

# Capital Pool Company™

An alternative source of growth capital

# Capital Pool Company Founders



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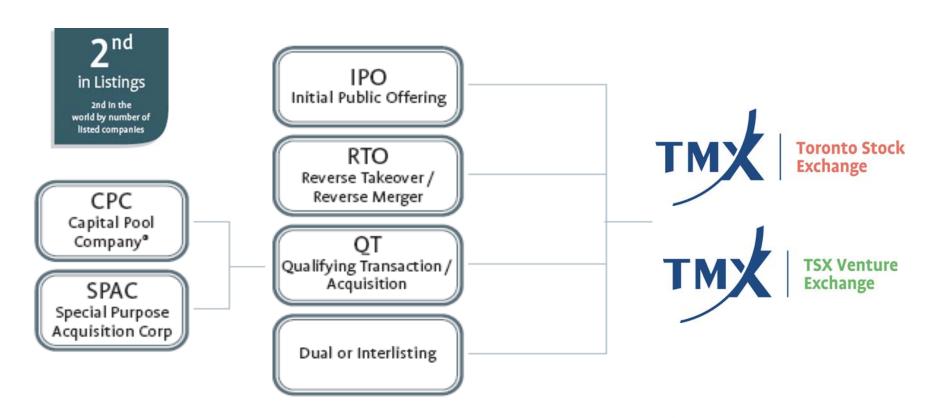
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# Going Public Transactions



TMX Equity markets embrace multiple mechanisms for "go-public" transactions





# Capital Pool Company™ (CPC) Program has a Strong Track Record



### Anatomy of a Qualifying Transaction



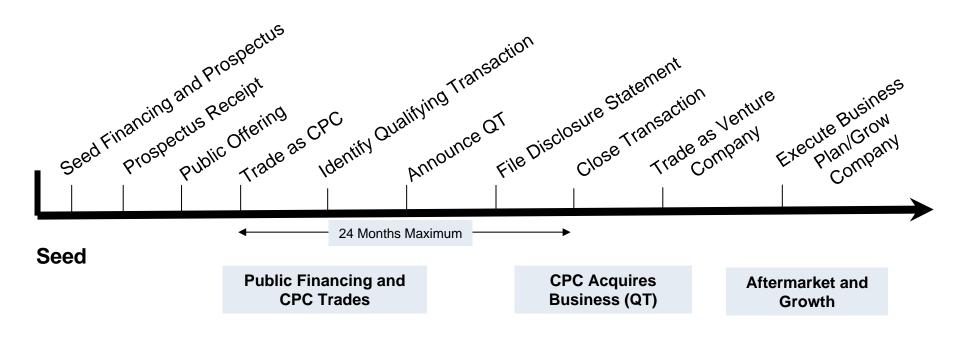
## Since inception:

- •Over 2050 CPCs were created
- •80% have completed their QT over 1600 companies
- 329 Graduates now trade on TSX
- 96 of the grads were CPCs



# Capital Pool Company: Process







# Capital Pool Company: Milestones



### Seed Financing

- \$100,000 to \$1.8 M seed financing of the company by 3-5 Founders/Directors
- Up to \$500,000 can be <u>discount seed</u>

#### CPC IPO

a prospectus offering to create a corporate vehicle with public distribution

### Qualifying Transaction (QT)

a target business is identified, disclosed and acquired

#### Aftermarket and Growth

company trades and executes its business plan



# 1. Seed Financing



3-5 CPC Founders:

Collectively invest \$100,000 to \$1.8 M in seed funding Up to \$500,000 can be <u>discount seed</u>

Appoint CPC Board of Directors

Seed investors do not have to be Directors

\$5000 minimum investment / Director

Seed Financing and Prospectus

Seed



### Consider this...



#### **Success Factors:**

Cohesive team with same level of commitment

Reasonable timeline & budget agreement

Strategic & institutional capital

Board: dealflow network, business contacts, business and pubco experience

Develop relationship with TSXV

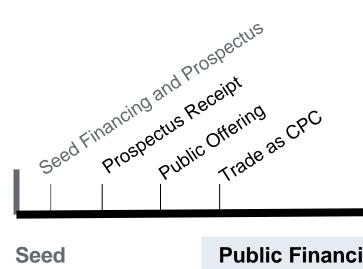
#### **Potential Pitfalls:**

Observe structuring rules regarding \$5,000 minimum per Director and \$100,000 Director group minimum



# 2. CPC Initial Public Offering





CPC IPO is completed:

President's list

Broker's list

Stock options

Agent(s) compensation

Seed

**Public Financing** and CPC Trades



### Consider this...



#### **Success Factors:**

Broker commitment

Selecting the right team of advisors with CPC experience

TargetCo, CPC and Sponsor must all have representation

#### **Potential Pitfalls:**

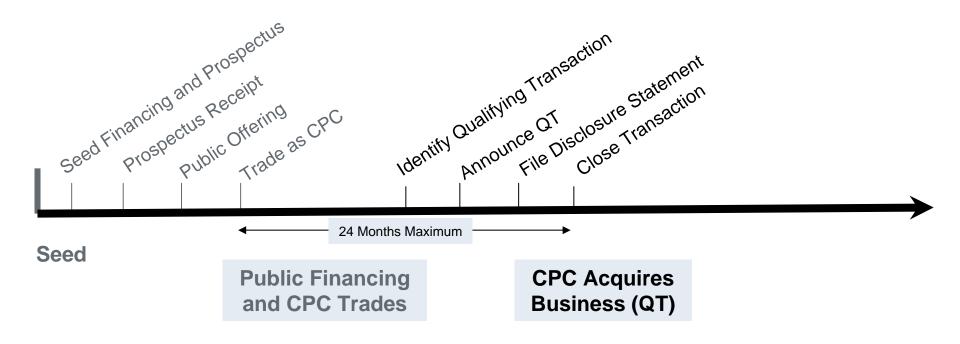
Double check "agreement in principle" not yet established

PIFs - timing and impact on prospectus



# 3. Qualifying Transaction







# Selecting a QT Candidate



### Considerations for a Qualifying Transaction:

Significant growth opportunity & reason to be public

Strong & coachable management

Capital needs: \$1 M to \$20 M

Close to commercialization

Meets minimum listing and audit requirements

Stock options and acquisition currency

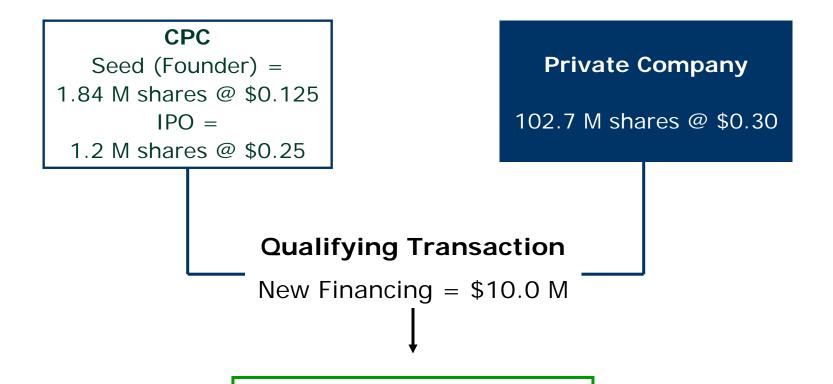
Strong market appetite

12 to 18 month cash requirements (can be financed)



# Anatomy of a Qualifying Transaction





**New TSX Venture Company** 



# Resulting Share Structure



	Shares	Price	Invested/ Valuation	Market @ \$0.35	Ownership
Seed Investors*	1,840,000	\$0.125	\$230,000	\$0.644 M	1.3%
CPC IPO*	1,200,000	\$0.25	\$300,000	\$0.42 M	0.9%
Acquisition of QT	102,666,667	\$0.30	\$30.8 M	\$35.9 M	73.8%
Private Placement	33,333,333	\$0.30	\$10 M	\$11.6 M	23.9%
Totals	139,040,000			\$48.6 M	100%

\*CPCs shares were not consolidated on the QT which often happens.



### ROI for Founder



### **Seed Investment:**

35,000 invested at 0.125 = 280,000 shares

### **Post QT:**

280,000 shares @ \$0.35 = \$98,000

ROI:

180%



### Consider this...



#### **Success Factors:**

Lots of cash on closing

Market interest and understanding

Deliver in short term post closing

Reasonable valuation - not always maximum valuation

#### **Potential Pitfalls:**

Listing requirements shortfalls

Insufficient cash/working capital on closing

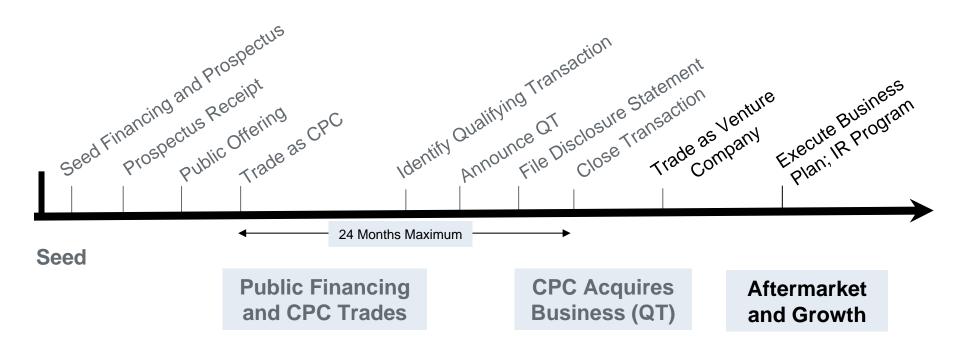
Valuation versus escrow regime (TSXV Policy 5.4)

PIFs - timing and impact on circular



### 4. Aftermarket and Growth







### **Aftermarket**



TargetCo post QT Investor relations program

Shortlist IR firms early on

Consider CPC board members with capital market experience

Execute business plan

Private placements

Acquisitions

Governance/compliance with securities laws and Exchange policies



### Consider this...



#### **Success Factors:**

Press release clarity/ quality

Broker management and support

Timely disclosure against published milestones (good and bad)

#### Potential Pitfalls:

Orphan status

Mistrust of management's willingness to communicate

Market fluctuations



# Why/When a CPC



### Company Wants/ Needs

- · Alternative access to capital; Retain higher ownership
- Want to be public company (M&A currency, stock options, visibility)
- Greater flexibility, certainty and control in the process
- Going public risk reduced

# Market Conditions

- Company is too early stage for a broadly distributed regular IPO
- IPO market is not strong enough in general
- VC financing is not viable or management prefers not to use
- Market appears to reward growth business of target company's sector

### Critical Success Factors

- Management
- Long term strategy to grow as a public company
- Reasonable valuation = Viable share structure
- Investor support
- Appropriate advisors (lawyer, broker, investment banker)



### 2009 QTs

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