# Squad

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# People are moving towards working out in social/group training And meeting new people through fitness activities.

Here's what the up-and-coming fitness players are doing in Singapore and abroad:



#### **ClassPass**

- Fitness pass for group classes
- Founded in 2013
- Valued at USD 1bn, expanding rapidly



#### **F45**

- Emphasis on team
- "Team training, life changing"
- Extremely popular and growing fast in Singapore



#### Field Assembly

Like personal training, but done in small groups

# People prefer to work out together

People want to explore new social circles

...But organizing workouts can be **difficult**.

Inefficient Not enough friends No initiative

Coordinating time & place Unresponsive friends

... Extremely hard for working adults to explore new social circles

... Finding strangers can be intimidating and unsafe especially for women.

# Squad Target Audience







#### **University students**

 Students who love playing group sports (e.g. basketball, soccer, touch rugby etc) that require a minimum amount of players, but hard to coordinate with friends and strangers

#### **Working Adults**

- 21 to 35 year-olds
- Busy with their careers, happy to meet new people during work out / prefer to meet people with similar lifestyle

#### **Male-Dominated Sports**

- University to working age girls (18-30)
- Want to participate in maledominated sports (e.g. weights, mixed martial arts, etc), but are intimidated
- Want to find other girls to join them

# Squad is the Solution

Squad is a mobile app that helps users find the right crowd to work out together.





#### **Automated**

State your preferences and get automatically matched.



#### **Efficient**

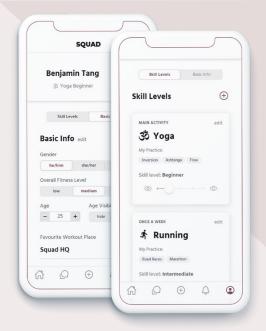
Every Squad comes with a private group chat moderated by a bot, facilitating coordination even if nobody takes the initiative.



#### **Private**

Coordinate group activities without sharing personal details.

# Squad Features



## Choose your preferred crowd & activity

## Personalised preferences:

Skill Level

**Group Size** 

Demographic (Age, Gender)

**Timing** 

Location

## Automatic Group Matching like Online gaming

### **Temporary group chats**

- ✓ Protection of personal accounts/ details
- ✓ Unresponsive members given poor ratings

Book classes & venues within the app



## Squad Go-to-Market Strategy

## Marketing & Events



Influencer Marketing:
Yuqing herself &
other prominent
local fitness influencers

Launch Events with partner studios (acroyoga, team-based semi-competitive HIIT)

## Partnerships w/ Local Studios



Local studios optimize revenue by selling unused slots to Squad users (when they matched on Squad) at a discounted price

Users tend to have more positive experience associated w/ studio due to social aspect

#### Social Media Marketing



Instagram/Facebook ads and content marketing to appeal to targeted user demographics

Video content series, interviewing couples and friends met through sports, etc

#### **Word-of-Mouth**



App is inherently viral in nature as users need to invite their friends to join the app before they can do activities together

## Business Plan

## Other Possible Expansions

Expanding to new cities

Expanding to other areas

- √ hobbyist classes (non-fitness)
- ✓ Interest groups

**Expanding new features** 

- √ Forum
- √ Dating-focused

## Streams of Profits:

#### **Fitness Studios**

Take a 20% cut of all classes booked through the app

Fitness studios can promote group classes/class packages, making sales more efficient

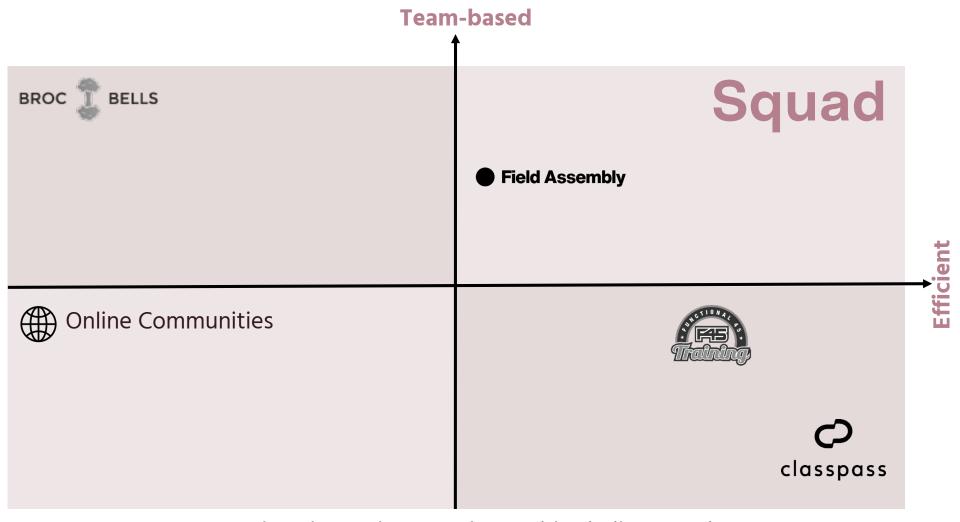
### **Squad Events**

We can liaise with fitness studios to organise group workout events for our users

### In-app ads:

Personalised ads that cater to their fitness needs

## **Squad Competition**



Note that these players only provide similar experiences, and are not perfect substitute for **squad**.

## **Squad Team**



Yuqing Zhao
Co-founder, Marketing

With over 240,000 followers on Instagram, Yuqing ranks among one of the top lifestyle and fitness influencers in Singapore. She has also worked with well known fitness brands such as Puma, Sketchers, ClassPass, and many others. She is also a rising content creator on YouTube.

Yuqing is currently working as a broker at a commodity trading firm. She graduated from NUS in 2017 with a degree in Communications & New Media.



Benjamin Tang Co-founder, Technology

When he was 22 years old, Ben was offered a position as a quantitative analyst at a top investment bank, making him the youngest ever to attain the role. Ben specialises in applying AI to quantitative research topics, and is also an experienced fullstack developer with many successful projects under his belt.

Benjamin is also an exnational athlete in middle distance track and field, and had previously represented Singapore in regional games.

## Squad Competitive Advantage

### 1st-to-Market

- √ Squad is the first fitness platform specifically built for social workouts.
- ✓ Untapped market: potential to acquire male customers into the fitness studio ecosystem

## **Experienced Team**

- ✓ Yuqing: Six years experience as a fitness influencer
- ✓ Benjamin: youngest-ever quant at a top investment bank

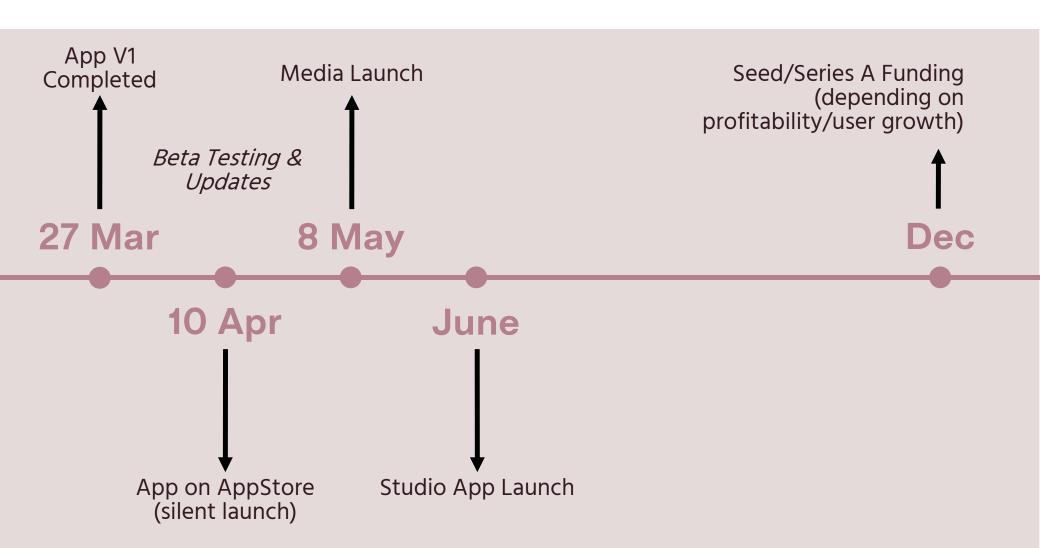
## **Young Founding Team**

- ✓ Millennials and Gen-Z have vastly different tastes and preferences from existing consumer groups
- ✓ We are customers ourselves; we understand the market

Fitness
Market
is doing
better
than ever.



## **Squad Timeline: 2020**



## **Squad Funding Status**

100% bootstrapped: \$10k initial investment from founders

Software & Server Costs: \$200/mth once launched

App & Web
Development:
Completely
in-house,
paid fully in
equity

Salary Cost: \$0/mth

## Proposed Allocation of \$50k Grant:

\$10k

Marketing Content creation

\$35k

Events & Paid Advertising

\$5k

**Buffer & Reserve** 

# Thank you

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