8	\$23.9
<b>A Vendor Distribution - 50% up to the \$10MM Annual Threshold</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>
FA Capital Distribution - 50% up to the \$10MM Annual Threshold	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0
<b>B Vendor Distribution - 75% above the \$10MM Annual Threshold</b>	<b>\$0.3</b>	<b>\$1.4</b>	<b>\$2.8</b>	<b>\$4.3</b>	<b>\$6.1</b>	<b>\$8.1</b>	<b>\$10.5</b>
FA Capital Distribution - 25% above the \$10MM Annual Threshold	\$0.1	\$0.5	\$0.9	\$1.4	\$2.0	\$2.7	\$3.5
<b>Total Annual Distributions to Vendor (A+B)</b>	<b>\$5.3</b>	<b>\$6.4</b>	<b>\$7.8</b>	<b>\$9.3</b>	<b>\$11.1</b>	<b>\$13.1</b>	<b>\$15.5</b>
<b>Vendor's Economic Interest</b>	<b>50.8%</b>	<b>52.5%</b>	<b>54.1%</b>	<b>55.7%</b>	<b>57.1%</b>	<b>58.4%</b>	<b>59.7%</b>

If business sold at this point, Vendor would receive 59.7% of proceeds despite owning 50.0% of shares

(1) Assumptions: 15% EBITDA growth; 90% FCF conversion; Structured as a LP (distributions not taxed at investee level); Hypothetical sale in Year 7 for illustrative purposes

## ILLUSTRATIVE TRANSACTION (CONT'D)

### Total Proceeds and Cumulative Multiple Analysis

Analysis of Total Proceeds to Vendor (pre-tax)			
	FAC Structure	Traditional PE Structure <sup>(1)</sup>	Difference
Cash proceeds to Vendor for purchase of 50% of TTM EBITDA	<b>A</b> \$35.0	\$35.0	\$0.0
Total distributions to Vendor	<b>B</b> \$68.4	\$57.3	\$11.1 <b>E</b>
<b>Sale of Business:</b>			
Gross estimated sale price at 9.0x Year 7 EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	\$239.4	\$239.4	\$0.0
Less: debt outstanding at exit	\$0	\$0	\$0.0
Net proceeds from sale	\$239.4	\$239.4	\$0.0
Portion paid to Vendor based on Economic Interest Benefit (60% vs. 50%)	<b>C</b> \$143.0	\$119.7	\$23.3 <b>F</b>
<b>Total gross proceeds to Vendor over 5-year period (A+B+C)</b>	<b>D</b> <b>\$246.4</b>	<b>\$212.0</b>	<b>\$34.4</b>

"Cumulative" Multiple Analysis	
Total up-front cash proceeds to Vendor	\$35.0 <b>A</b>
Advantage distribution payments to Vendor over five years	\$11.1 <b>E</b>
Advantage exit cash proceeds to Vendor (earned back 10% of equity given growth achieved)	\$23.3 <b>F</b>
<b>Total advantage proceeds over 5-year period (50% Purchase) (A+E+F)</b>	<b>\$69.4 G</b>
<b>Implied Enterprise Value (100% of Company) (G/50%)</b>	<b>\$138.8 H</b>
TTM EBITDA	\$10.0 <b>I</b>
<b>Cumulative Multiple (H/I)</b>	<b>13.9x</b>
<i>% Increase vs. Initial Calculation</i>	98.3%
<b>Total Gross Proceeds Multiple (D/I)</b>	<b>24.6x</b>
<i>% Increase vs. Initial Calculation</i>	252.0%

Only the incremental benefit of our structure is incorporated in our "cumulative" multiple analysis

- (1) Does not include meaningful leverage used in traditional private equity structure; Excluded for conservatism  
 (2) Based on selling 100% of the more established business to a traditional private equity investor or strategic partner

**The "Founders Advantage": Vendor receives a "cumulative" multiple of 13.9x and total proceeds of \$246MM through a disproportionate share of distribution payments and exit proceeds**

# APPENDIX

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# CASE STUDY #1 – 60% ACQUISITION OF DOMINION LENDING CENTRES

## Deal Summary



Completes 60% Acquisition of



C\$72,300,000<sup>(1)</sup>

- On June 3, 2016, FA Capital announced the completion of its acquisition of a 60% majority interest in Dominion Lending Centres (“DLC”)
- The founders of DLC and certain minority shareholders retained a 40% interest in DLC and continue to manage day-to-day operations
- Purchase price was satisfied with a cash payment of ~C\$59.8MM and the issuance of C\$12.5MM of FA Capital’s common shares<sup>(1)</sup>

## Key Terms of the Transaction

- The transaction provides the business owners with 40% of the first \$14.6MM in annual distributions (“Annual Threshold”) with FA Capital receiving 60%
- The business owners receive 70% of all distributions above the Annual Threshold, with FA Capital receiving the remaining 30%
- Net proceeds from a sale will be allocated to the business owners based upon their proportionate share of cumulative distributions (business owners may receive up to 70% of net sale proceeds)

## Feedback from the Business Owners

*“The model allowed us to retain a meaningful position in the company, still have autonomy operationally, have long term partners, and gave us a disproportionate share of the upside on new growth.”*

*For a company that is still growing quickly with lots of runway ahead of us, this model made terrific sense as we didn’t want to regret selling too soon.”*

**Gary Mauris, Co-Founder, Dominion Lending Centres**

## Business Snapshot

- Canada’s largest mortgage brokerage with ~\$40Bn in funded mortgages
- DLC generates the majority of revenue from three sources:
  - Royalty fees on mortgage revenue
  - Performance bonuses from lenders and suppliers
  - Connectivity revenues from various intermediaries
- Relationship with over 300 lending institutions; >5,400 mortgage professionals across Canada

## FA Capital’s Value Add

- ✓ Assist with all aspects of M&A opportunities (due diligence, negotiations, legal, financing)
- ✓ Negotiated credit facilities to increase the amount of the facility and to allow for more flexibility with covenants
- ✓ Implemented structured budgeting and reporting processes

(1) Purchase price was satisfied with a cash payment of ~\$59.8MM and the issuance of 4,761,905 common shares at an ascribed price of \$2.625/share; share price at close (June 3, 2016) was \$5.60/share, resulting in \$26.7MM in share consideration at the time of closing



# CASE STUDY #2 – 60% ACQUISITION OF CLUB16 AND SHE’S FIT! HEALTH CLUBS

## Deal Summary



Completes 60% Acquisition of



She's FIT!

C\$22,000,000

- On December 20, 2016, FA Capital announced the completion of its acquisition of a 60% majority interest in Club16 which holds 9 Club16 and 4 She's FIT! Health Clubs
- The founders of Club16 and certain minority shareholders retained a 40% interest in Club16 and continue to manage day-to-day operations
- Purchase price was satisfied with a cash payment of C\$22.0MM

## Key Terms of the Transaction

- The transaction provides the business owners with 40% of the first \$5.85MM in annual distributions ("Annual Threshold") with FA Capital receiving 60%
- The business owners receive 70% of all distributions above the Annual Threshold, with FA Capital receiving the remaining 30%
- Net proceeds from a sale will be allocated to the business owners based upon their proportionate share of cumulative distributions (business owners may receive up to 70% of net sale proceeds)

## Feedback from the Business Owners

*"We are excited about the partnership with FA Capital to further grow the Club16 membership base and brand."*

**Trevor Linden, Co-Founder, Club16**

*"We are very pleased to complete this transaction as we believe FA Capital's management's depth, reputation and track record will help accelerate the future growth and success of Club16. We look forward to further expanding our brand across the province with our new partner."*

**Chuck Lawson, Co-Founder, Club16**

## Business Snapshot

- Club16 owns and operates two fitness brands with 13 locations in the Vancouver and the Lower Mainland
  - Club16 Trevor Linden Fitness Clubs – 9 locations
  - She's FIT! Health Clubs – 4 locations
- Established brand with ~83,000 memberships
- Differentiated offering by focusing on top of the line equipment and low cost month-to-month membership fees without contracts
- Track record of 1-2 clubs opening annually, with each new club profitable within 6 months

## FA Capital's Value Add

- ✓ **Negotiated credit facilities to allow more flexibility with financial covenants and decreased overall cost of capital**
- ✓ **Implemented structured budgeting and reporting processes**
- ✓ **Assisted with lease negotiations**

# CASE STUDY #3 – 52% ACQUISITION OF IMPACT RADIO ACCESSORIES

## Deal Summary



Completes 52% Acquisition of



C\$12,500,000

- On March 1, 2017, FA Capital announced the completion of its acquisition of a 52% majority interest in Impact Radio Accessories (“Impact”)
- The founder of Impact and certain minority shareholders retained a 48% interest in Impact and continue to manage day-to-day operations
- Purchase price was satisfied with a cash payment of C\$12.5MM

## Key Terms of the Transaction

- The transaction provides the business owners with 48% of the first \$2.96MM in annual distributions (“Annual Threshold”) with FA Capital receiving 52%
- The business owners receive 65% of all distributions above the Annual Threshold, with FA Capital receiving the remaining 35%
- Net proceeds from a sale will be allocated to the business owners based upon their proportionate share of cumulative distributions (business owners may receive up to 65% of net sale proceeds)

## Feedback from the Business Owners

*“As a founder and entrepreneur, the FA Capital model was a perfect fit for me as it allowed me to add a sophisticated partner, enjoy a partial liquidity event and receive a disproportionate share of Impact’s future growth.”*

**Keith Kostek, Founder, Impact Radio Accessories**

## Business Snapshot

- Impact is one of the largest designers and suppliers of two-way radio accessories in North America
- Founded in 2002 by entrepreneur, Keith Kostek
- Two primary divisions:
  - Impact markets to retailers and end-users
  - T4 products sold directly to end-users online
- Over 800 customers with strong retention history

## FA Capital’s Value Add

- ✓ Introduced Impact sales team to numerous potential customers
- ✓ Negotiated and implemented new credit facility
- ✓ Introduce management team to new M&A/consolidation opportunities

# CASE STUDY #4 – 50% ACQUISITION OF ASTLEY GILBERT

## Deal Summary



Completes 50% Acquisition of



**C\$24,700,000**

- On October 31, 2017, FA Capital announced the completion of its acquisition of a 50% interest in Astley Gilbert Limited (“AG”)
- The ownership group retained a 50% interest in AG and continues to manage day-to-day operations
- Purchase price was satisfied with a combination of cash and VTB financing

## Key Terms of the Transaction

- AG owners and FA Capital each receive 50% of the first \$6.7MM of cash distributions (approximately TTM EBITDA less corporate taxes, namely, the “Annual Threshold”)
- The AG owners receive 60% of all distributions above the Annual Threshold, with FA Capital receiving the remaining 40%
- Net proceeds from a sale will be allocated to the AG owners based upon their proportionate share of cumulative distributions (AG owners may receive up to 60% of net sale proceeds)

## Feedback from the Business Owners

*“Astley Gilbert isn’t just a company to us, it’s our life’s work. We’ve been able to adapt, evolve and lead over the last 47 years as industry and technology changes and today Astley Gilbert boasts some of the best imaging technology in the business. While Astley Gilbert was not “for sale”, we found the FA Capital model compelling for the next chapter of our growth and believe that Stephen and his team are truly unique partners. We anticipate this partnership will accelerate our growth by providing access to capital and consolidation expertise.”*

**Wayne Wilbur**  
President & CEO, Astley Gilbert

## FA Capital’s Value Add

- ✓ Introduce management team to new M&A/consolidation opportunities
- ✓ Introduced management team to potential new clients
- ✓ Renegotiated credit facilities to allow more flexibility with financial covenants

(1) Based on management estimates

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