#### **CONIFER NETWORKS**

# Bridging Silicon Valley to Asia

Founded 2002
Technology Incubation
Strategic Business Development
Investment
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### **SOUTH KOREA**

Population 51 million GDP \$1.376 Trillion\* The world's 11<sup>th</sup> largest economy\*





Home of Samsung, LG, and Hyundai







One in four college students in Korea majors in engineering compared to one in twenty within the US.

\*Source: IMF 2015

### **INCUBATION PARADISE**

Three Defining Reasons why Seoul is a Mobile Entrepreneur's Paradise:

#### 1. Hyper Connected - Hot Testbed

- Nearly 4 in 5 residents of Korea own a smartphone (4th in the world)
- Broadband speeds of 25.3 Mbps (1st), HK 16.3 Mbps (2nd), US 11.4 Mbps (14th)

#### 2. World Class Talent

- Undergraduates in Korea are 5 times more likely to major in engineering than their peers in the US
- One in four college students in Korea majors in engineering compared to one in twenty within the US
- KAIST, SNU

#### 3. Investment Capital and Government Programs

- Highly concentrated wealth in Seoul
- Creative Economy
- Government in 3 years \$3.7B into startups (direct grants and initiatives)
- Innovation Centers Google Campus, D.Camp, Maru 180
- Accelerators SparkLabs, FuturePlay, Primer
- VC STIC, POSCO, Formation 8, Altos Ventures and GoodWater Capital

#### Korea Broadband



Source: beSuccess

### REVENUE COMPARISON



facebook

**\$18B** (2015)

\$305B

(2014)

Google

\$75B

(2015)

17%

S. Korea GDP

1/5

S. Korea Total Export



\$234B (2015)

## 3 ICONIC COMPANIES

Original concepts that were launched in Korea years ahead













# **KOREA HOT UNICORNS**

# coupang

- The world's fastest growing e-commerce company Found 2010
- CEO Kim BumSeok, HBS graduate
- The company became cash flow positive as of late 2011 and achieved monthly net profit as of May 2012
- \$1B Investment from Softbank Japan in June 2015



Food Tech Goldman Sachs



Mobile Services Formation 8



## **KOREA ECOSYSTEM**

#### AN OVERVIEW OF KOREA'S TECH STARTUP SUPPORT ECOSYSTEM



Source: Startup Alliance



### **KOREA LATEST TRENDS**

More than ever number of startups (\$1.7B Startup Funding in 2015) Accelerators, Incubators, Venture Builders Opening up of Google Campus in Seoul (4<sup>th</sup> in the world and 1<sup>st</sup> in Asia) 500 Startups Seoul SparkLabs, Primer, K Startup Batch Processing to grow 100 horses to get one unicorn Mentoring Vertical Integration highly specialized FuturePlay, Fast Track Asia, The Ventures Venture Builders - Co founders, beta Global scale valuation and investment Coupang, an Unicorn \$1B investment by Softbank in June 2015 Government – "Creative Economy" in 3 years \$3.7B into startups through direct grant and initiatives Financing Venture Capitals, active early stage investments

Seed Investment - recycling of money from successful entrepreneurs back into

Altos Ventures, GoodWater Capital, Formation 8

the ecosystems