

# Fundraising and Investing via Equity Crowdfunding on pitchIN

Malaysia's Digital Fundraising & Investment Hub



#### Who We Are



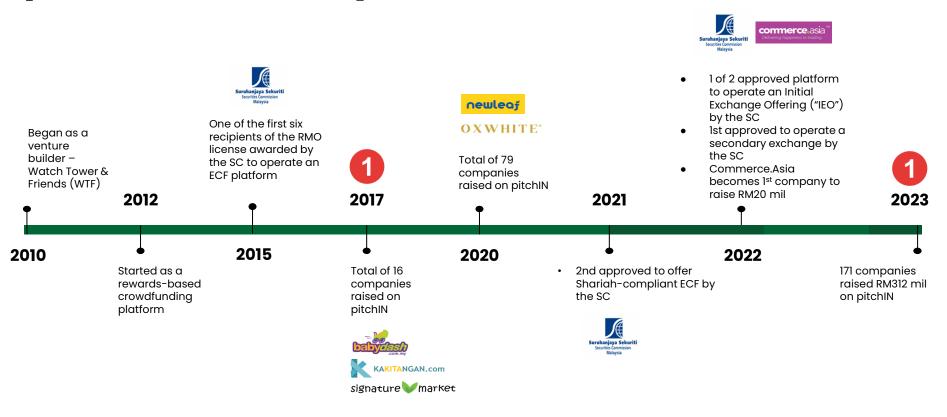
pitchIN is a **digital investment hub** that connects companies with investors who believe in them. We are registered with the Securities Commission of Malaysia as a **Recognized Market Operator (RMO)** to offer both an Equity Crowdfunding (ECF) as well as an Initial Exchange Offering (IEO) or Token Crowdfunding (TCF) platform.

We also received approval to list Shariah approved based companies and also to operate a Secondary Market to trade shares.

As an alternative financing platform, we help to bridge the funding gap faced by companies.



## pitchIN's Journey





## pitchIN - Building a Digital Capital Market Hub

Equity Crowdfunding (ECF)

Fund raise via equity (conventional or shariah)

Raise up to RM20 mil (US\$4.4 mil) Secondary Market (PSTX)

Secondary trading market for shares

Buy/sell shares

Initial Exchange Offering/Token Crowdfunding (TCF)

Fund raise via issuance of digital tokens

Raise up to RM100 mil (US\$22 mil) pitchIN Academy

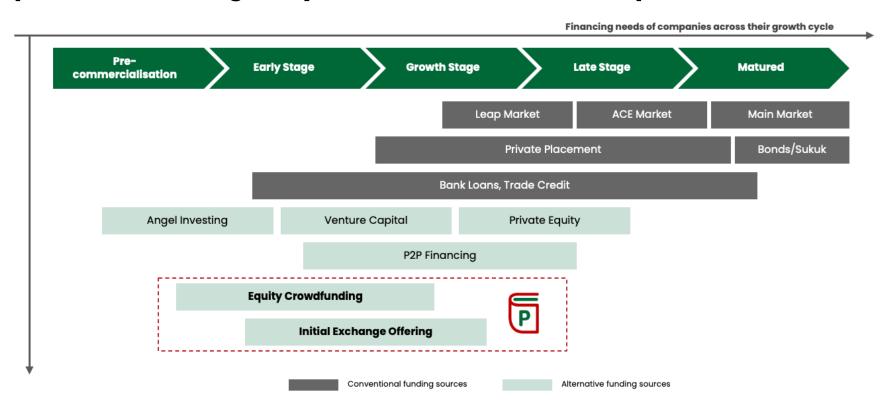
Accelerator, masterclass and training

Knowledge center

pitchIN is strategically positioned to fill in the funding gap by providing alternative funding to underserved companies



## pitchIN is Strategically Positioned to Fill the Gap



Source: Capital Market Masterplan 3, Securities Commission Malaysia; BCG Analysis; Deloitte Financial Services Insight.



## pitchIN by the Numbers

177\*

Companies successfully raised funding on pitchIN RM324+ Million\*

Funds raised on pitchIN

18,000+\*

Registered investors on pitchIN

Awarded 'Best Startup' by Malaysian Venture Capital Association in 2021

\*As of May 1, 2024 6



### A Full-Fledged Team

#### **Business Unit**

# Conventional Shariah PSTX (Secondary Market) IEO (Initial Exchange Offering/Token

Crowdfunding)

#### **Group Resources**

Legal & Compliance Nominee (Investor Relations) Technology & Product Marketing Academy



# **Equity Crowdfunding**



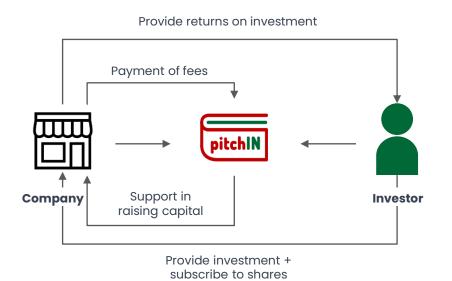


## General Overview of ECF Model in Malaysia

#### What is Equity Crowdfunding (ECF)?

- ECF is an alternative fundraising model regulated by the Securities Commission.
- It allows businesses to secure capital by offering shares in their company to a large number of retail, angel sophisticated investors or institutional investors.
- Companies (LLP, Sdn Bhd or unlisted Bhd) can raise **up to RM20 million**.
- Companies can be tech or non-tech from early to growth stages.

#### **How the ECF Model Works**



## Who Can Be An Investor In Equity Crowdfunding



All other investors apart from Angel or Sophisticated Investors



Tax resident of Malaysia AND

- Total net personal assets >RM3 million or its equivalent in foreign currencies, OR
- Gross total annual income is > RM180,000 or its equivalent in foreign currencies in the preceding 12 months, OR
- Gross total annual income > RM250,000 or its equivalent in foreign currencies in the preceding 12 months (jointly with spouse)



**Sophisticated** 

An accredited investor, high-net worth entity or high-net worth individual as defined in the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 and related regulations

Investment Limit: Up to RM5,000 per issuer and up to RM50,000 per year

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Investment Limit: No Limit

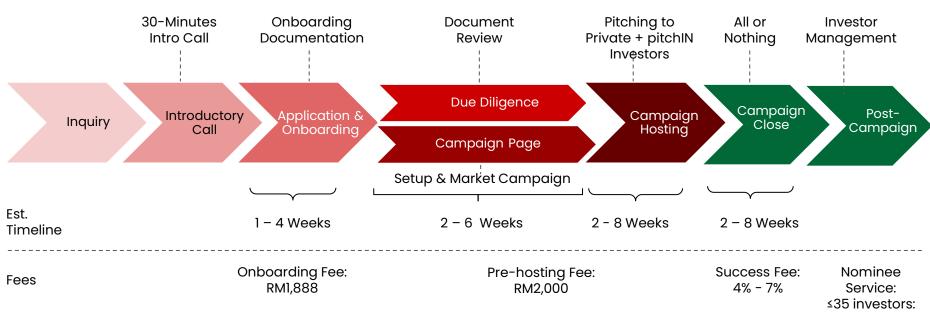


## Process of an ECF Campaign

Due Diligence Campaign **Application &** Campaian Post-Introductory Inquiry Close Investment Onboarding Call Hosting Campaign Page -1 - 4 Weeks 2 - 6 Weeks -4 - 12 Weeks-● -2 - 8 Weeks-● 1st and **Document** subsequent **Onboarding** All or Pitching & Share Review meetings **Documentation Investments Nothing Allotment** • Thorough due diligence to evaluate financial records. Obtain general Submission of Investor Once the Final documentation. legal compliance, and information of documents. engagement campaign including share business viability the company's background commences reaches its allotment and legal Campaign checks on where the Issuer structure. fundina formalities, is Page will conduct business. founders, key goal the completed. Create a compelling financial management pitching campaign campaign page to attract standing, and promoters sessions to is closed and engage potential industry and prospective Cooling-Off investors fundraising investors Period **Finalize Offer** needs. Investors can starts for 6 Amount to be raise + transfer their business Equity offered (Valuation) investment into days Type of shares the Trust • Shareholder's Agreement Account



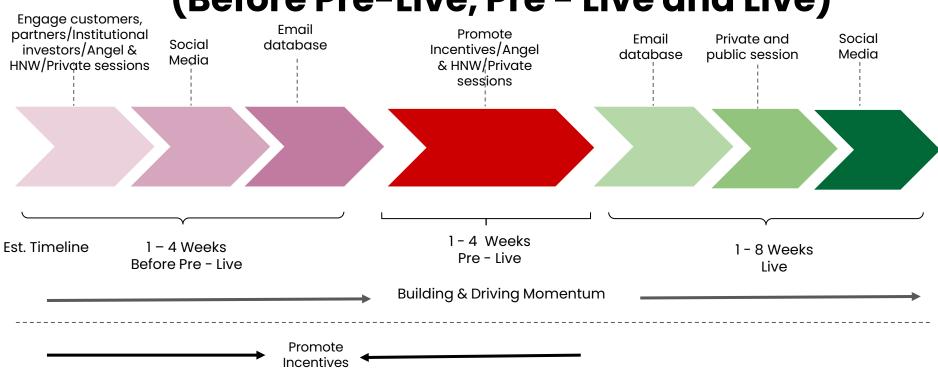
## ECF Campaign Fees – Pre & Post



RM2,888 p.a. 36 and above: RM3,888 p.a.

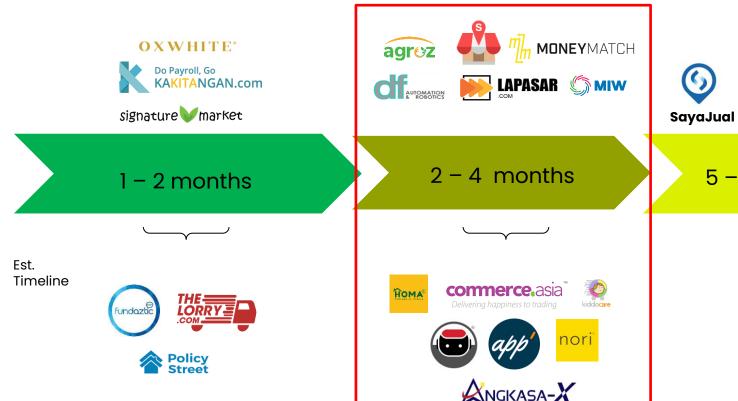


# Marketing + Promotion (Before Pre-Live, Pre - Live and Live)





## Time Taken to Fundraise





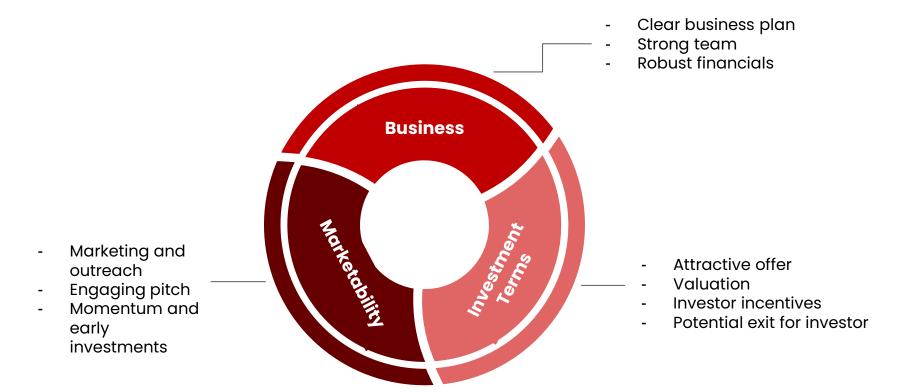




5 – 8 months



## Key Factors For A Successful Campaign





## **Benefits For Companies & Investors**

#### For Companies

- Malaysia Co-Investment Fund (MyCIF)
- Co-invests at a ratio of 1:4 into companies that successfully raise on ECF platform and a 1:2 ratio into agri-business, ESG and social enterprises
- Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC)
- A RM10 mil Co-Investment Fund by MTDC for companies that raise on pitchIN
- Up to RM900K or 30% of the funding per Issuer's campaign
- Blended Financing
- A RM1 Bil fund by BNM via Business Recapitalisation Fund (BRF)<sup>1</sup>
- Financing via debt up to RM5 mil for max tenure of up to 10 years

#### For Investors

#### Tax incentive

- Income tax exemption is given on 50% of the investment amount, up to the maximum exemption of RM50,000 for each assessment year
- The investment must not be disposed of, in full or in part, within 2 years from the date of investment



## Important Matters to Decide Pre Fundraising

- Valuation Companies need to justify the valuation they are seeking before going LIVE
- Type of shares Ordinary, Preference (RPS/RCPS) or a hybrid of Ordinary and Preference
- 3. ROI What are the potential ROIs for investors

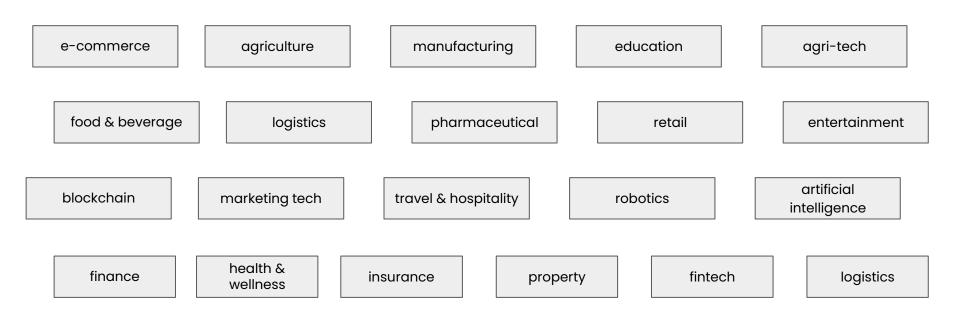


## Case Studies - ECF





## Types Of Companies That Have Raised on pitchIN





## **A Truly Democratizing Platform**



#### **Smallest** amount raised

Mesolitica (+3 other companies) - RM50,000



#### **Highest amount** raised

Commerce.Asia: RM20 mill Fundaztic: RM17 mill



Speedhome: 3 rounds Newleaf: 4 rounds



#### Highest no. of investors

OxWhite: 485 investors



## Successful Fundraising Campaigns on pitchIN











Industry	E-commerce (Snacks)	Automation & Robotics	E-commerce (Fashion)	Insurance Tech	E-commerce (B2B Marketplace)
Year	2017	2019	2019	2020	2021
Total fund raise	RM1.5 mil	RM3.0 mil	RM5.0 mil	RM5.3 mil	RM7.6 mil
No. of investors	161	177	485	274	18
Campaign highlights	RM400,000 raised in 10 days after they went LIVE on a 30- day campaign, after raising RM1.1 mil during their pre-LIVE. Post ECF, they raised another round with 2 local VCs.	A startup that was born out UTM Sekudai that successfully raised RM3 mil within 45 days of their campaign. Subsequently post ECF, they raised another round from MTDC.	Successfully raised the full amount in 2 weeks after going live. The majority of their investors were their own customers.	Raised 50% in 2 weeks and closed earlier than planned and was oversubscribed. Pitch sessions were done via Zoom due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Recently, they closed a RM70 mil funding from Khazanah.	Raised from High Net Worth investors. Post-ECF, raised successfully from VCs and a PE founder.



## Successful Fundraising Campaigns on pitchIN











Industry	SaaS	Retail Tech	E-commerce	Fintech (P2P)	Logistics
Year	2016	2021	2018 & 2022	2018 & 2023	2022
Total fund raise	RM1.5 mil	RM2.88 mil	RM20.0 mil	RM19.6 mil	RM4.14 mil
No. of investors	63	112	171	115	171
Campaign highlights	Oversubscribed. Raised RM1.5 mil in 24 hours after the campaign went live. Post ECF, they raised from 2 VCs	Counts Petronas and Petron as clients. Did most if not all of their marketing via online sessions with investors.	Raised RM3 mil in 2018 and RM17 mil in 2022. Marketing focused on Angel and Sophisticated investors. The 1 <sup>st</sup> campaign to raise the full RM20 mil	The majority of their investors were their own customers. Marketing was focused to HNW investors.	Fundraising was focused for their Jakarta expansion. Focused on a lot of digital marketing and online sharing sessions during their successful fundraise.



## Successful Fundraising Campaigns on pitchIN







Yin's Sourdough Bakery Natural Levain Bread

Industry	IR4.0, Digital, B2B	Consumer Goods, Beauty & Wellness	IR4.0, Engineering	Food & Beverage
Total fund raise	RM3.2 mil	RM1.05 mil	RM1.8 mil	RM1.1 mil
No. of investors	100	26	64	59
Campaign highlights	Apping Technology is the I <sup>st</sup> Shariah compliant campaign to be listed on pitchIN. The campaign was oversubscribed.	A tightly run campaign that was focused on Angel investors followed by online sharing sessions. The campaign was closed earlier than scheduled as it raised their max amount.	Japanese institutional investor, "Leave a Nest" led the funding round of Robopreneur on pitchIN. 63 other investors followed suit.	Raised their funds entirely via Zoom sessions held at their restaurant during the first Covid-19 lockdown.



# **FAQs**





## **FAQs for Companies**

Question	Answer
Do companies need to submit audited accounts?	Companies raising more than RM500K will need to disclose their audited financial statement. If less than RM500K, management accounts suffice.
What type of companies can raise on ECF?	<ul> <li>Locally incorporated LLP, Sdn Bhd and Unlisted Berhad companies</li> <li>VCs registered with SC can raise a microfund on an ECF platform and only from Angel and Sophisticated investors.</li> </ul>
What type of companies cannot raise on ECF?	<ul> <li>Commercially or financially complex structures (i.e. investment fund companies or financial institutions)</li> <li>Public-listed companies and their subsidiaries</li> <li>Companies with no specific business plan or its business plan is to merge or acquire an unidentified entity (i.e. blind pool)</li> <li>Companies other than a microfund that propose to use the funds raised to provide loans or make investment in other entities</li> </ul>



## **FAQs for Companies**

Question	Answer
How much can a company raise?	Companies can raise up to RM 20 mil on ECF. They can raise in one go or cumulatively.
What type of shares can I offer?	Companies determine the type of shares that they wish to offer - Ordinary Shares, Preference, etc. Convertible Notes and SAFE are currently not allowed in ECF.
Where are the ECF investors parked?	Sdn Bhd companies can only have 50 shareholders. If the ECF fundraising does well and companies get hundreds of investors, they will be placed under a Nominee company
How is valuation determined?	Companies to determine and justify valuation. pitchIN to share feedback and guide.
Do investors have to be updated?	Investors are updated following an agreed upon reporting timeline.



## **FAQs for Companies**

Question	Answer
Can I raise on more than one ECF platform?	A company is not allowed host concurrent campaigns on multiple ECF platforms. However, a company may be permitted to be hosted on an ECF platform and Peer-to-Peer financing (P2P) platform, at the same time, subject to disclosure requirements.
Where are funds held?	Funds that are invested is parked in a Trust Account in a local Financial Institution (FI) until the results of the fundraising campaign is known.
When can the funds be released?	Release of funds after issuance/allocation of shares to investors.
Where are the ECF investors parked after allotment?	Sdn Bhd companies can only have 50 shareholders. If the ECF fundraising does well and companies get hundreds of investors, they will be placed under a Nominee company.



## **FAQs for Investors**

Question	Answer
Who can invest in ECF?	Anyone can invest - local, foreign or even companies. VCs and Institutional investors are also allowed.
Is there any investor protection?	<ul> <li>Investors, depending on their category (retail, angel, sophisticated) are advised to invest based on their limit.</li> <li>6-day cooling period after campaign closing, where investors are able to change their mind and refund their investment.</li> <li>Money is held in a trust until campaign is closed.</li> </ul>
How does an investor exit?	An investor can exit via pitchIN's secondary market, a trade sale, IPO



# Secondary Market (PSTX)

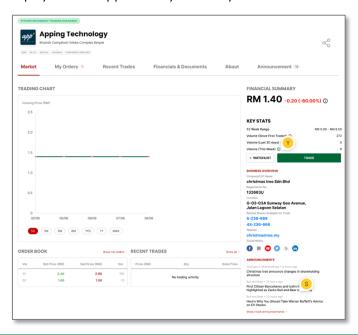




#### **PSTX - The Evolution Of The Private Equities Industry**

#### Malaysia's First Trading Platform for the Private Market

 PSTX is Malaysia's first trading platform for the private equity market approved by SC Malaysia



#### **PSTX** is Beneficial for All

#### **Improves Liquidity**



Facilitate meaningful transactions between investors by creating a venue for orders and price matching to be conducted effectively.

#### **Efficient Settlement**



Secondary trades on platforms are settled seamlessly as we ensure that transactions and investor records are updated in real-time.

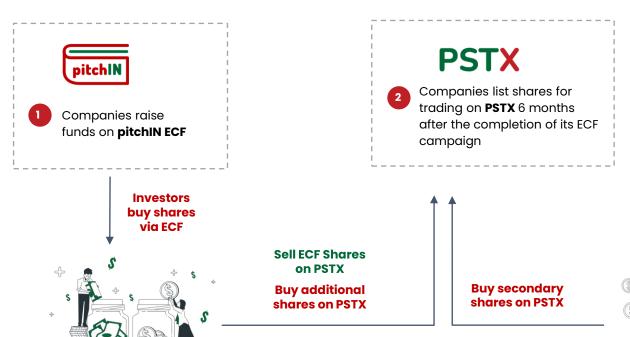
#### **Growing Participation**



Enhance market presence as PSTX enables investors from all backgrounds to participate in the secondary market.



### **How It Works**



**ECF Investors** 



**New Investors** 



# pitchIN Academy





## pitchIN Academy: Cultivating Financial Mastery

#### **About pitchIN Academy**

- · pitchIN Academy is the educational arm of pitchIN.
- Established to cultivate a culture of fundraising and investment learning by equipping individuals and organisations with the right knowledge, the know-how and tools necessary to raise funds and invest effectively as well as ethically.
- We've successfully helped over 100+ entrepreneurs and investors to equip themselves with the financial knowledge and know-how.



## pitchIN Academy: Programmes and Offerings



#### **Fundraising Accelerator**

- Designed for entrepreneurs who are new to fundraising.
- Imparts the knowledge and intricacies that makes a business investible
- Help firms to improve their chances of fundraising successfully.

**For Entrepreneurs** 



#### **Investment Workshop**

- For new investors or for those who have invested in companies before
- Teaches the fundamentals investing and know-how to make an informed decision before investing

**For Investors** 



#### **Masterclass**

- A deep-dive, targeted, expert-led and immersive learning modules covering topics from the Fundraising Accelerator or Investing Workshop
- Covers new fintech products like Bitcoin, Crypto, IEO etc

For Entrepreneurs + Investors



#### **Investor Roadshow**

- Showcase of ECF issuers via a live presentation to potential investors.
- Exposes an experienceled learning to founders to give real exposure and generate interest in the company to secure funding and comprehend the "Wisdom of the Crowd"

For Entrepreneurs + Investors



## **Thank You**

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