



WHAT IS OUR SOLUTION?

scalability & affordability & accessibility

The challenge facing us is not one of developing new therapies.

Instead, we’re arming Porcupino to confront the worldwide barriers to mental wellness: inaccessibility of care, inconsistency in care quality, mistrust of the mainstream system, systematic discrimination, and personal stigma.

WHY NOW, NOW?

AI is having its iPhone moment

We’ve entered the age of generative AI. We’re seeing advances in 2023 that people two years ago would have expected in 2033.

Recent leaps using generative adversarial networks have enabled the hyper-realistic synthesis of digital content. Character portrayals can feature degrees of fidelity and interactivity, from full bodies to voice- or text-only manifestations. The WSJ reports that virtual social-media influencers can be as equally credible as human influencers.

HOW LARGE IS OUR TARGET MARKET?

TAM = \$413B
total available market
SAM = \$221B
serviceable available market
SOM = \$221M
serviceable obtainable market

We define TAM as being the global traditional & complementary wellness market, projected to expand at a 7.1% CAGR thru 2025. SAM reflects the services and practitioners sub-sector. SOM is conservatively calculated at 0.1% of SAM.

WHAT ARE OUR UNIQUE SELLING POINTS?

increased trust & deeper personalization

by combining conversational agents with AI-generated characters within a user-built environment. Meta-analyses of web-based psychological treatments reveal that face-to-face contact offers the strongest contribution towards improving engagement.

live & on-demand

Avatars may dream but they never sleep.

WHO ARE WE?

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WHAT IS PORCUPINO?

a global, 24/7/365 mental wellness platform linking those suffering chronic pain with user-customized, AI-generated avatars

providing complementary and alternative therapeutic (CAM) interventions

HOW WILL PORCUPINO IMPACT THE WORLD?

everyone, everywhere, all the time ...

Mental illness affects 50M Americans yet nearly 50% do not seek treatment. India, with only 4K psychiatrists, has 150M people with mental illness; 75% will not receive any care. And while the global annual rate of visits to mental health outpatient facilities is 1,052 per 100K, in Africa the rate is 14 per 100K. No longer will treatment be available only to those with enough disposable income or the “right address.”

WHAT VALIDATES OUR MARKET OPPORTUNITY?

9.5% to 14.3%
5-yr ↗ in practice of yoga
4.1% to 14.3%
5-yr ↗ in practice of meditation
9.8% to 76%
global prevalence of CAM use

Worldwide, more than 7K schools and 100K teachers are registered at Yoga Alliance. Headspace, offering online recorded meditation and mindfulness guidance, reports 70M users in 190 countries, including corporate clients Adobe, Delta, Starbucks, and Roche.

WHAT IS OUR PLATFORM’S BUSINESS MODEL?

multi-sided + aggregator + network effect

Mirroring popular ride-sharing and space-hosting apps, Porcupino’s revenue stream is drawn from the facilitation of online, avatar-led individual and group CAM sessions. One major difference - we keep 100%. Enterprise contracts with rehabilitation systems, insurance providers, workplaces, universities, and national healthcare systems will kick-start Porcupino’s network effect.

WHAT ARE OUR VALUE PROPOSITIONS?

porcupino guests

- An entry point to achieving & sustaining mental wellness
- A wide selection of CAM offerings at significantly lower costs
- Round-the-clock availability
- Assured anonymity & compliance
- The ameliorative power of live group support for those who share common crises, life transitions, or chronic conditions

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WE’RE ADDRESSING?

792m people across the globe have a mental health disorder

1.5B suffer chronic pain

Epidemiological and functional imaging studies suggest a bi-directional relationship between mental health disorders & chronic pain. In addition to depression, anxiety, and substance abuse, those with chronic pain are at high risk for other mental health problems, including suicide, according to the Mayo Clinic’s Division of Pain Medicine.

WHY NOW?

impact of covid-19 on individual and population wellness

benefits of CAM

now being investigated by the NCCIH include pain management for veterans and military personnel, symptom relief in cancer patients and survivors, and programs to encourage more healthy behaviors. They recognize that, on a global scale, it is not feasible to propose that practices based entirely on in-person care will ever be able to meet the demand.

WHAT MOTIVATES PEOPLE TO USE CAM?

84%
expectation of health benefits
37%
perceived safety of CAM
37%
dissatisfaction with conventional medicine

Having an internal health locus of control is most frequently reported by Westerners while social networks are a strong motive for adoption in Asia. Tradition, affordability, and ease of access are most commonly identified by African respondents.

WHO ARE PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS/EXITS?

airbnb online expr

Launched in April 2020, Airbnb Online Experiences lists 217 “Wellness” offerings. Of these, 16,000+ Zoom- hosted sessions charging an average of \$33 per person have earned a satisfaction score of 4.95/5.00.

amazon explore

Also on our radar is Amazon Explore, which premiered in fall 2020 offering virtual tours and experiences.

WHERE’S OUR FIT IN THE MINDTECH LANDSCAPE?

mental illness → mental wellness → mental performance

A silver lining in the pandemic has been the growth in digital tools. While mental health treatment was once limited to in-person therapy sessions and prescriptions, technology shifted power into the hands of the patient.

WHO ARE PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS/EXITS?

build-test-learn-launch

Porcupino’s adoption of a proven business model with an existing tech platform reduces both risk and ramp-up time. Our short-term milestones are ambitious but achievable.

- Finalize MVP feature set & architecture
- Build digitized proof-of-concept & perform stakeholder A/B testing in select market
- Identify and recruit technical talent to our multinational team