

From Entrepreneurship To International Marketing

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Why entrepreneurship and exports matters?

- **Freedom and better living conditions**
 - **Score higher on innovation**
 - **Employ more people**
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- <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2014/11/2015-index-of-economic-freedom-why-trade-matters-and-how-to-unleash-it>



How does this work? The global landscape



Ceci n'est pas un
entrepreneur



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The background image shows a massive waterfall, likely Gullfoss in Iceland, with turbulent white water falling over dark, rocky cliffs. In the foreground, there's a field of tall, dry, golden-brown grass. The sky is overcast.

Startup first revenues

**Small company
crossing the chasm**

**Midsize company
medium-large**

**Corporate
entrepreneurship**

USA

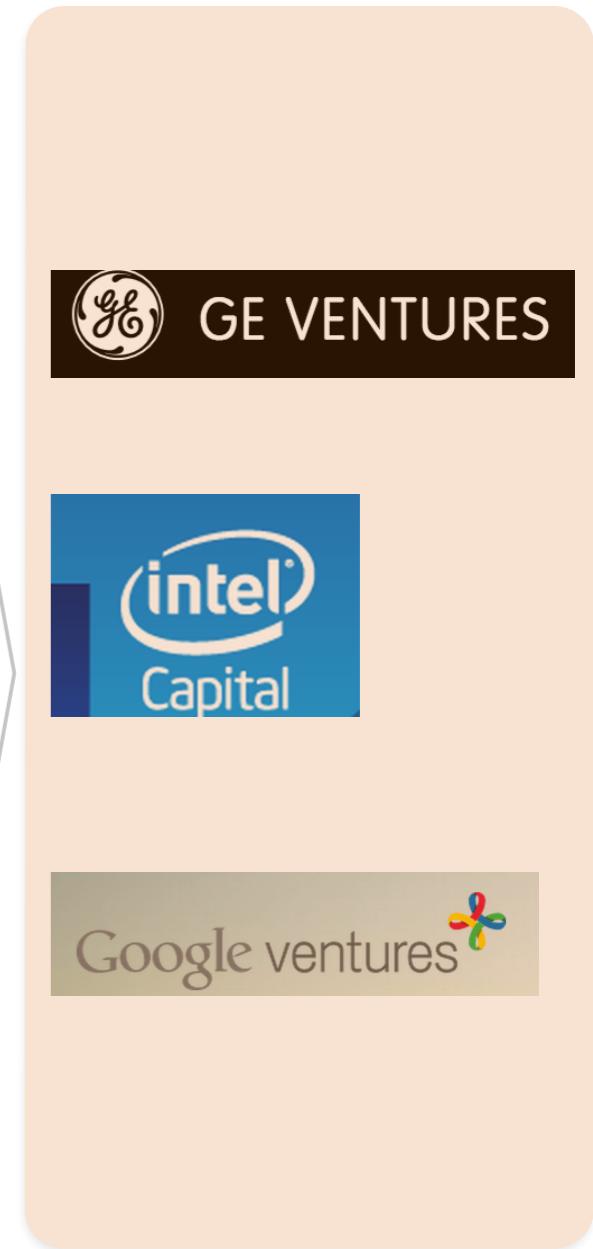
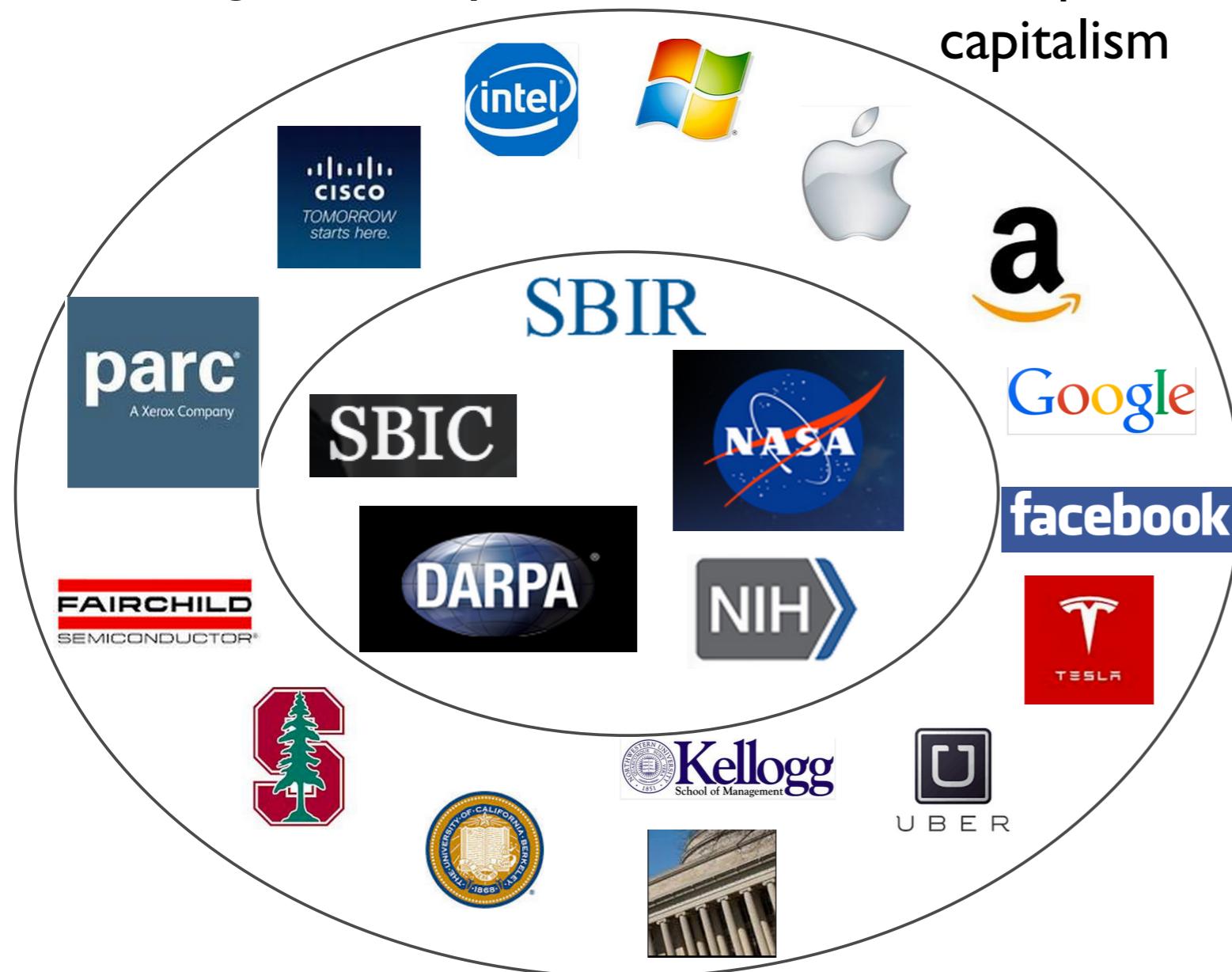
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technologies + Early Seed

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Venture capital and
disruptive entrepreneurial
capitalism

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Corp. managerial
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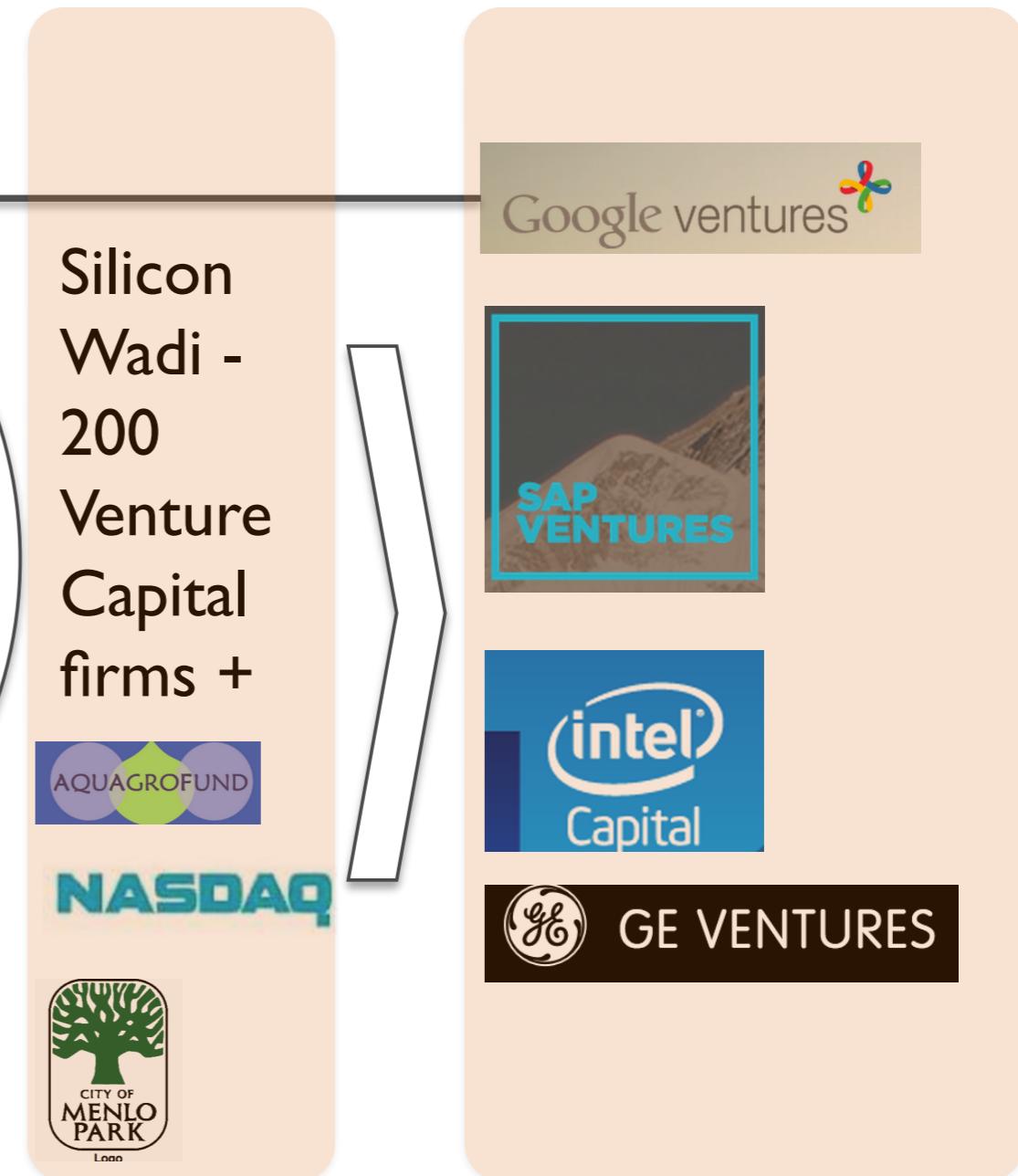
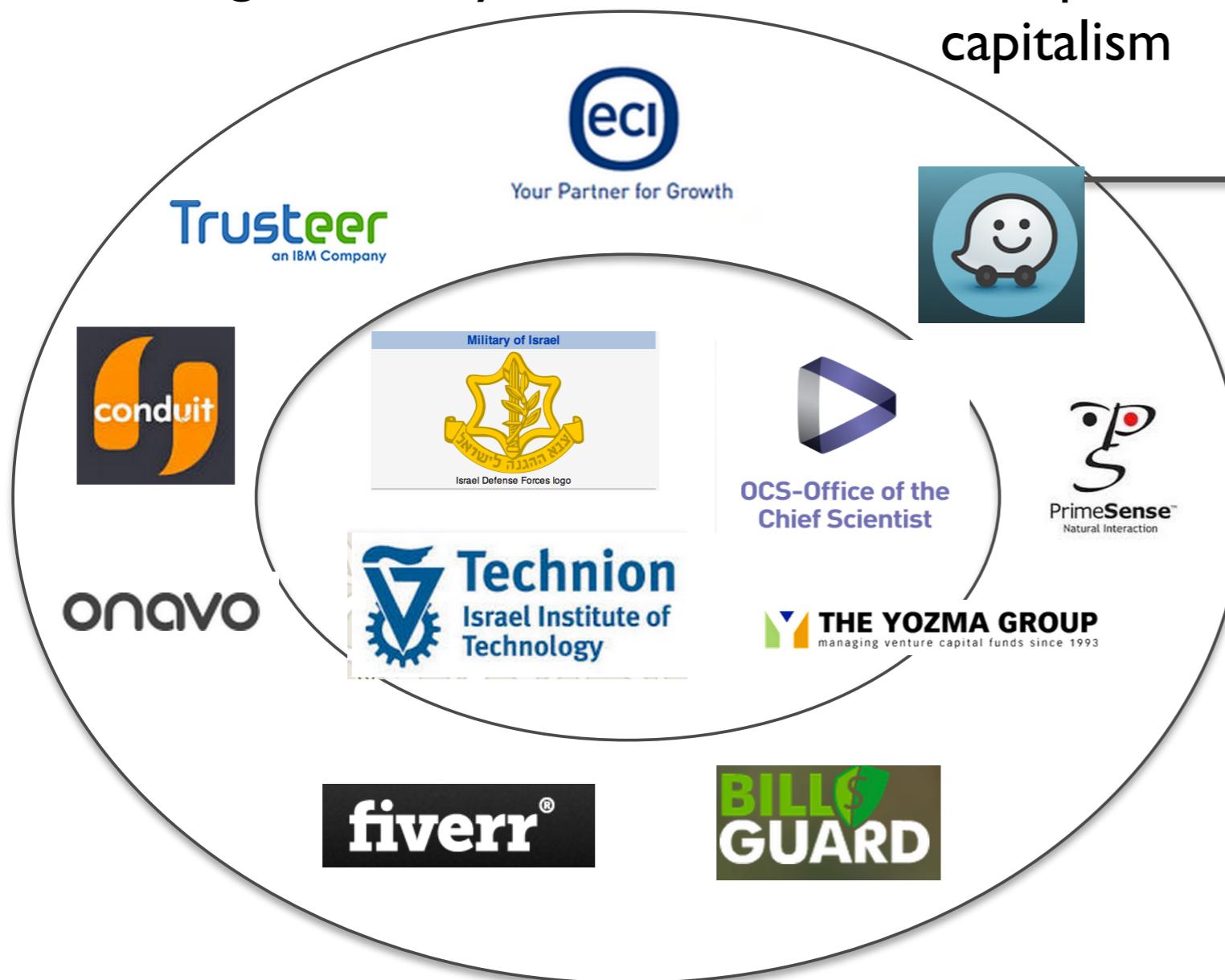


Israel

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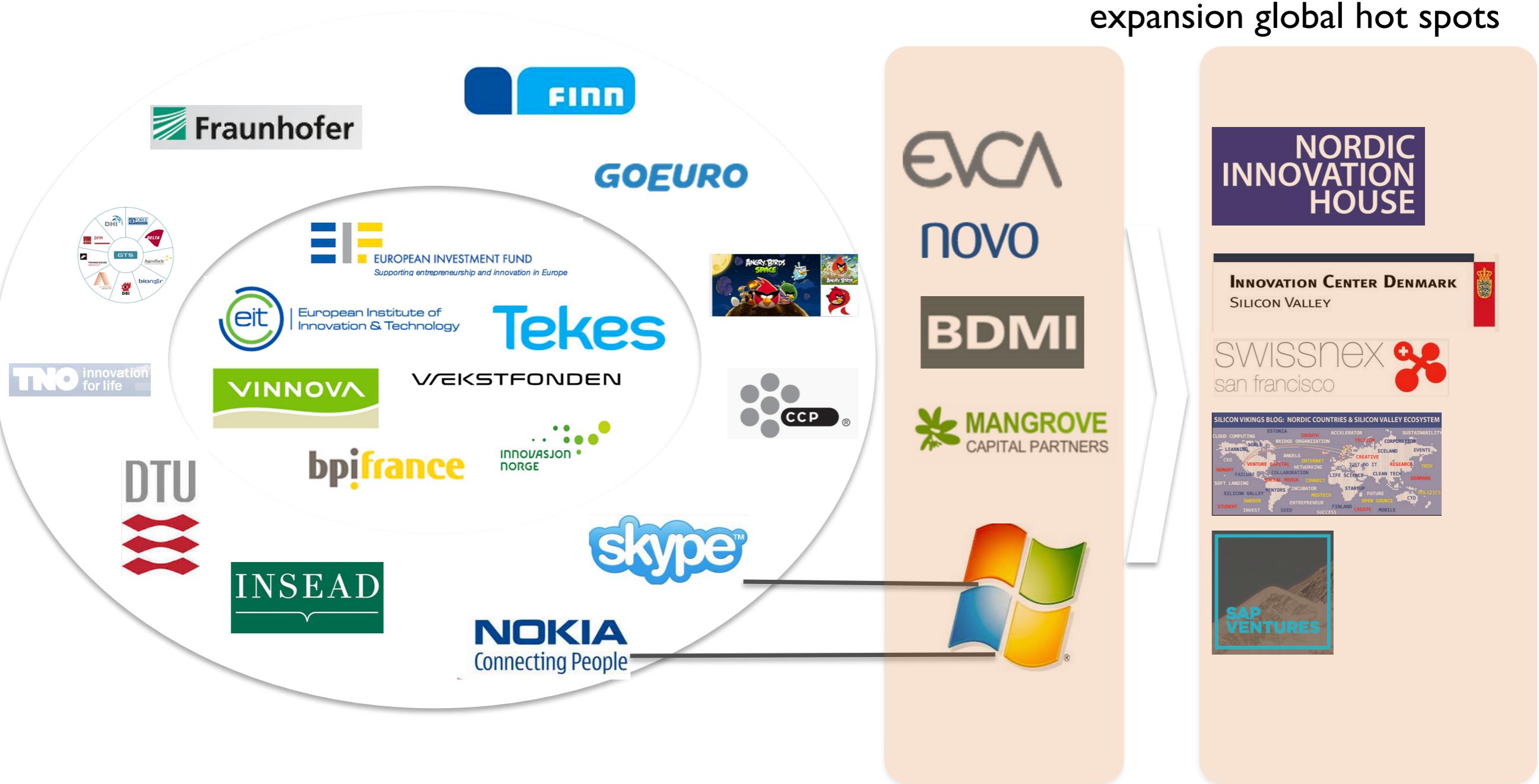
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disruptive entrepreneurial
capitalism



Europe

State: Technology diffusion
and incremental innovation

+ Corporate managerial
Capitalism + state
expansion global hot spots



Global Venture Capital 2014

30%

60

40

20

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USA

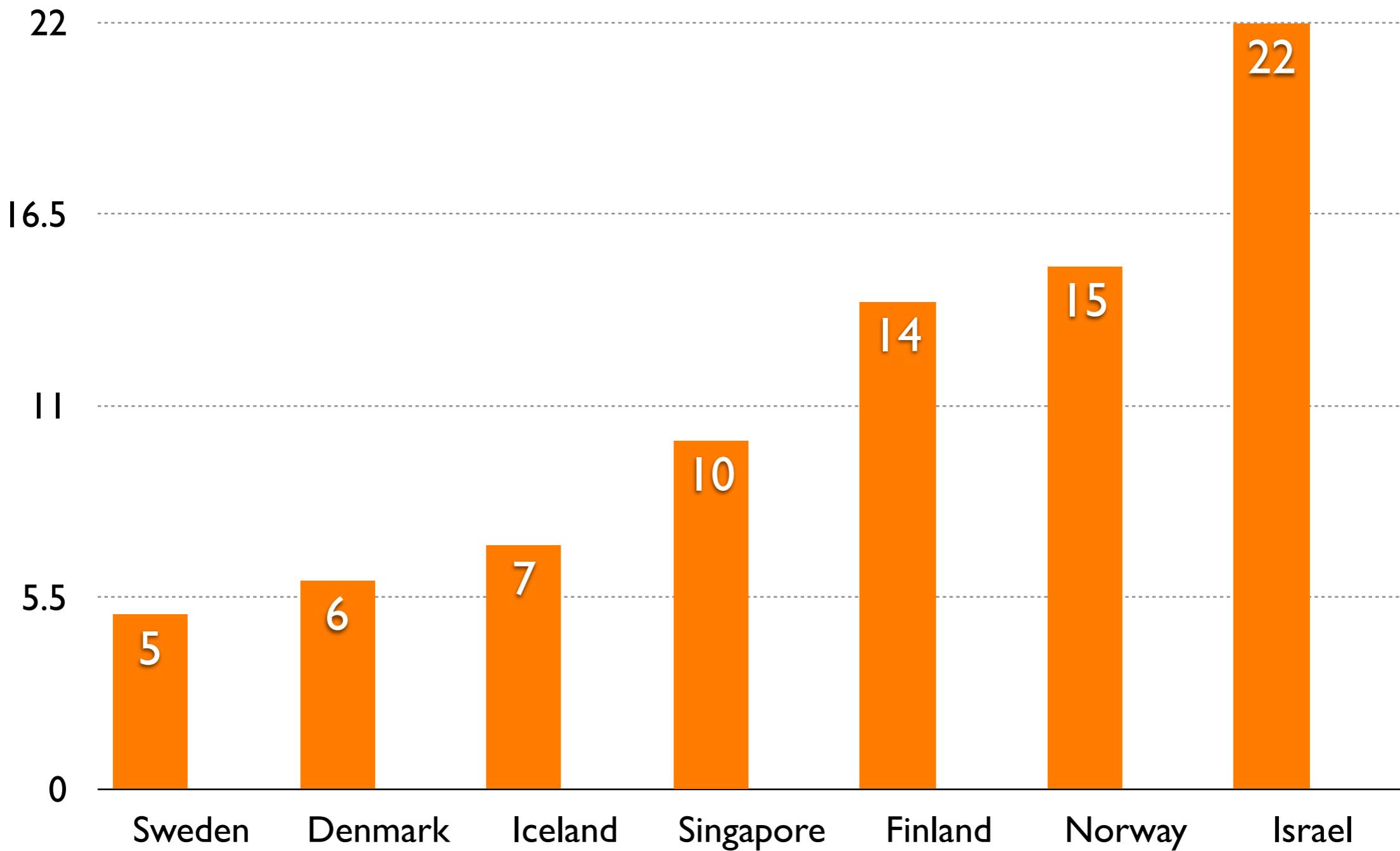
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China

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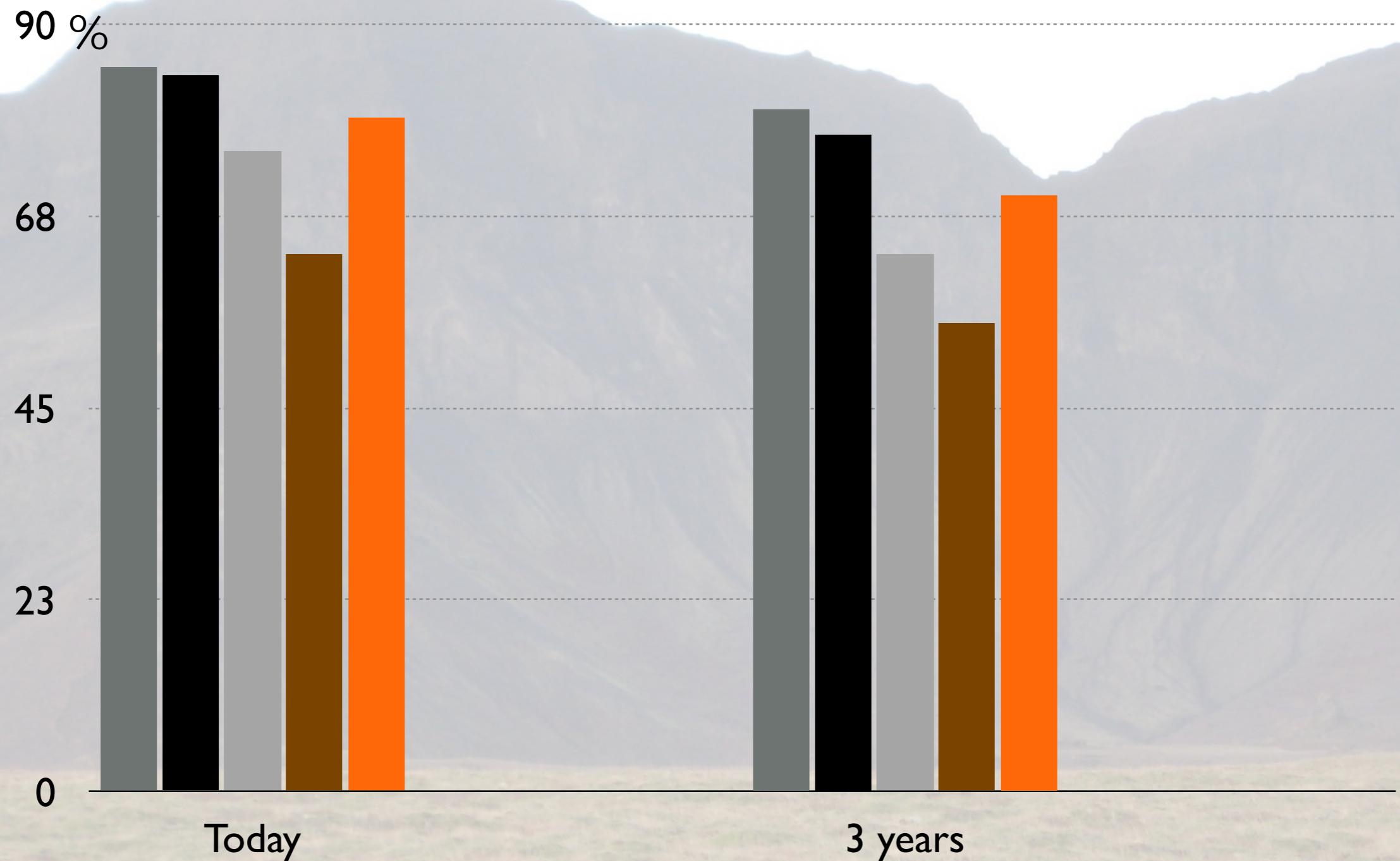
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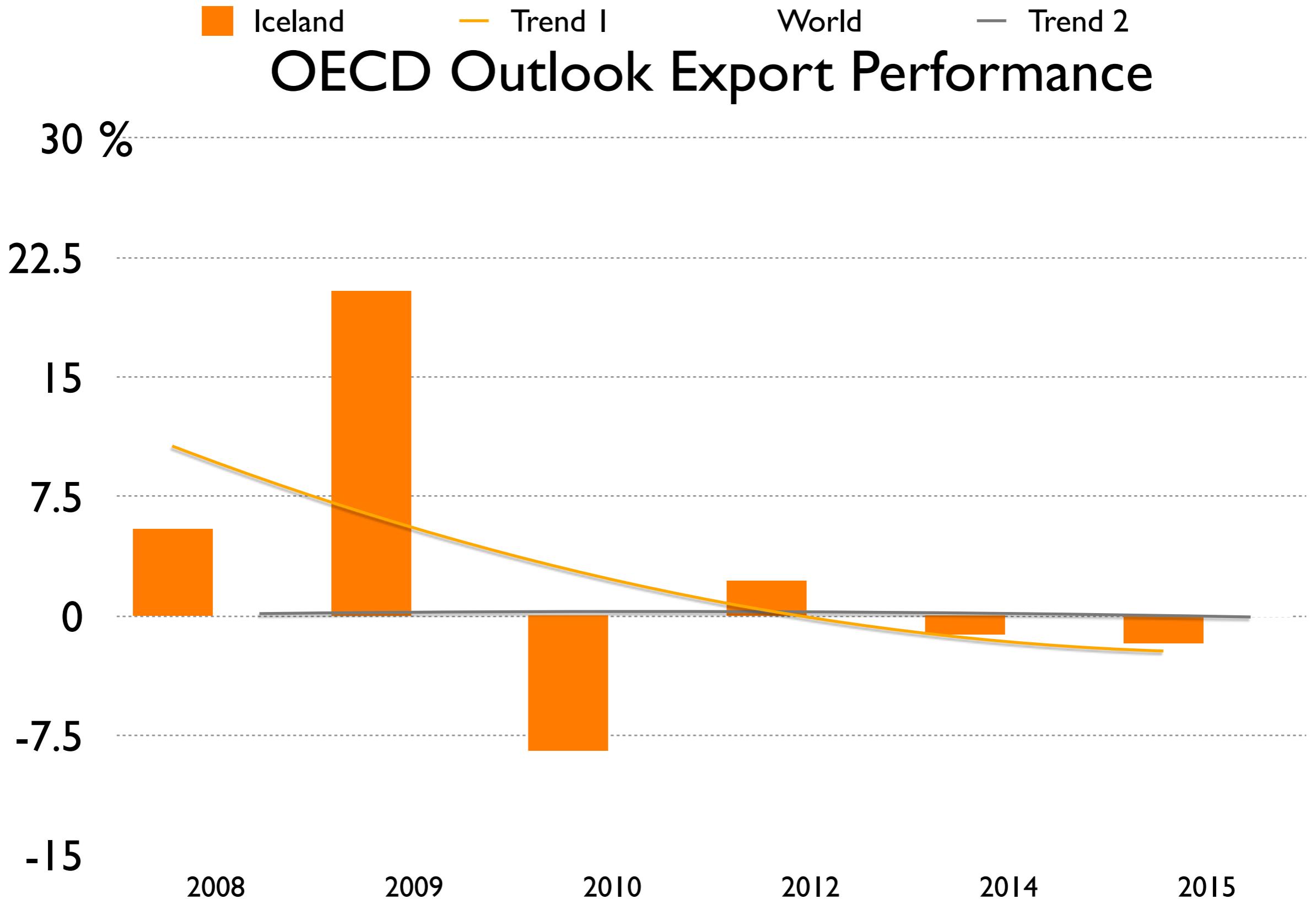
Rankings-Global Entrepreneurship Index 2014



■ Norway ■ Sweden ■ Denmark ■ Finland ■ Nordic

Nordic business at home today and in 3 years





Top 3 barriers to internationalization of Nordic entrepreneurs

- **Establishing strategic partnerships in key markets**
- **Experience in international marketing/sales**
- **Competition in global markets**



Foreign Direct Investment

European Cities of the Future

Northern Europe 2014

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- 1 Helsinki
 - 2 Reykjavik
 - 3 Stockholm
 - 4 Copenhagen
 - 5 Espoo

R&D Personnel

Country

Driver

Finland

Gaming

Iceland

Genomics

Denmark

Pharma

Israel

Software

Singapore

Electronics

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8 Pathways to Growth

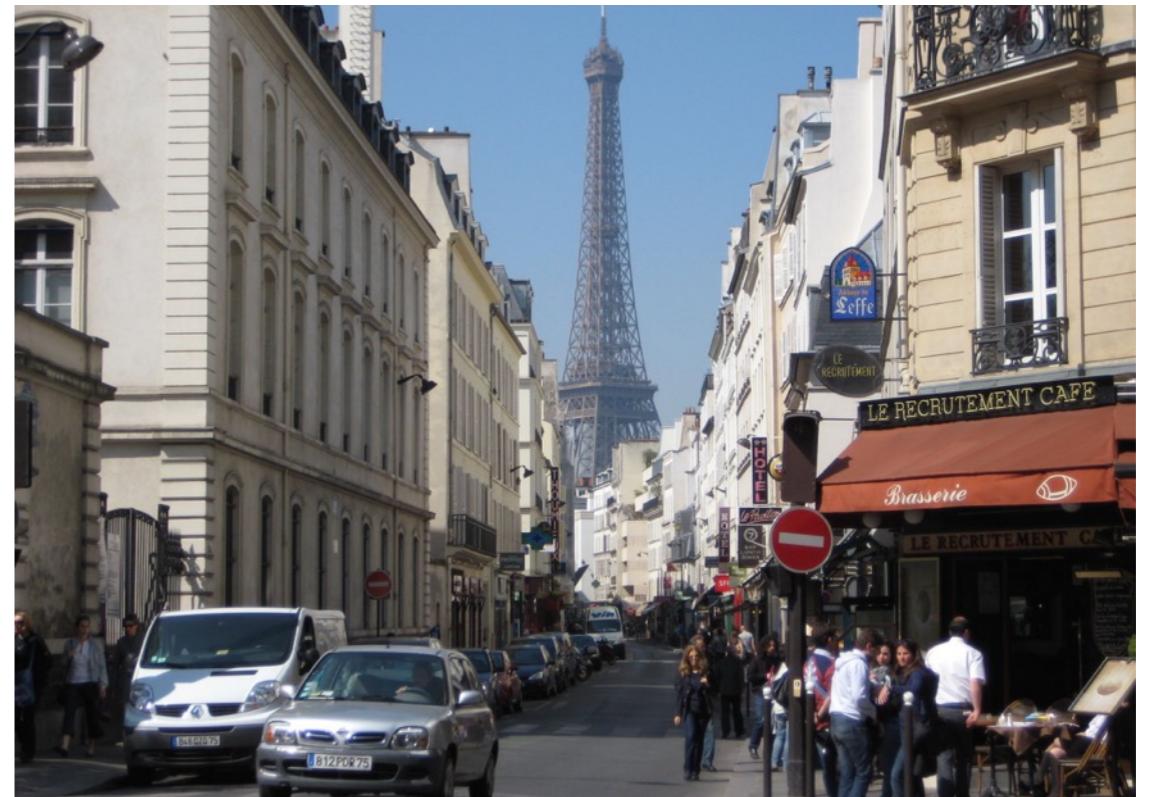
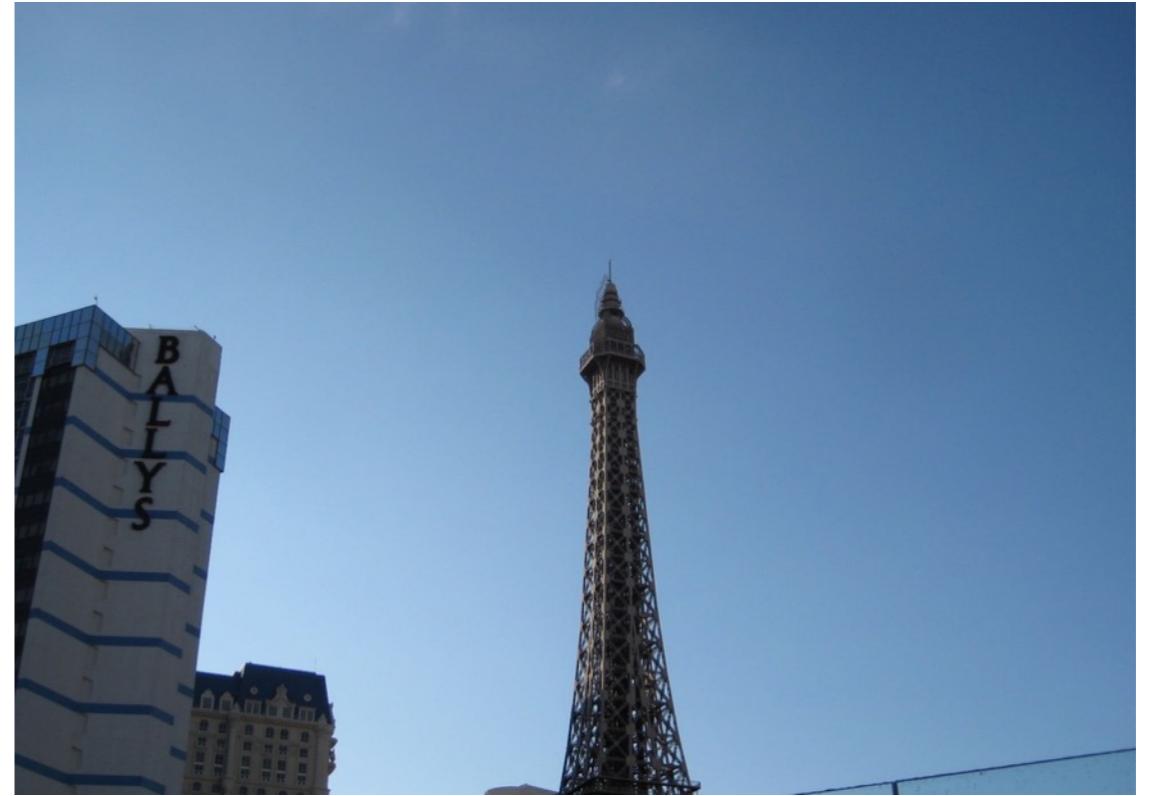
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- Outstanding CSR
 - Focus on non-profit and government
 - Alliances, Partnerships
 - Build market share
 - International expansion
 - Innovating new offerings
 - Develop committed customers
 - Powerful brand

Where to begin?

Be Relevant



Be Authentic



Be Interesting



Leadership



Strategic direction

A photograph of a winding asphalt road through a hilly landscape. The sky is filled with soft, warm colors from a low sun, transitioning from orange and yellow near the horizon to a pale blue-grey above. The hills are covered in dry, golden-brown grass. The road curves away from the viewer towards the horizon, with a few small figures visible on the right side.



Build bridges
before you
need them

How can you help Iceland's entrepreneurs to take off?

