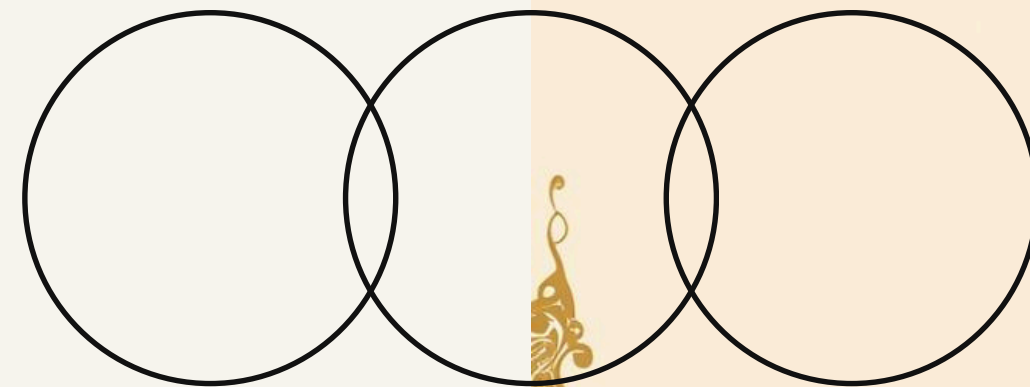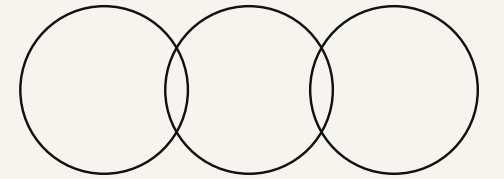OPTICHAIN LIMITED

Web3-powered Digital Trust Marketplace

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The MSME Financing Gap

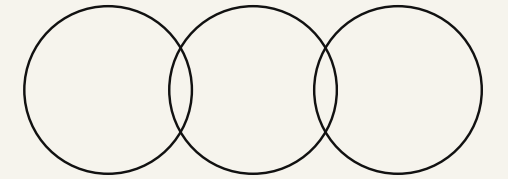## Addressing structural underfunding issues

Underserved MSMEs

With **7.4 million MSMEs** in Africa lacking adequate financing, many remain in the **missing middle**, unable to access capital due to insufficient trust from investors and limited market opportunities.

Information Asymmetry

The **digital gaps** within SACCOs contribute to significant **information asymmetry**, hindering transparency and trust, which are essential for investors to engage with MSMEs effectively.

Convergence of Opportunity

Timing for Transformative Change

CMA Regulations

The newly established crowdfunding regulations by the CMA create a **supportive framework** for innovative financing solutions, enhancing transparency and investor trust within the MSME sector across Africa.
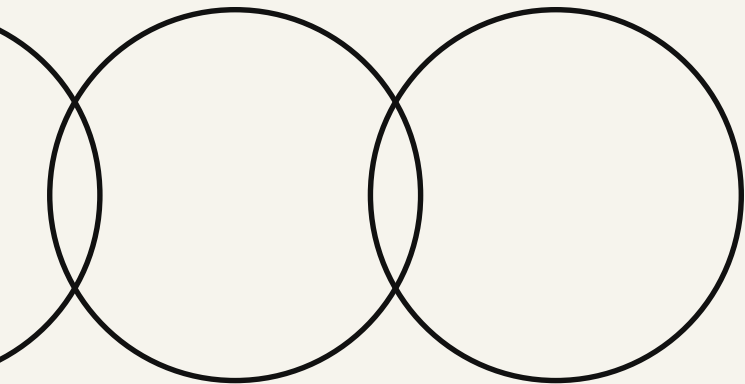
Mobile Money

The widespread adoption of mobile money services facilitates **seamless transactions** and encourages financial inclusion, enabling MSMEs to access necessary capital more efficiently and effectively through digital platforms.

SACCO Networks

Established SACCO networks provide essential **trust and community support**, fostering collaboration among members, which is crucial for the successful implementation of financing initiatives in local markets throughout Africa.

OptiChain Solution

A unified approach to financing MSMEs in Africa

Regulated Crowdfunding

OptiChain offers compliant crowdfunding avenues that ensure **transparency** and **trust**, thus attracting investments for underserved MSMEs.
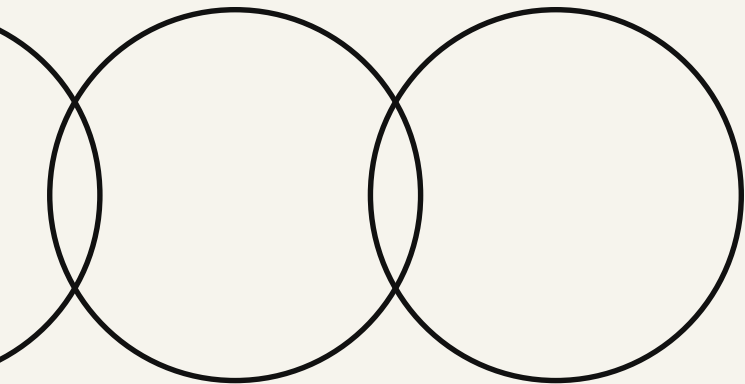
FinTech Rails

The integration of FinTech solutions streamlines processes, enabling faster transactions and increasing **financial accessibility** for local businesses.

Reverse Auctions

By utilizing reverse auctions, OptiChain facilitates efficient price discovery, empowering MSMEs to secure the best funding conditions available.

Web3 Trust Infrastructure

Building a secure, compliant digital trust framework

Permissioned Ledger

A **permissioned ledger** enhances transparency, ensuring only authorized participants can access and interact with sensitive data securely.

Smart Escrow

Smart escrow contracts automate transactions, enhancing **compliance and reliability** while minimizing the risk of fraud and delays in payments.

Tokenised Receipts

Tokenised investment receipts provide verifiable proof of ownership, **streamlining the tracking** of investments and improving trust among stakeholders.

How OptiChain Works

SME Onboarding

SMEs initiate the onboarding process, providing essential information to ensure **readiness for crowdfunding** and compliance with platform standards.

Reporting

After the auction, SMEs must report on their funding usage, ensuring transparency and accountability to investors and stakeholders throughout the process.

Investor Portfolio

Investors can search and compare various opportunities, enabling them to make informed decisions and manage their investment portfolios effectively.

Auction/Raise

Once ready, SMEs launch campaigns to attract funding through auctions, allowing investors to bid on opportunities aligned with their interests.

Escrow

Funds are securely held in escrow until predefined milestones are met, ensuring that both SMEs and investors are protected during transactions.

System Architecture

User Portals

User portals provide a seamless interface for SMEs and investors, facilitating easy access to the OptiChain ecosystem and services.

API Gateway

The API gateway manages communication between various components, ensuring secure data exchange and integration across the multi-rail architecture.

Microservices

Microservices architecture allows independent deployment and scaling of functionalities, enhancing system resilience and optimizing resource utilization for diverse operations.

Web3 Trust Layer

The Web3 Trust Layer ensures compliance and security through decentralized identity verification, smart contracts, and immutable audit trails embedded within the platform.

Data Architecture

Time-series Store

A **time-series store** enables efficient storage and retrieval of sequential data, ideal for tracking changes over time and trend analysis.

Cross-sectional Store

A **cross-sectional store** captures data snapshots at specific time intervals, facilitating analysis of various entities at a moment in time.

Panel Store

The **panel store** combines cross-sectional and time-series data, allowing for deeper insights through comparative analysis across multiple dimensions.
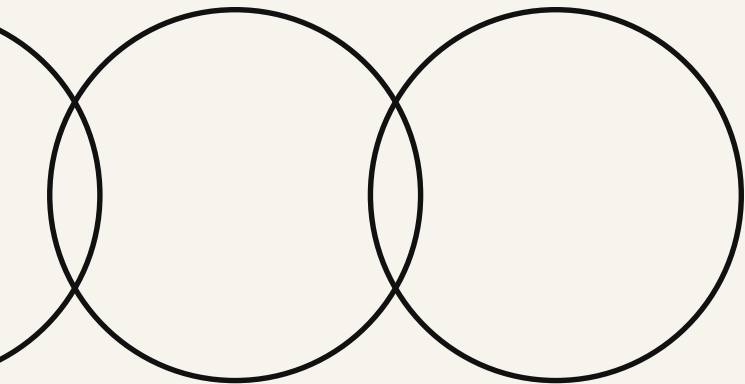
Lakehouse

The **lakehouse** architecture integrates data lakes and warehouses, providing a unified platform for analytics while maintaining flexibility for different data types.

Analytics Engine

Leveraging advanced models for insightful decision-making

SEM Trust

Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) enhances trust evaluation by analyzing relationships among variables and their effects on MSME readiness.
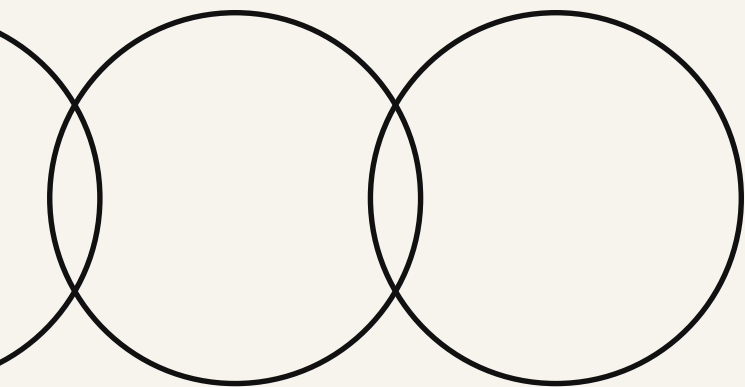
GMM Techniques

Generalized Method of Moments (GMM) optimizes parameters for dynamic models, crucial for understanding financial behaviors and market trends.

ML Scoring

Machine Learning scoring applies predictive analytics to assess investment potential, improving performance evaluation for stakeholders in the marketplace.

Reverse Auctions

Unlocking transparent and efficient price discovery mechanisms

Investor-led Auctions

These auctions allow investors to bid for yields, fostering a competitive environment that enhances investment opportunities for MSMEs.

SACCO Guarantee Auctions

SACCOs can provide guarantees to investors, enhancing their confidence and increasing participation rates in the auction process for MSMEs.

SME Procurement Auctions

SMEs can procure necessary resources through transparent bidding, ensuring they achieve fair market prices while maximizing resource efficiency.

Web3 Value Proposition

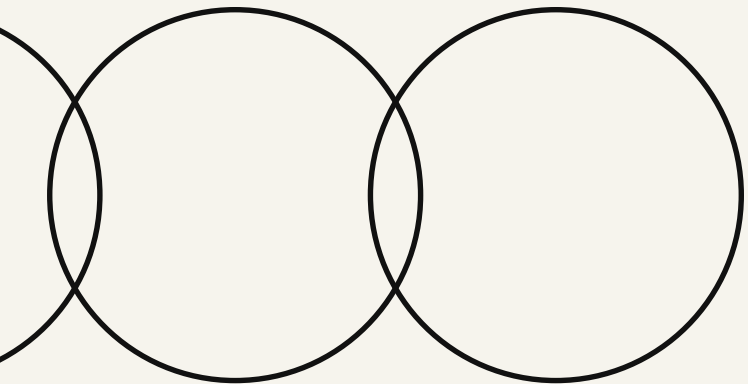Enhancing trust and compliance in finance ecosystems

Immutable Audit Trail

An immutable audit trail ensures transparency and accountability, allowing stakeholders to trace and verify every transaction effortlessly.

Automated Compliance

Automated compliance streamlines regulatory processes, enhancing efficiency while minimizing the risk of human error in financial operations.
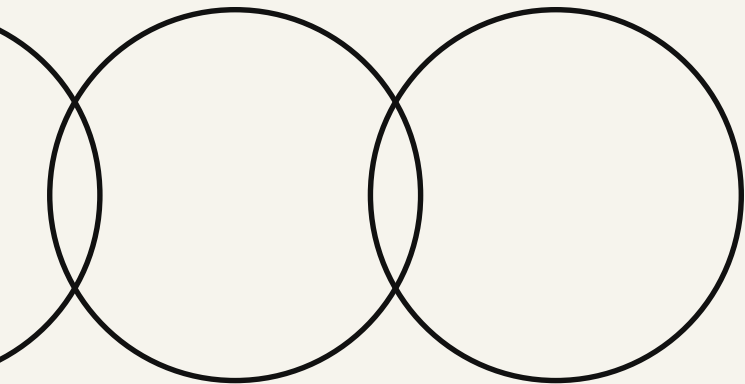
Verifiable Credentials

Verifiable credentials provide assurance regarding identity and qualification, fostering trust among participants in the digital financial landscape.

SACCO Integration

Leveraging cooperative structures
for enhanced financing solutions

Identity Verification

SACCOs facilitate **secure identity verification**, ensuring trust in member transactions and improving access to financing options for MSMEs.
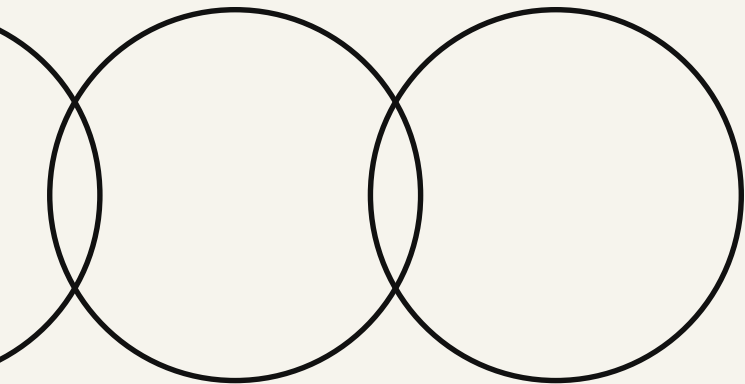
Guarantee Rail

A guarantee rail system enhances **creditworthiness**, allowing SACCO members to access funding more easily through shared cooperative responsibility.

Liquidity Pooling

By pooling resources, SACCOs provide **increased liquidity**, empowering members with better financing conditions and fostering business growth within the community.

Business Model

A comprehensive approach to revenue generation strategies

Success Fees

OptiChain earns **success fees** on successful funding campaigns, aligning incentives with investors and ensuring a commitment to quality projects.
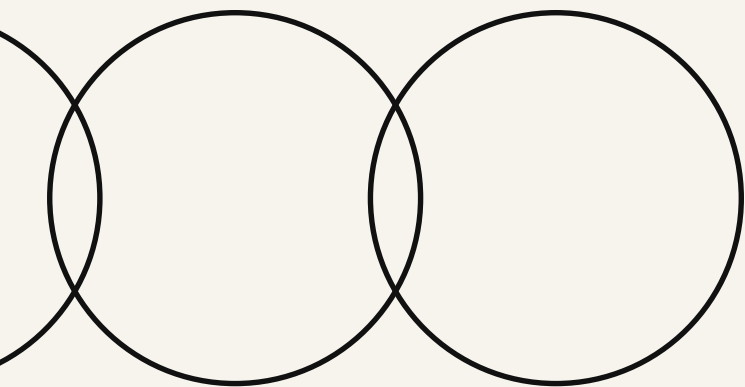
Auction Fees

Each auction generates a fee, creating a **sustainable revenue stream** while facilitating efficient price discovery for MSMEs and investors alike.

Tokenised Verification

The platform offers **tokenised verification services**, enhancing trust and compliance, with associated fees providing additional income while maintaining security standards.

Financial Model

A comprehensive overview of cost and revenue dynamics

Cost Structure

The operational costs include technology development, compliance, marketing, and personnel, ensuring efficient resource allocation and management.

Revenue Forecast

Revenue projections are based on anticipated transaction volumes, success fees, and strategic partnerships, providing a clear path to profitability.

SME Acquisition

We estimate the cost of acquiring SMEs through targeted marketing campaigns and partnerships, aiming for sustainable growth in user engagement.

24-Month Roadmap

Phase 1: MVP

Launching the Minimum Viable Product (MVP) alongside CMA compliance will establish a foundational platform for OptiChain's operations.

Phase 2: Web3 Trust

Development of the Web3 trust layer will focus on compliance and security, ensuring reliable transactions and safeguarding user data.

Phase 3: Auctions

Implementing reverse auction features will enable transparency and efficiency in price discovery, enhancing investor confidence and participation.

Phase 4: Scaling

Expanding operations regionally will facilitate broader access to MSMEs, promoting inclusivity and enhancing the impact of OptiChain's services.

Meet the Team

FinTech CEO

Our CEO brings over a decade of experience in the financial technology sector, driving innovation and growth in digital solutions.

SACCO COO

The COO has extensive expertise in cooperative management, ensuring operational excellence and strategic alignment within the organization.

Ex-CMA Advisor

This advisor offers invaluable insights from their regulatory experience, guiding our compliance strategies within the complex financial landscape.

PhD Data Scientist

Our CTO, holding a PhD, specializes in data analytics, leveraging advanced methodologies to optimize our technology and analytics engines.

Web3 Engineer

A seasoned Web3 engineer, they focus on developing and implementing blockchain-based solutions, enhancing our platform's trust and security features.

DFI Advisors

Our team includes advisors from Development Finance Institutions, providing strategic guidance on financing structures tailored for MSMEs across Africa.

Funding Ask

Investment Opportunity for OptiChain's Strategic Growth
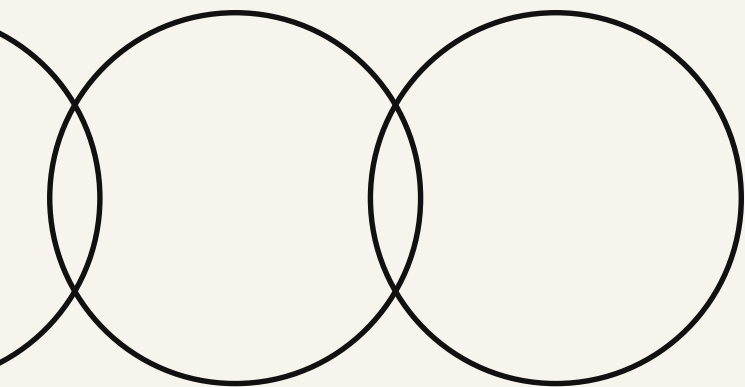
Product Development

Funding will enhance the development of our platform, ensuring a seamless user experience and robust functionality for MSMEs.

Web3 Development

Investment will support the integration of Web3 technologies, automating compliance and enhancing trust within our digital marketplace framework.

Compliance Infrastructure

Resources will focus on building a strong compliance framework, ensuring regulatory alignment and trust for all stakeholders involved.

Ready to invest?

Join us in building Africa's trust infrastructure today.