



# Team Enigma



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# Agenda



**SOFTBANK and  
Vision Fund**



**Measure of  
Innovation and how  
Vision Fund affects  
it?**



**SOFTBANK vs.  
Other Venture  
Capitals**



**Is it the right time?**

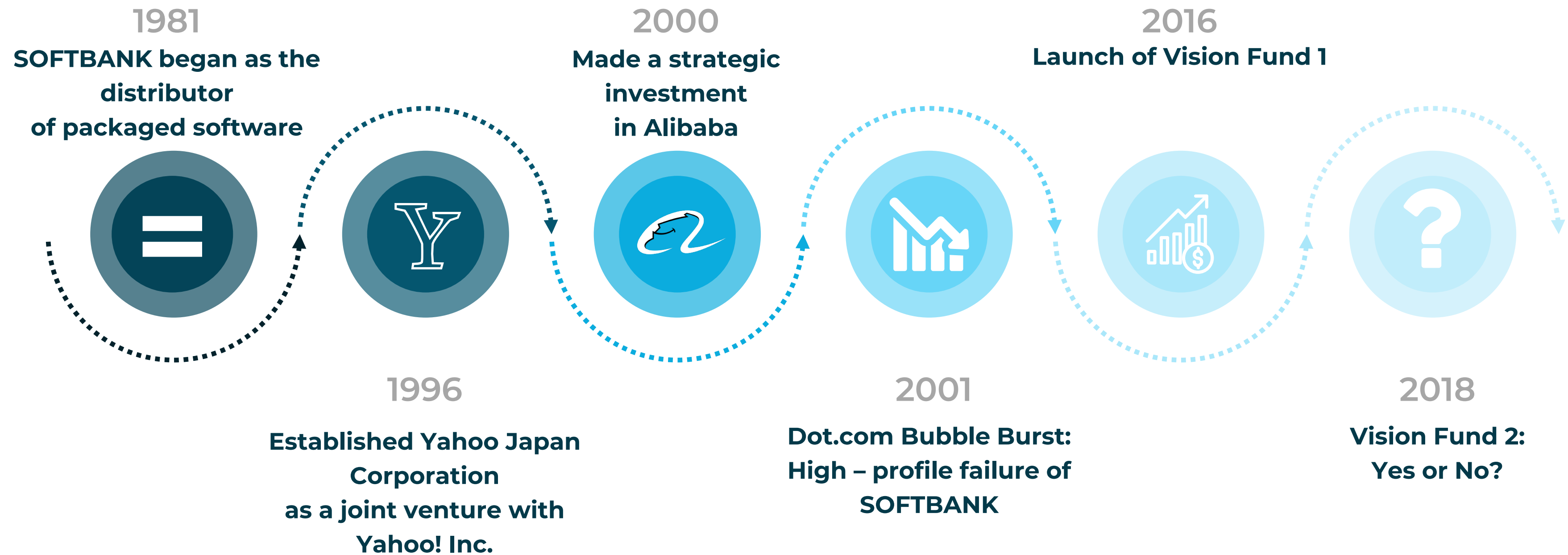


**Fear of being left out  
Board Capturing  
Disrupting VC  
environment**

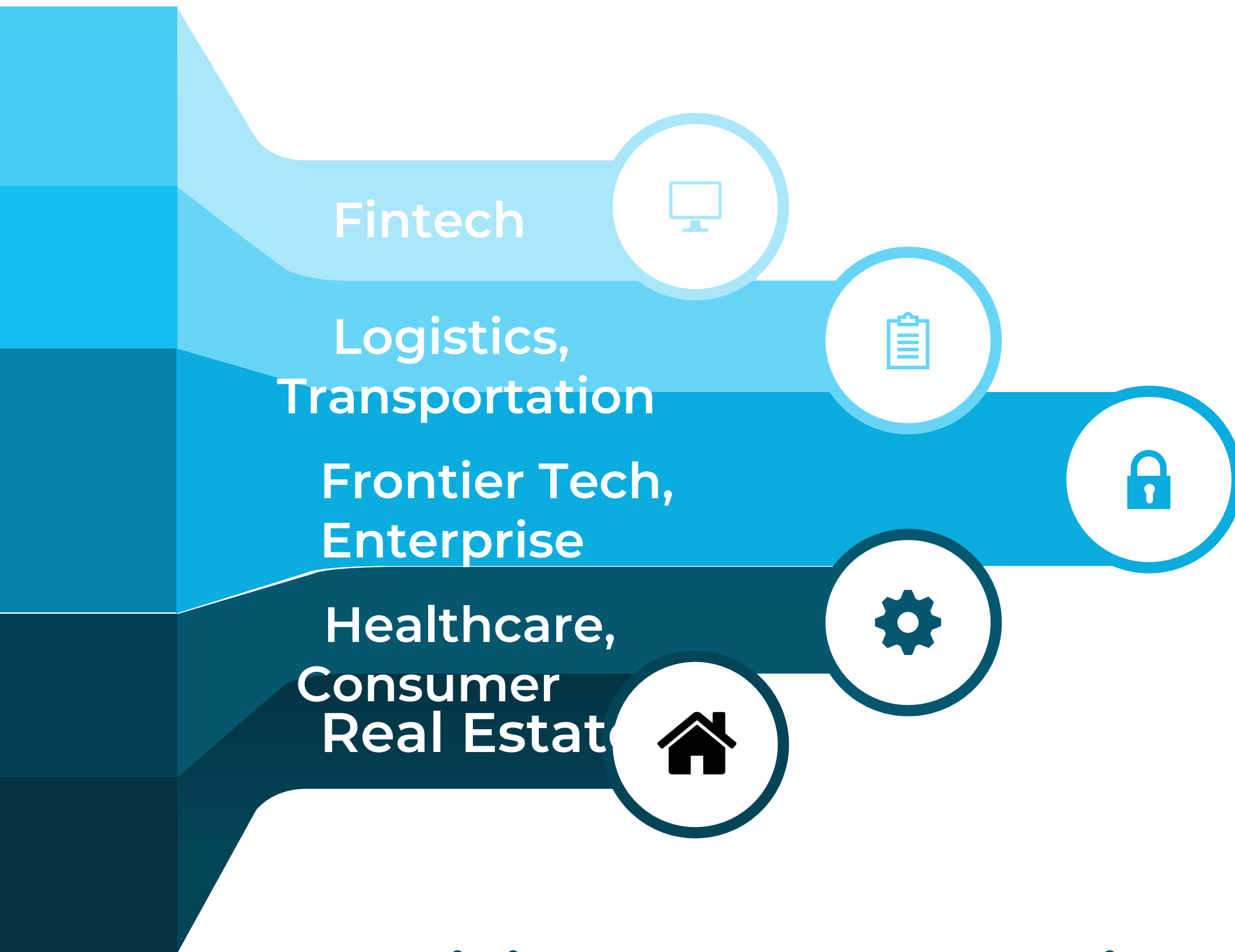


**Suggestive  
Measures -  
Recession Proof  
Model**

# SoftBank Timeline



# SoftBank Portfolio



## Vision Fund 1 Portfolio Sectors

Owns stakes in companies like  
Ola, InMobi, PayTM, Didi, Uber,  
WeWork. etc.




Runs Vision Fund, the world's largest  
technology – focused venture  
capital, with over \$100 Billion in  
capital

## Vision Fund 1 Stakeholders

45% Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

25% SoftBank

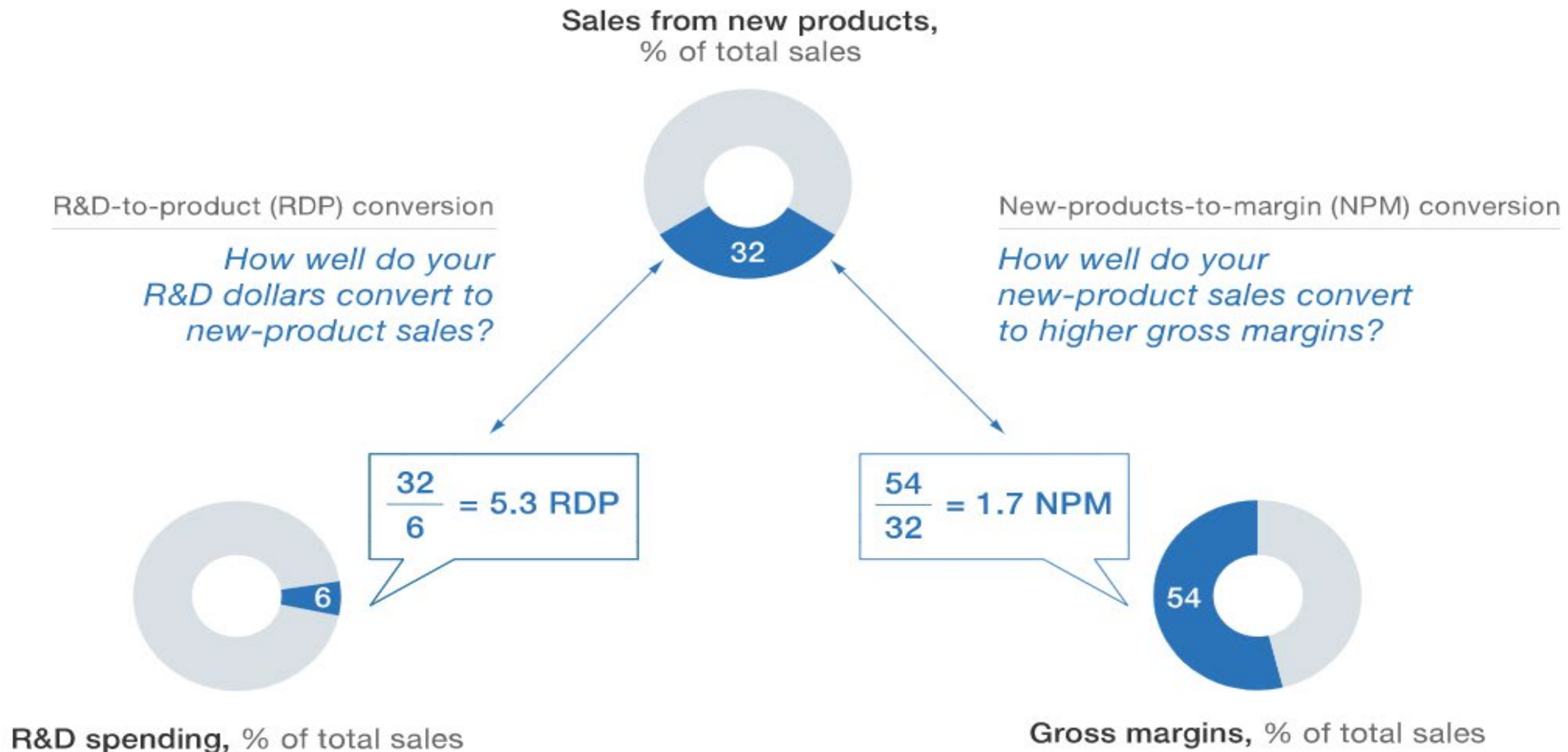
30% Apple, Qualcomm, Foxconn, Sharp



# Quantitative & Qualitative Measures of Innovation



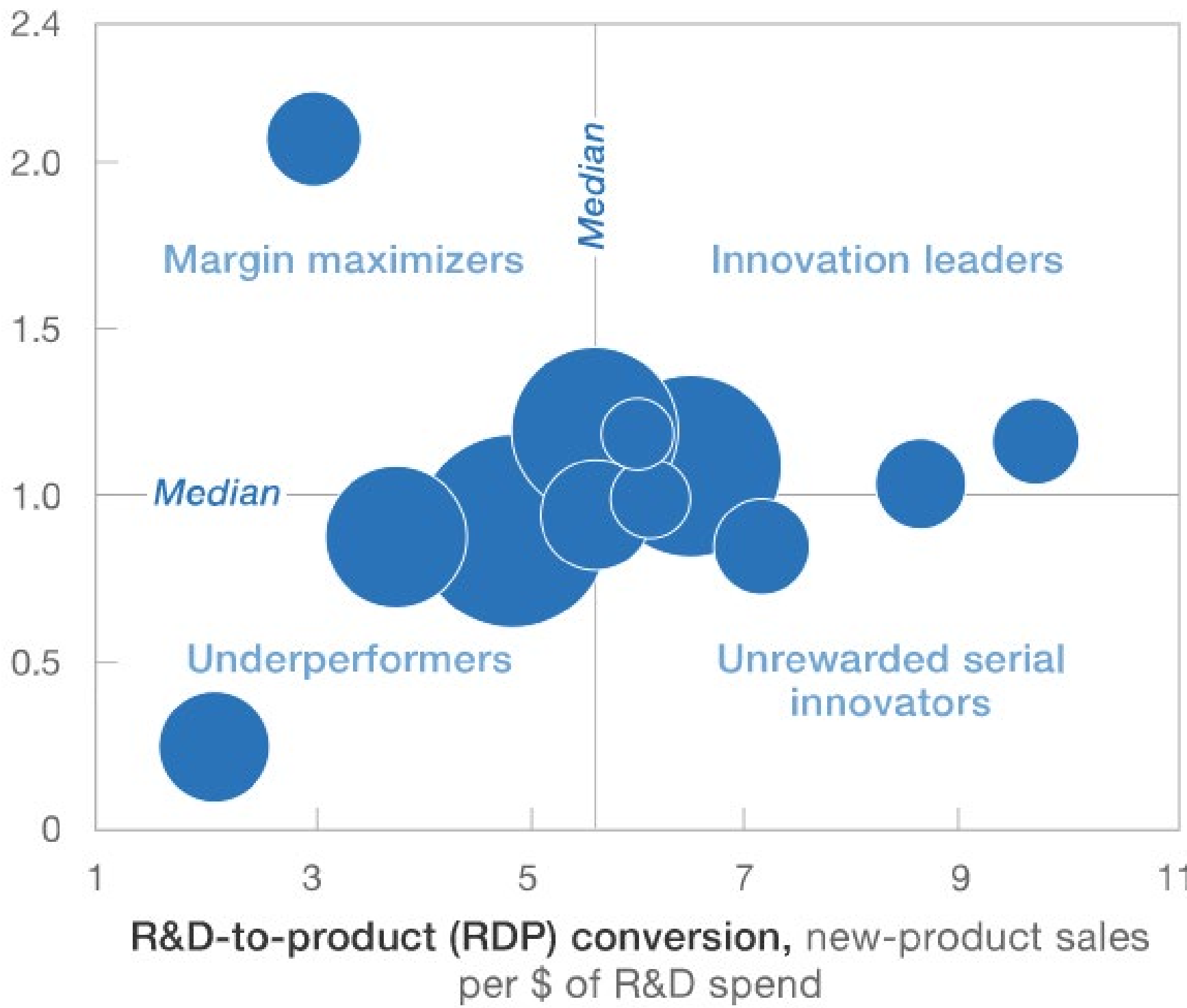
# Two metrics combine R&D spending, sales from new products, and gross margin to shed light on relative innovation performance



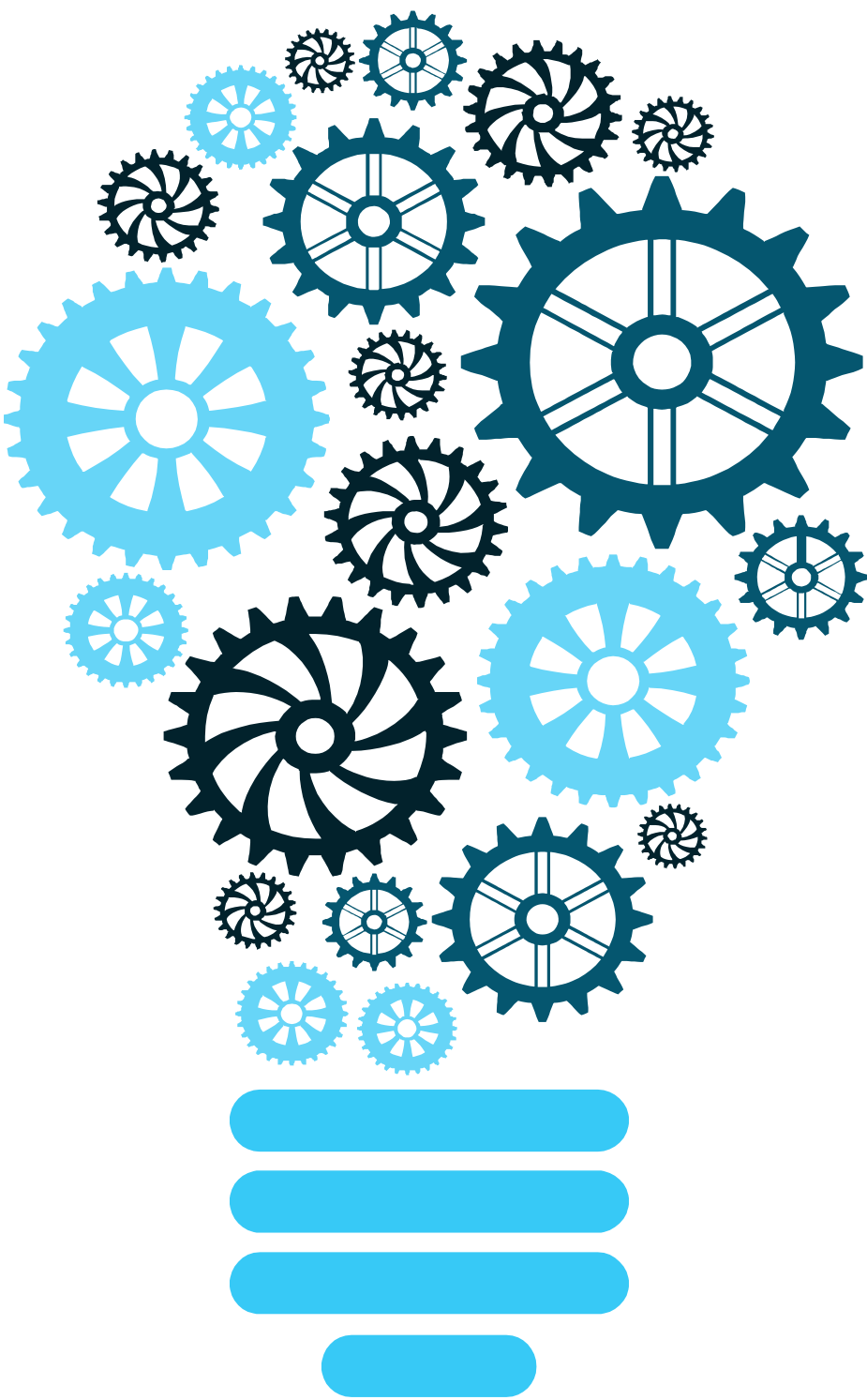
# Taken together, the R&D conversion metrics can help identify favorable and unfavorable innovation performance outliers



New-products-to-margin (NPM) conversion,  
gross margin per \$ of new-product sales



○ Size of bubble = relative R&D spending as % sales





# DJI (Accel) vs. Light (Soft Bank)

## Innovation Metric



	Gross Margin	R&D	Sales from new products	RDP	NPM
2018	23 %	1.5 %	7.71 %	5.14	2.983
2017	45 %	2.1 %	5.28 %	2.51	8.522
2016	22 %	5.8 %	1.2 %	0.21	18.333



2018	42 %	4.5 %	2.1 %	0.467	20.00
2017	60 %	4.6 %	2.2 %	0.478	27.273
2016	41 %	4.6 %	2.3 %	0.5	17.826



# Lyft (Rakuten) vs. Uber (Soft Bank)

## Innovation Metric

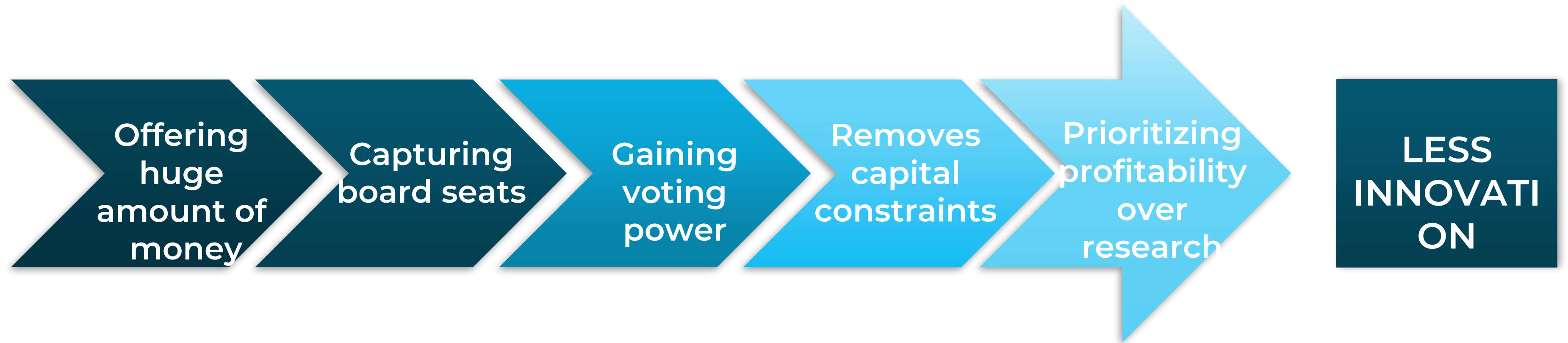


	Gross Margin	R&D	Sales from new products	RDP	NPM
2018	42 %	14 %	73 %	5.43	0.57
2017	38 %	13 %	61 %	4.69	0.62
2016	19 %	18 %	48 %	2.53	0.4



2018	50 %	13 %	23 %	1.72	2.17
2017	48 %	15 %	28 %	1.85	1.71
2016	40 %	22 %	41 %	1.84	0.98

# Board Capturing



By bringing tons of capital to the table, other VCs known for their vision and far-sighted understanding of the technological change are now pressurized to raise big funds in order to compete in the market.

# Fear of being left out




Companies accept investment to prevent SoftBank from going to t

Deters competitive entry, creating mo

Reduces healthy competition

Prioritizes profitability over innovation



# Disrupting the VC Industry

# Large Funds & Less Returns



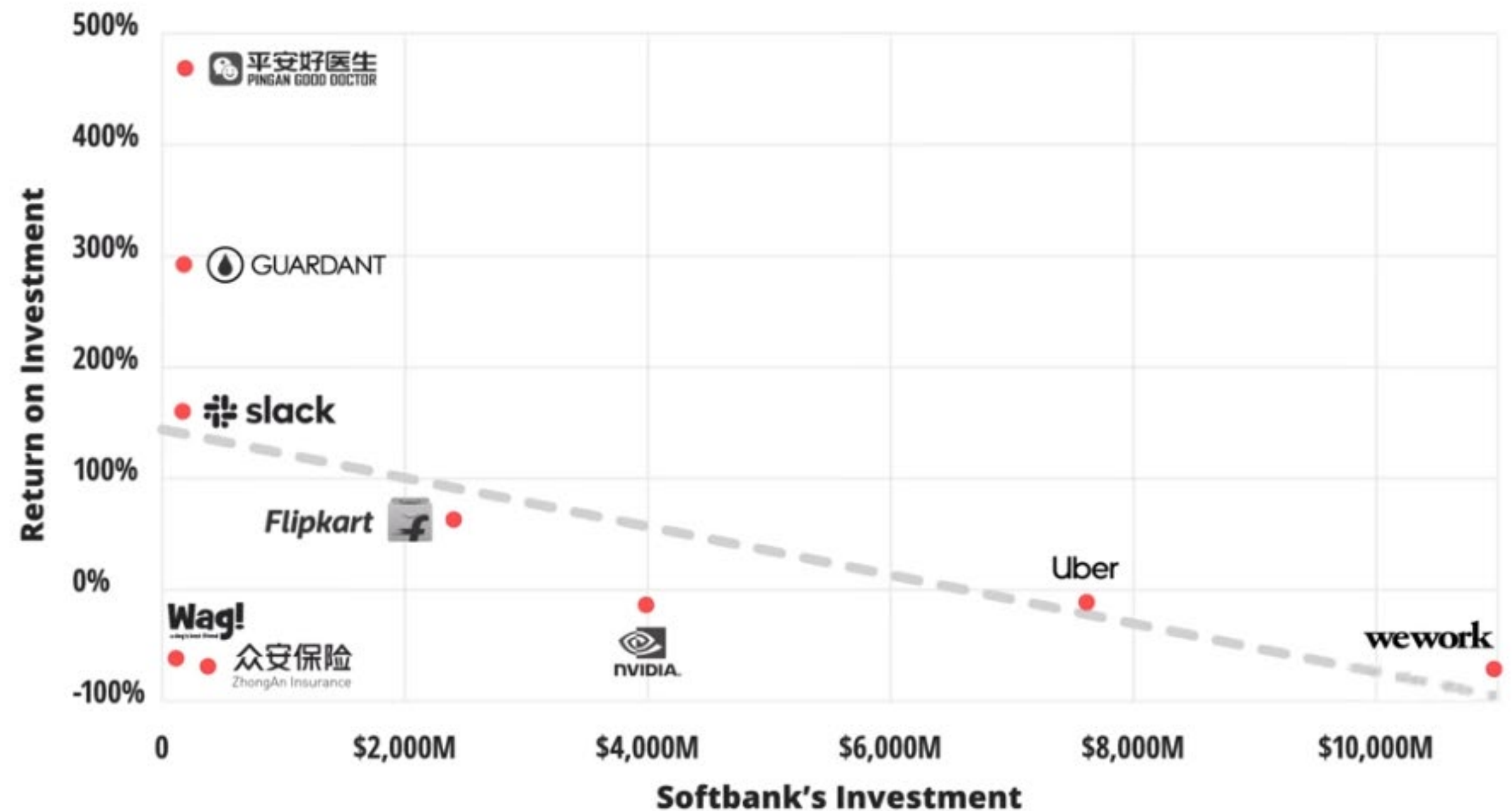
Smaller funds perform more profitably than large scale Vision funds



VCs invest more on smaller funds

## More Capital = Worse Returns

ROI vs Investment



# Impact on VC Market

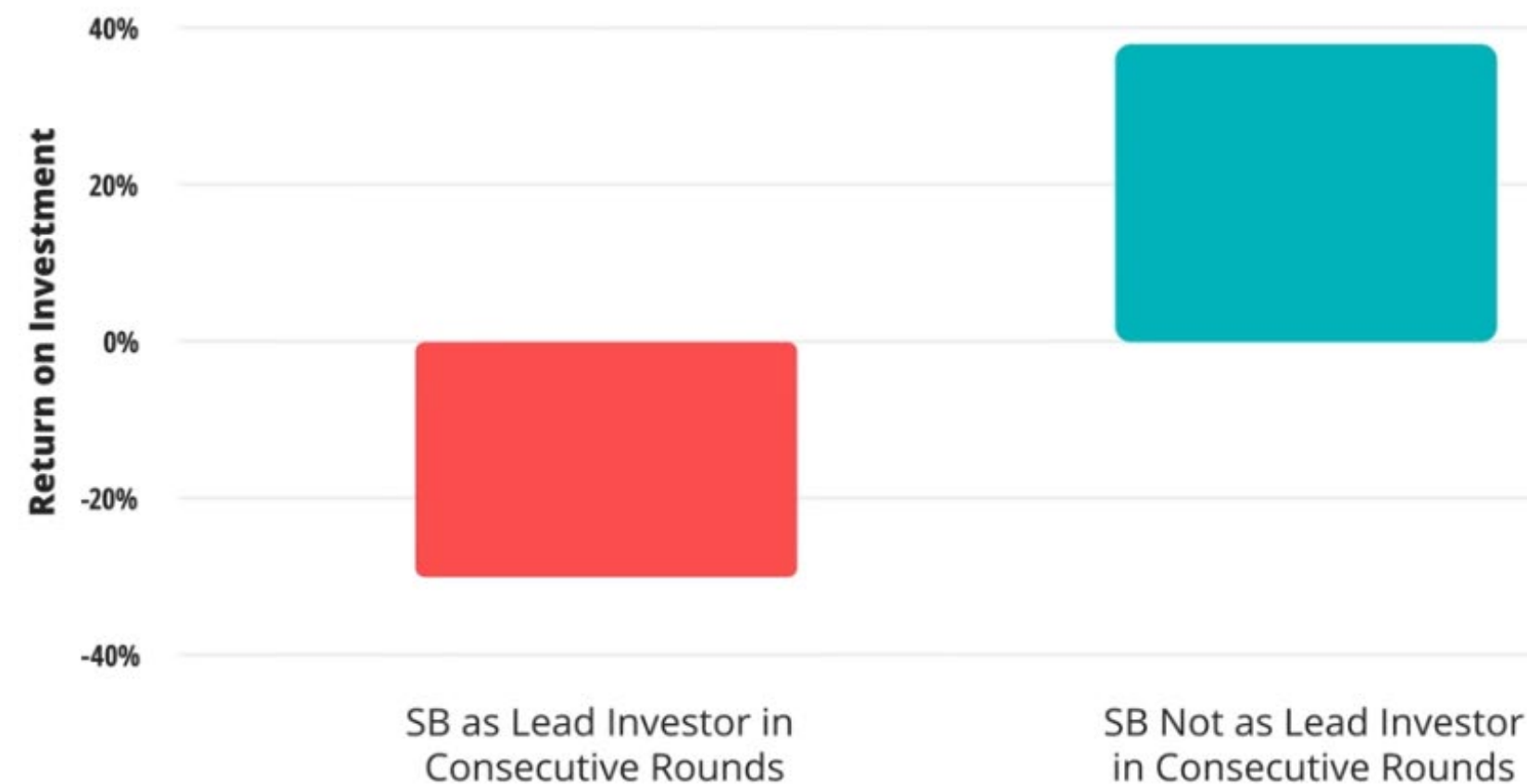


Large capital of  
Vision Fund



## Lead Investor vs. ROI

n = 9 Companies



VCs write bigger  
cheques or drop  
out

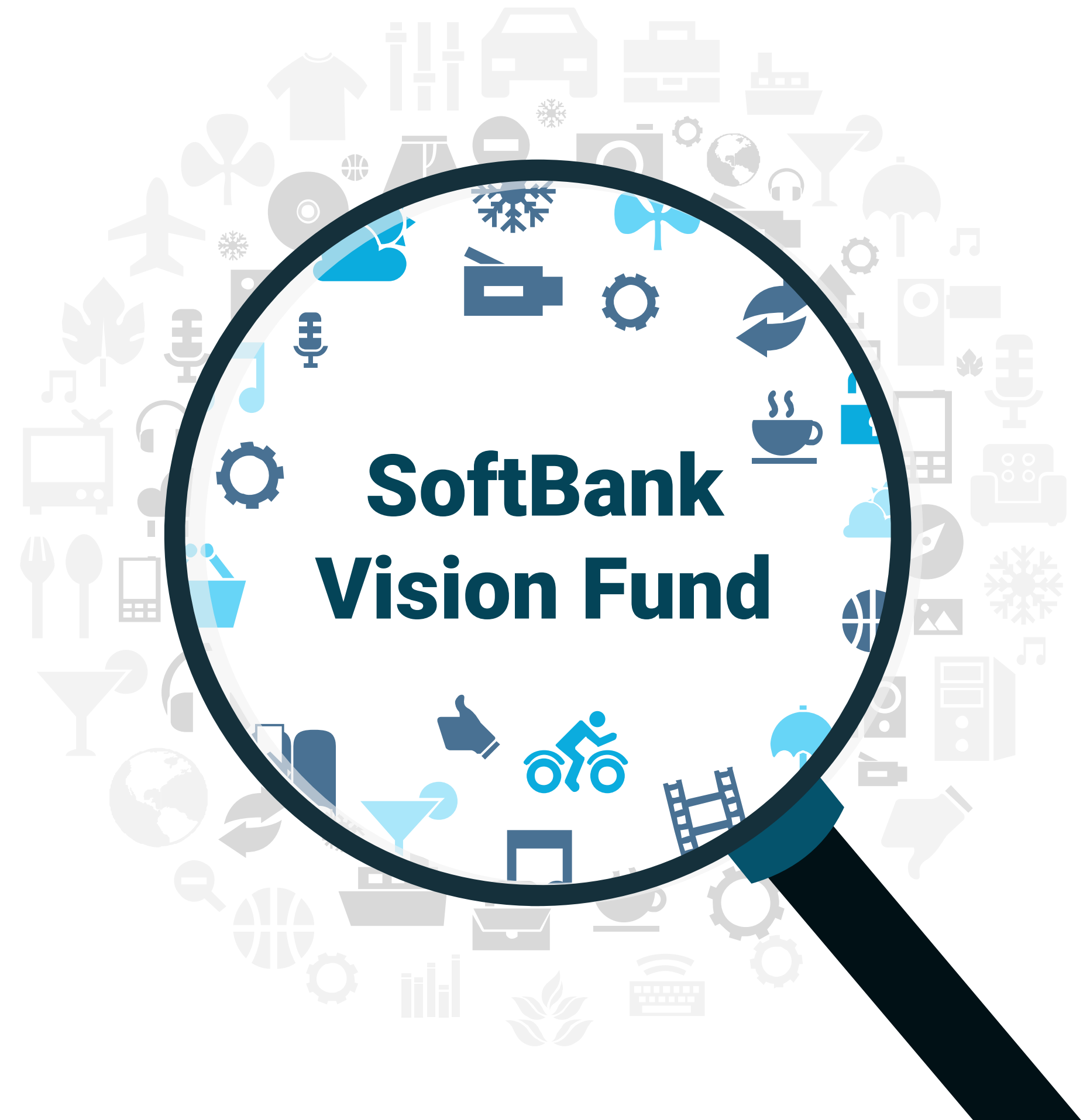


VCs focus more  
on series  
A/series B  
investments



VCs look  
towards  
Softbank for  
potential exit

# Vision Fund 2: Right Time?

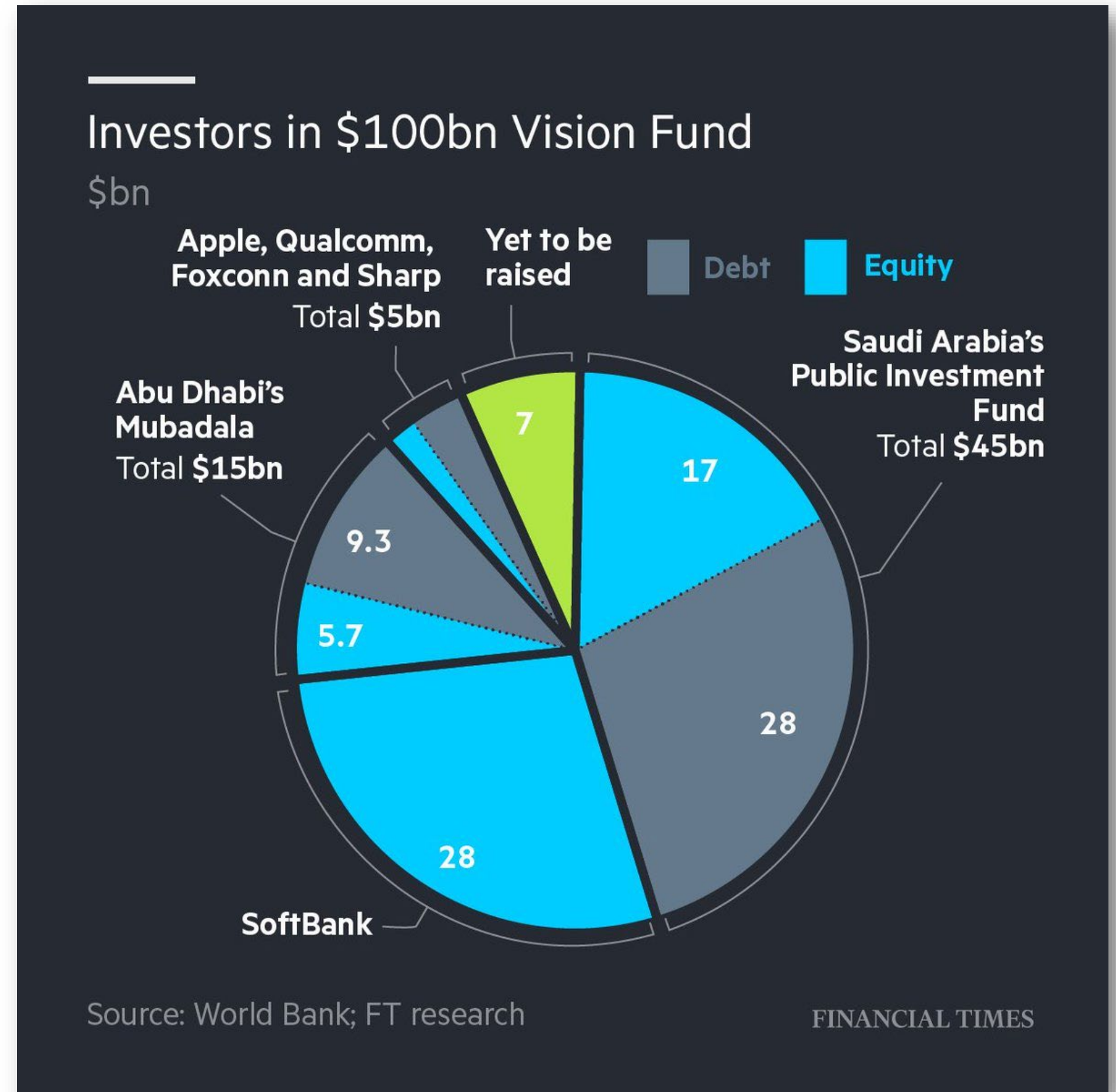




# Projections using past analysis



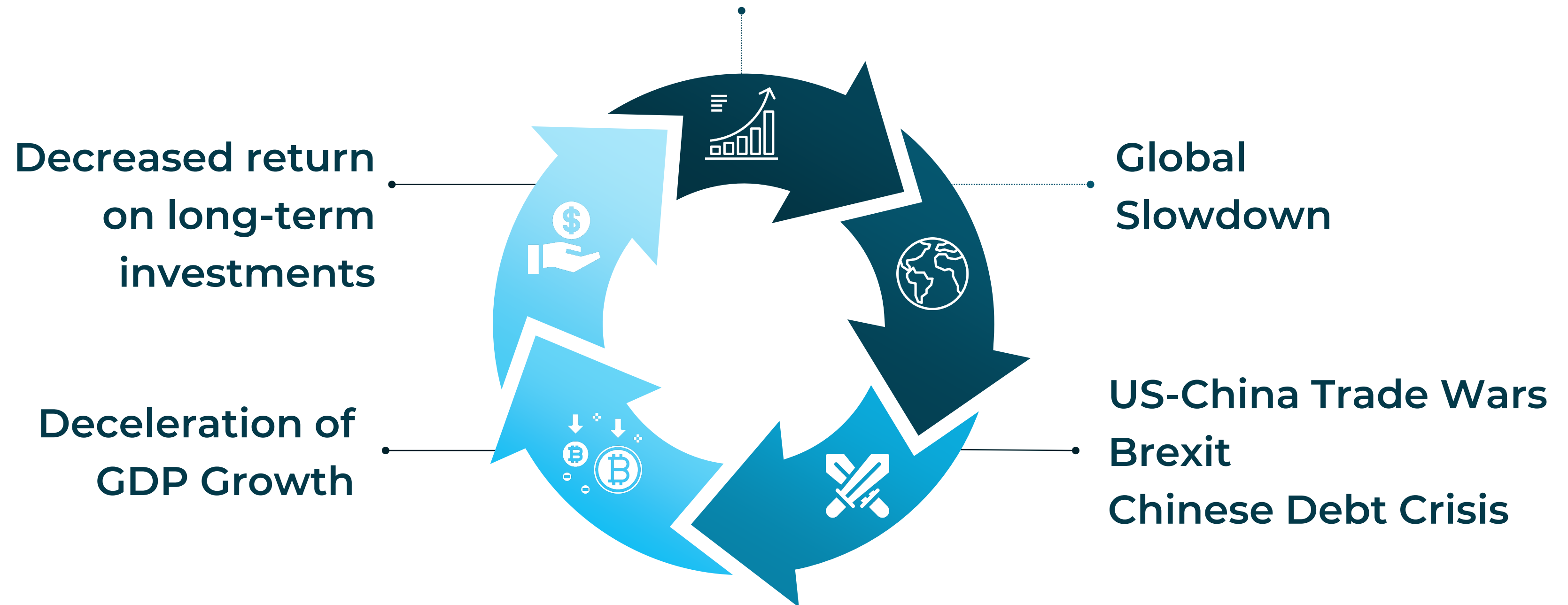
- ✓ 25% Completion of Fund life.
- ✓ \$45B as Debt and not Equity.
- ✓ Poor Performance of companies expected to produce good returns.



# Impending Recession



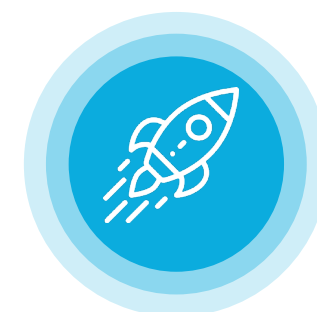
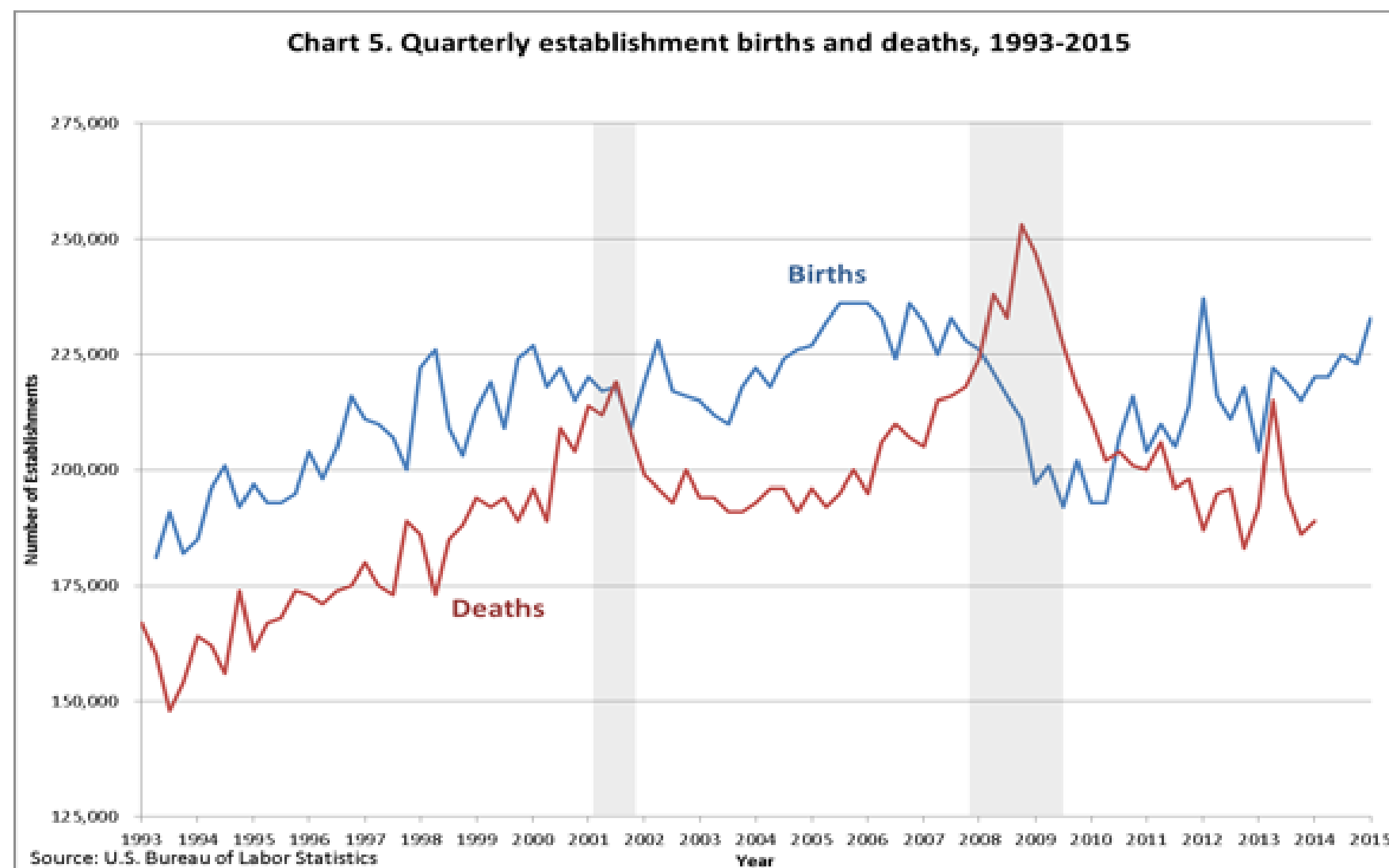
## Inversion of Yield Curves



# Impact of Recession



**Contraction in public equity market, leading to reduced discretionary spending in consumers and business.**



- The Burnout-Rate of startups increases
- Decrease in Equity to have more cash rounds.
- Increased pressure on startup valuation
- Smaller, less frequent rounds of cash.

# The Effect of **Recession** on IT-Companies





# Recession **Proof** Business Model



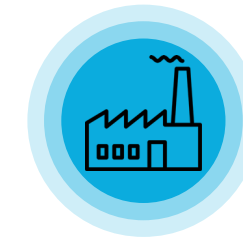
Factors governing survival of businesses.



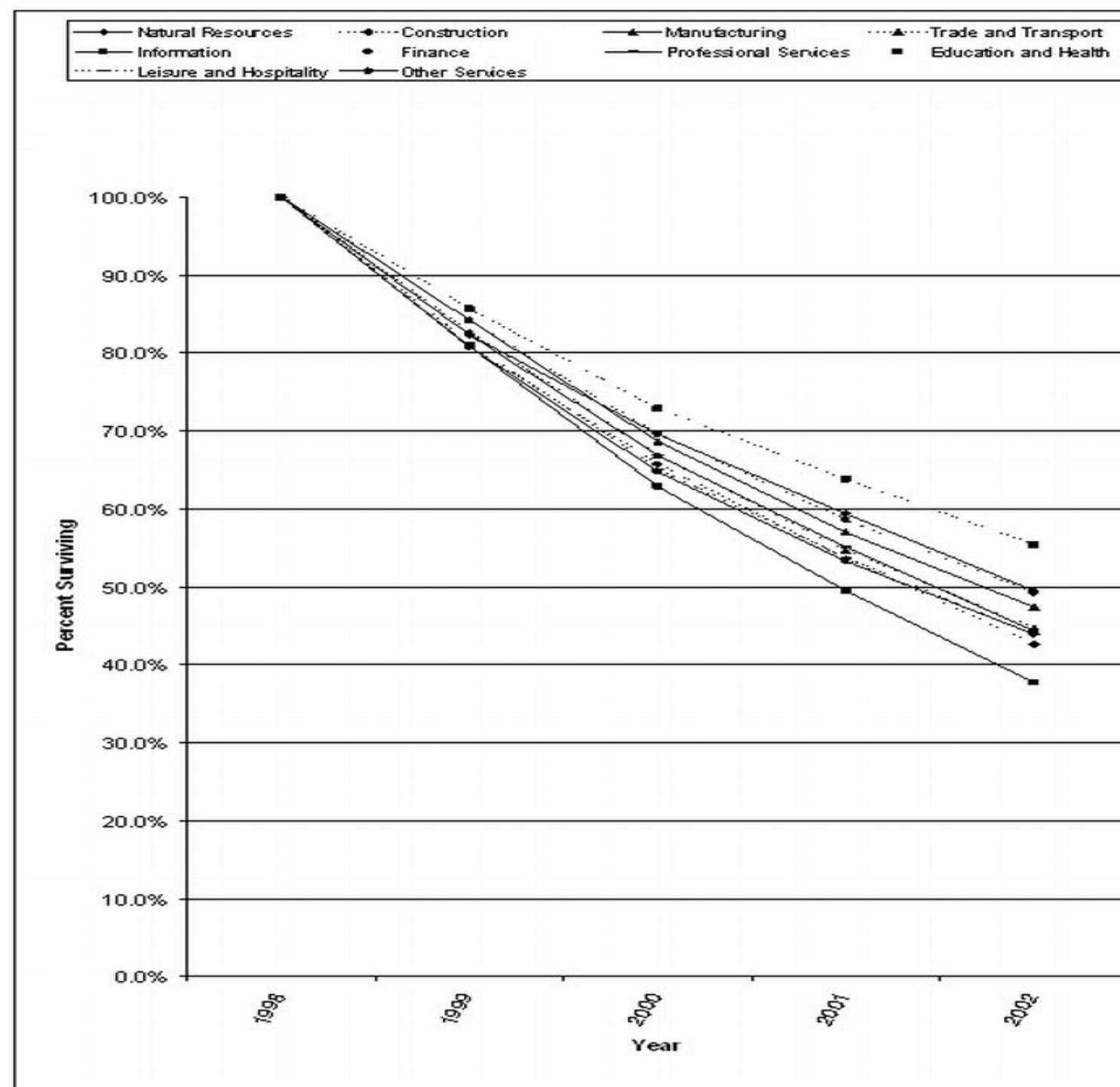
Age



Size



Industry Type



Source: Adapted from Knaup, A. 2005. Survival and longevity in business employment dynamics data. Monthly Labor Review, May: 50-56.

- ✓ The 4 year survival rate of start-up in IT sector was 38% while surviving rate for start-up in education and health care sector was 55%
- ✓ Average start-up in education and health care sector is 50% more likely to survive than average start-up in IT sector.
- ✓ Hedging risk by increasing relative investments in food and beverage industry, education and healthcare industry.



# Thank You

