



What is investor readiness?

Overview

Investor readiness is the enterprise's preparedness to "understand and meet investors' needs and expectations," and it influences the probability of a business receiving funding.

Key Factors



Business feasibility and viability

Demonstrate that the business is sustainable, competitive, scalable and have sound business and economic models, high investor value proposition ,proper management structure and qualified team.



Quality of investor materials

- Business plan
- Pitch deck/investment teaser
- Information memorandum
- Financial model

Africa Funding Landscape

The high value Venture Capital funding in Africa at \$ 4.5bn in 2023 for 603 deals underscores the triumph among businesses in pursuit of success through capital raising.

KENYA dominated in 2023 VC funding attracting **\$800m** (**28%** of the total amount raised in Africa)





Why is investor readiness important to SMEs?

Better understanding of your business



Investor-ready businesses understand where they are in terms of their operations, their capital needs and the financial strategic partners they'll need.

Better engagement with investors in raising external capital



Investor- ready businesses are able to understand the needs and expectations of potential investors and are at a better position to source external funding.

Accelerate capital raising process



The hand-holding in the process helps to speed up the fundraising process.

Businesses with access to funding have a higher success rate than businesses without. According to Growth Africa, African start-ups with access to funding had a **72%** success rate compared to unfunded start-ups in 2023.



How do you identify relevant investors?

Key Factors



Geography

Some investors have a specific geographic focus



Sector focus

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Ticket size

Well-defined business ask/ticket size falling within investors funding range.



Capital type

Clearly defined business capital type e.g. debt, equity or a mix



Investor type

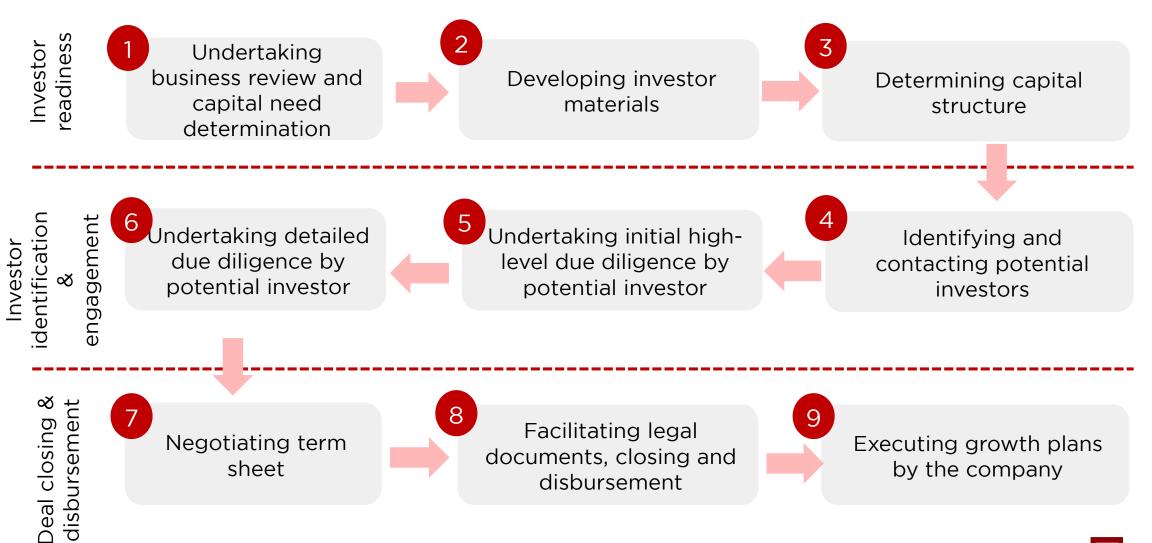
Clearly defined type of investor the business is looking for e.g. strategic, institutional or angel



What are investors looking for?

Clearly defined target market, Market landscape size, opportunities, competition, Clearly defined governance and risks mechanisms, relations and Governance processes by which a business is controlled and directed Positive trend in the financial and Traction operational indicators that are regularly monitored Well defined growth strategy that addresses the identified **Growth Strategy** market need Unique, scalable, adaptable to Product/ customers and which stands out service with high market penetration. Defined capital need/ask to meet the expected business Capital need growth Ways through which the company will make money **Business Model** The expected impact from **Impact** addressing the market need Qualified, passionate, competent and with defined roles within the Team Company

How does full investor readiness process look like?



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What type of investment should I look for?

Sweat equity/bootstrapping	Equity	Quasi-equity	Debt
Business inception	Early Stage	Growth phase	Mature phase
 Company starting operations with 1st iterations of the product Typically funded by the founder, family or friends Choose to not or can't access commercial 	 Key steps; post-prototype, "proof-of concept", post-revenue High risk appropriate for friends and family, angel investors, market experts 	 New challenges in execution; scaling quickly and successfully Medium risk sought by venture capitalists and some private equity investors 	 Mature companies meeting all previous challenges Growth almost plateauing Seeking new growth opportunities Fairly low risk
financing at this stage		Venture capital/ private equity	Private equity
Self/family/friends mafricacapital.com	Angel investors	private equity	E

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