# **The Purpose-Driven Corporation**

An innovative corporate form to transform the economy

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# **Understand, get inspired ...**

What Makes a Benefit Corporation Different?

# SOCIAL PURPOSE CORPORATION

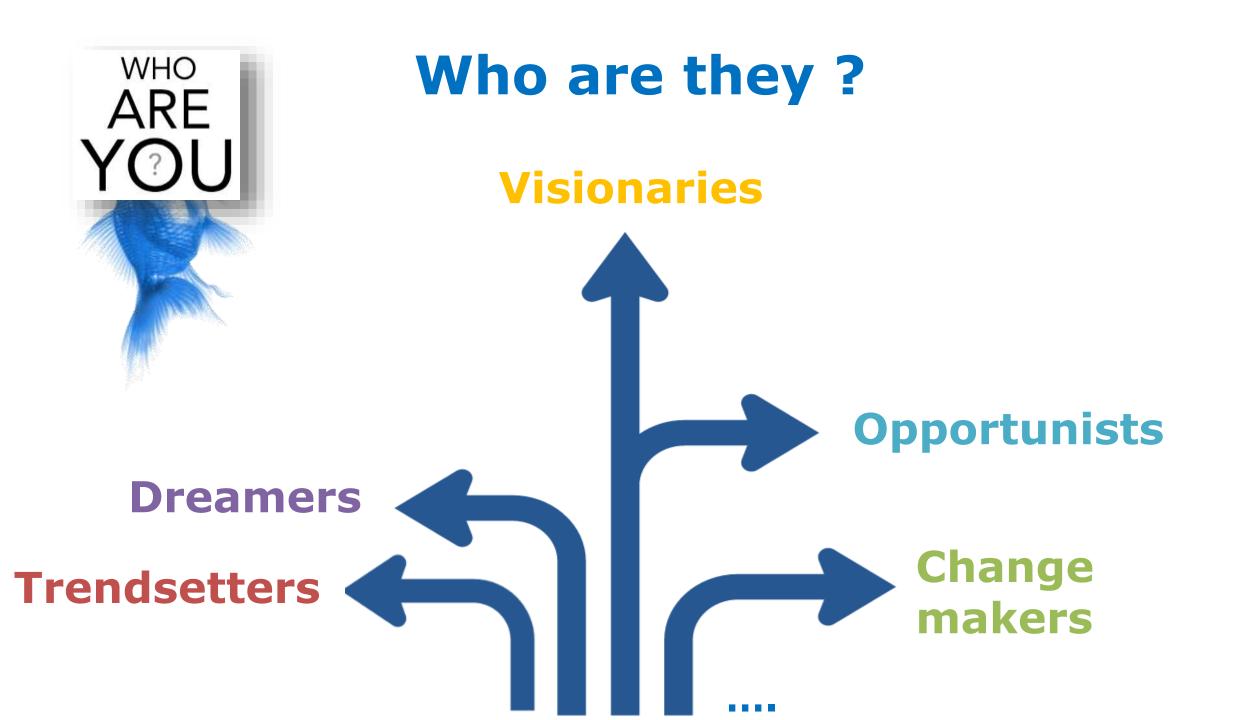
### SOCIAL PURPOSE BUSINESS?

La « Société à Objet Social Étendu »

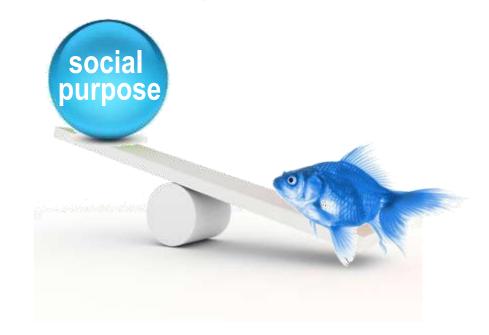
# ... and jump in !?







# What drives them ?



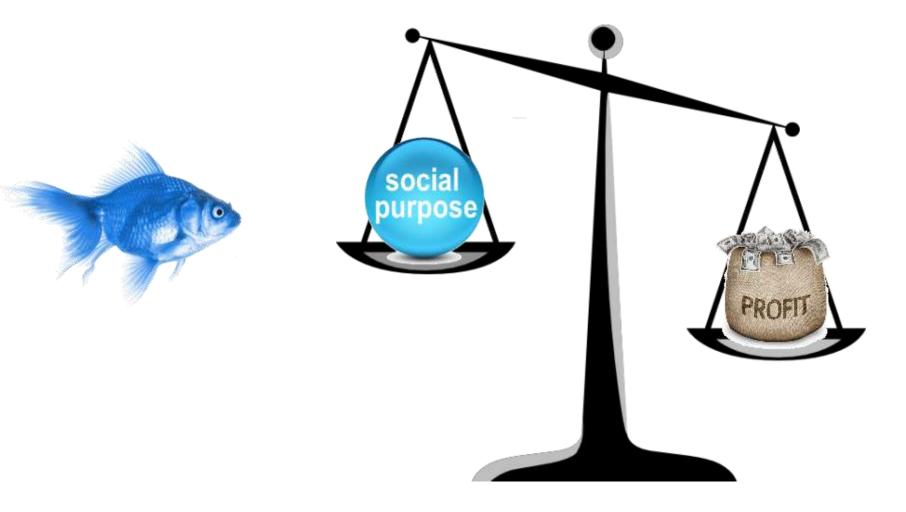
#### **Inside Out**

Leverage their social purpose to fully envision and create the future they want ?



Assess the environment to identify the most advantageous way for them to win ?

# How do they handle dilemmas ?



# Do they need a frame ?





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#### Luca Rossettini





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### **Purpose-driven corporations** Emerging worldwide



PROFIT-WITH-PURPOSE BUSINESSES

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Performance et gouvernance de l'entreprise

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#### **INNOVER ENSEMBLE**

Stratégie de promotion des nouveaux modèles de l'économie sociale et inclusive à l'international





# How to run a purpose-driven business







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### Why Purpose-Driven Corporations?





How to outsource R&D and innovation



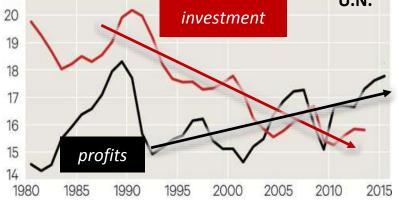
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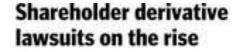




GOVERNANCE PROBLEM



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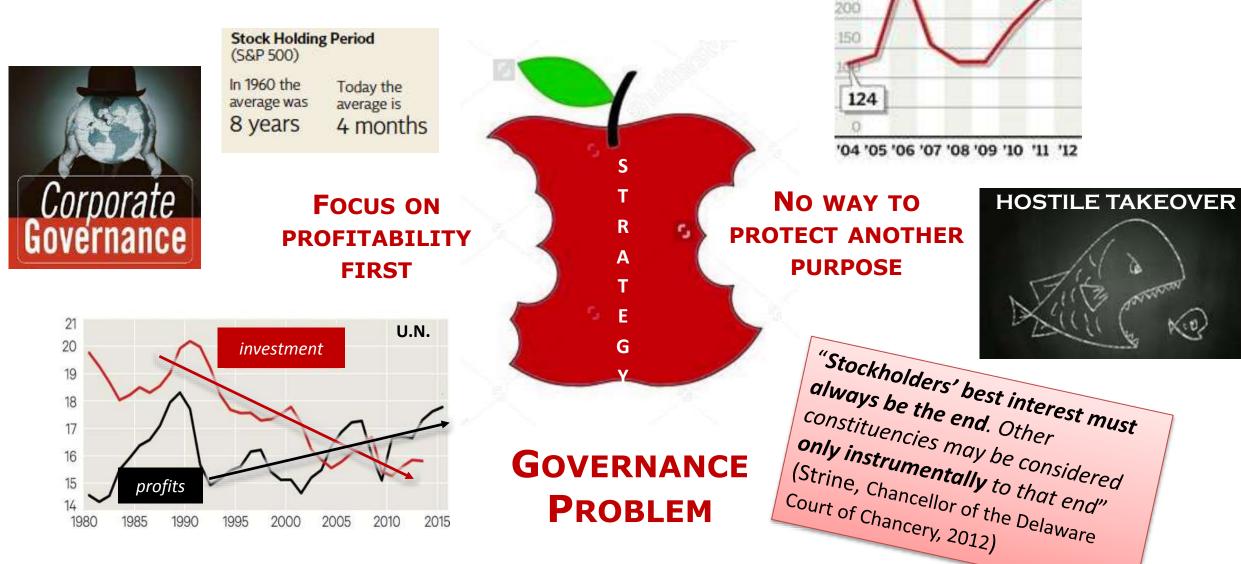


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**Cases filed** 

300







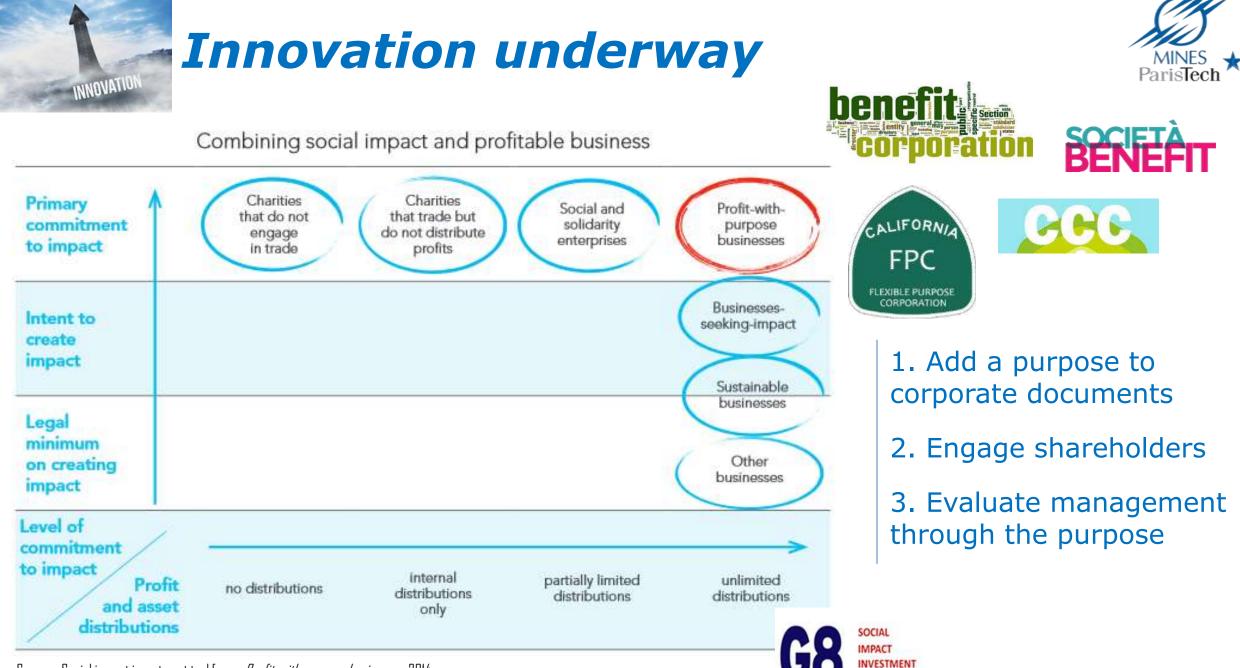
### What to do ?



What if against economic interests?







TASKFORCE

Source : Social impact investment taskforce, Profit-with-purpose businesses, 2014

### From general benefit to specific purpose Focusing on how to do best





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Third-party evaluation standard→ PAST IMPACTS

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	Certified Corporation berparation.set	Purpose-Driven Corporation
	"General Public Benefit" → TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE	<b>Define your purpose</b> A strategic tool promoting innovation
O E	Third-party evaluation standard → PAST IMPACTS	<b>Prepare for how to do best next</b> Annual strategic assessment reports
A,	5% shareholder votes to pursue → SHAREHOLDER DISAGREEMENT	<i>Gather expertise for guidance</i> Dedicated governance committee

### How to get there?

An experimentation in France: "Société à Objet Social Etendu" (SOSE)

→ Ask your lawyer ☺



#### La « Société à Objet Social Étendu »

Proposition pour un nouveau statut d'entreprise





#### Errol Cohen



### The SOSE : Legal & practical point of view



#### Intentions of the designers:

- Flexibility
- $\circ$   $\,$  Scalable in most companies  $\,$
- Understood and accepted by all stakeholders
- Internal control
- Simple sanction: not to be a SOSE anymore



#### **Requirements:**

- Writing an "Expanded corporate purpose"
  = Objet Social Etendu
- $\checkmark$  Creating an internal board to control it





#### 1. Add an "Expanded Corporate Purpose" in the bylaws

- OR An activity aimed at a social or environmental service
  - ✓ The pursuit of a goal of its own

"fight against malnutrition of vulnerable populations in the world"



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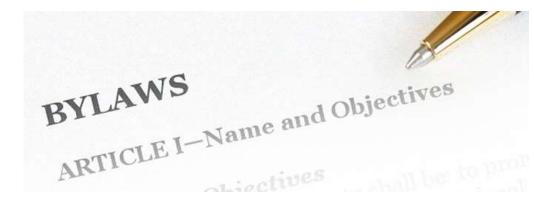
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#### <u>Bylaws amendment</u>

- Unanimous decision of the shareholders
- Increases the liability of the partners
- Look for stakeholders' unanimity?





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→ Ensure the **competence**, rather than independence



# Managing a SOSE

#### **Objective:**

- Involve stakeholders in the approval or revision of the purpose, and the evaluation of management
- Create a safe harbour for decisions towards the purpose
- Adjust internal and external control to preserve the meaning of the SOSE



## Conclusion

- A flexible solution for purpose-driven companies
  - Aim to fit in most companies structures in France
- Based on trust between all the stakeholders
  - Only sanction is not to be a SOSE anymore
- Several endorsements for the SOSE proposal

Towards the introduction of a bill of law in the next years?

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#### **FOOD & AGRICOLTURE**









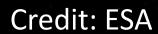


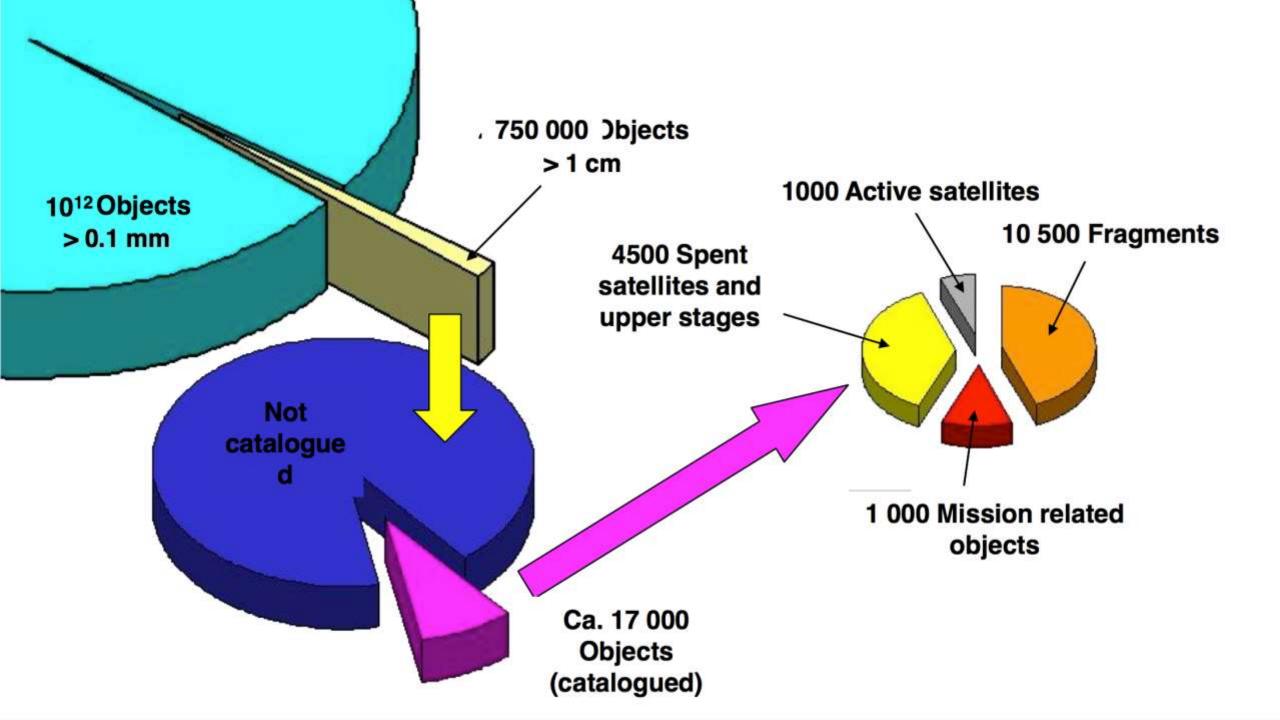


















DECOMMISSIONING SOLUTIONS FOR SPACE APPLICATIONS

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

#### PATENTED IN 11 COUNTRIES

### FOR QUICK, SAFE AND CONTROLLED DISPOSAL

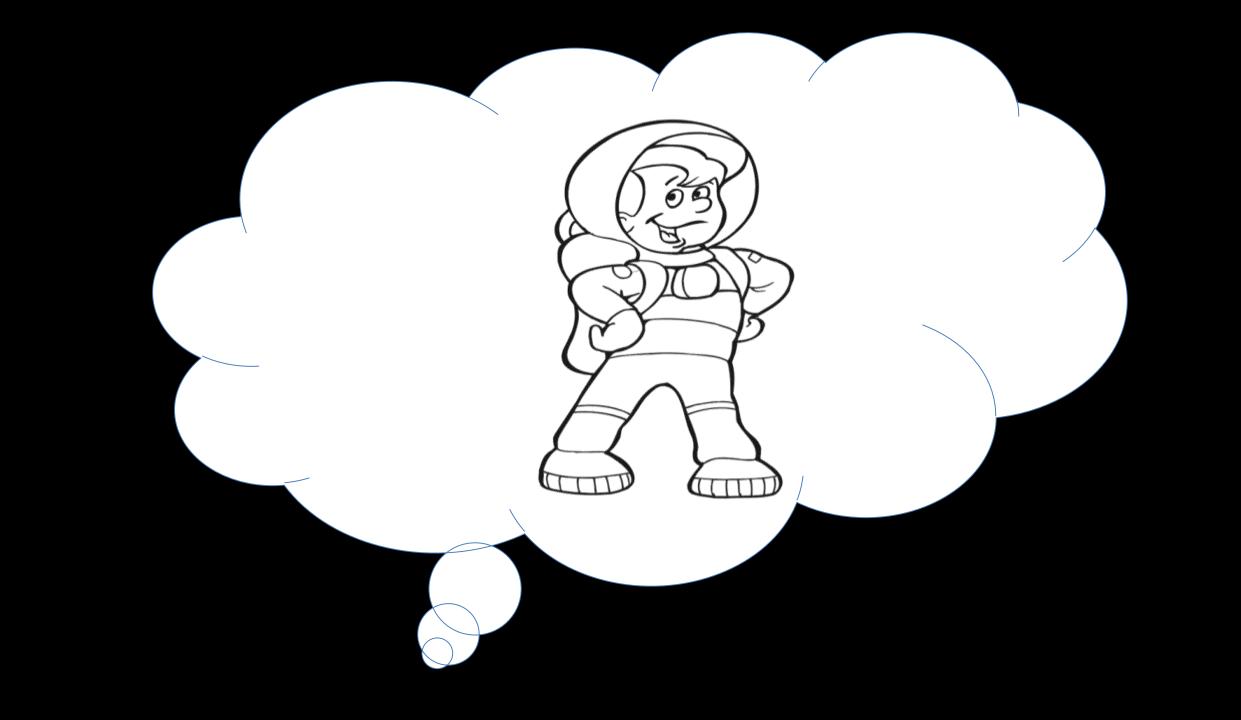
OF ALL SATELLITES AND LAUNCHERS' STAGES CLASSES



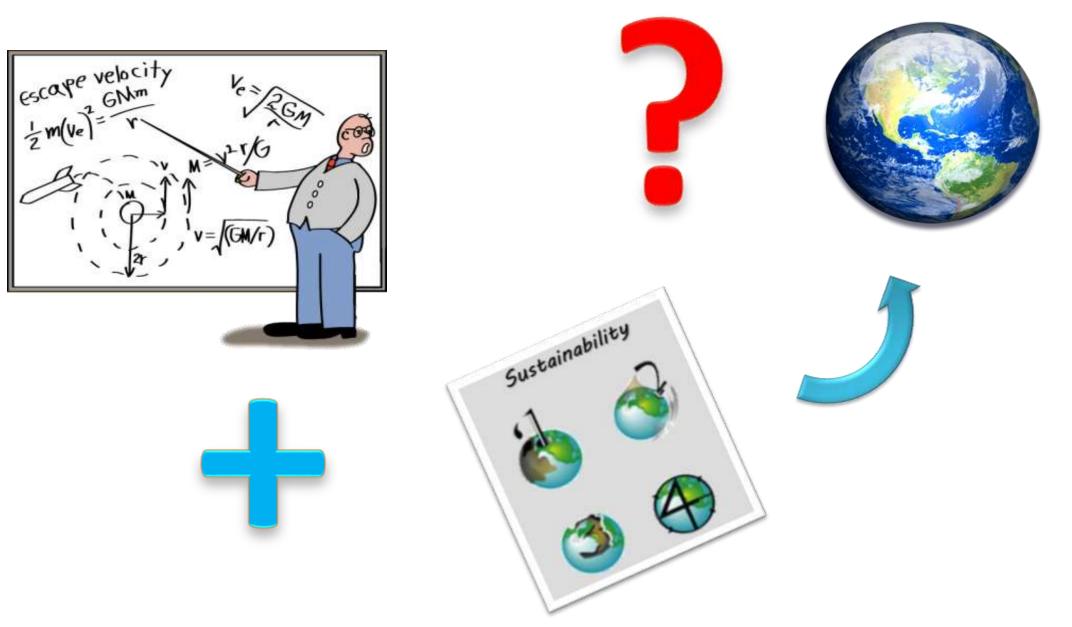








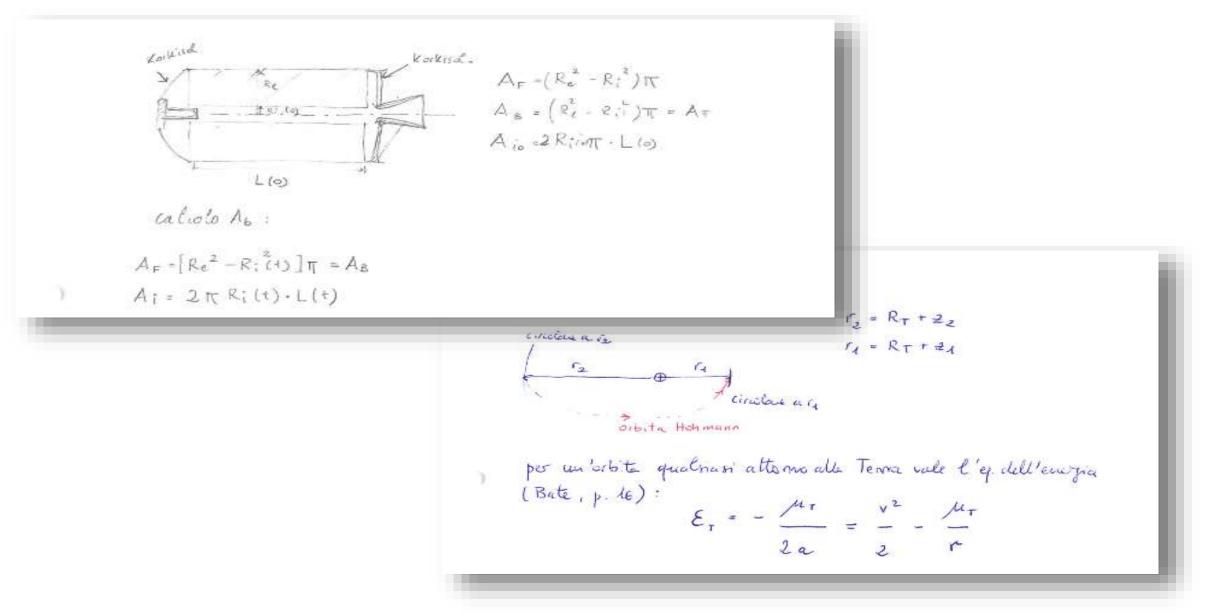
#### **2008: THE IDEA**

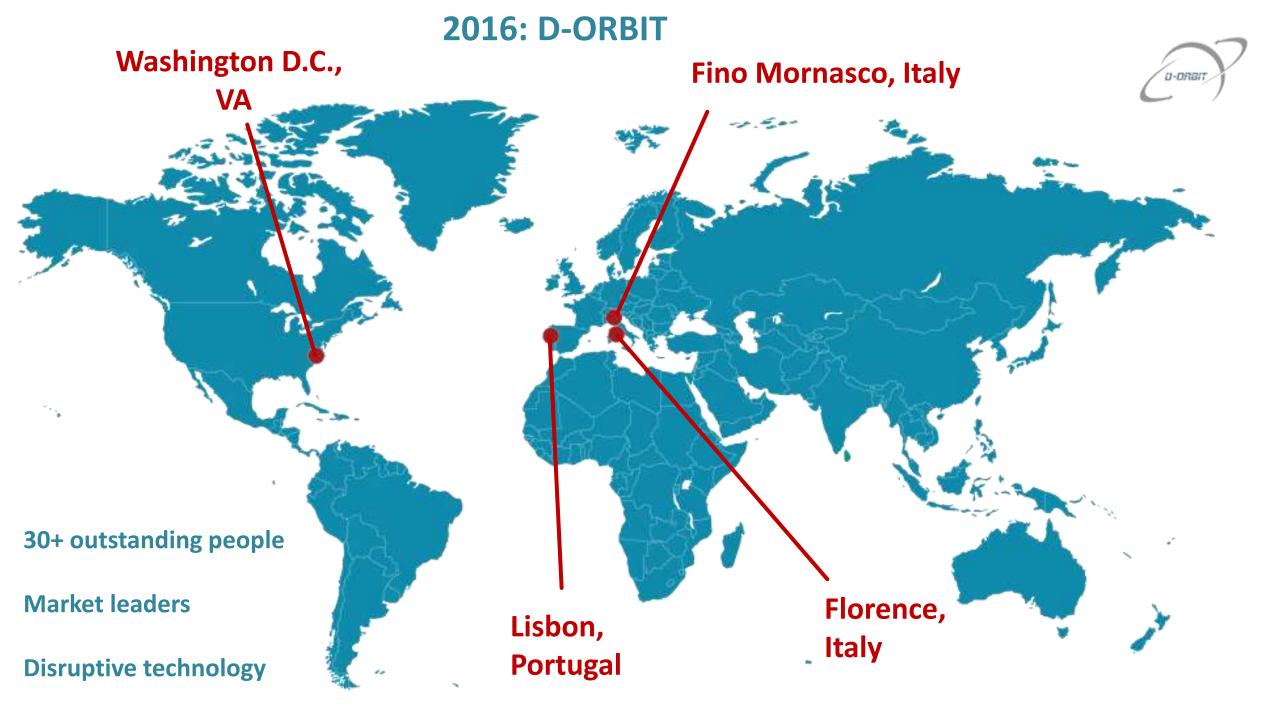




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#### **2011: STARTING FROM A PIECE OF PAPER**





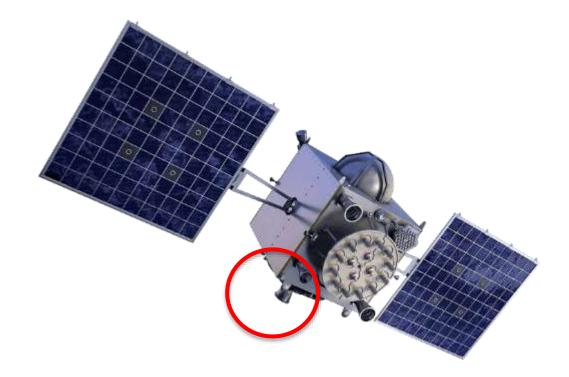


**OUR PEOPLE** 

NASA **SES ASTRA FINMECCANICA** BOEING LOCKHEED MARTIN AVIO NECTAR **BOOZ ALLEN SPACE THALES ALENIA SPACE ITALIAN SPACE AGENCY** PRINCETON DARPA **VISION PASSION RESILIENCE AND LOVE FOR CHALLENGES** 

#### **OUR PRODUCTS MAXIMIZE SPACE ASSET VALUE**





10X MORE REVENUES FOR OPERATORS vs D-Orbit cost

**QUICK DECOMMISSIONING** 



## **SPACE IS NOT THE LIMIT.**





#### **OUR HERITAGE** In0rbit One Multipurpose platform 2016 **D-SAT** mission 2016 Fenix – nanosat life extender 2015 Alice 2 Mission qualification and launch **D3 decommissioning** in LEO system 2013 2015 Motor ground tests Jan 2012

#### **D-SAT MISSION**

Better than big satellites < 5 KG mass < €250K launch costs Cheap. Very cheap. Launch: Q1/2017

# FIRST SATELLITE REMOVED IN A QUICK, SAFE AND CONTROLLED



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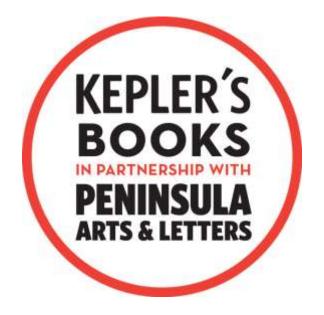


#### OUR SPACESHIP TO THE FUTURE



#### Dan Gilbert





Kepler's mission to build a sustainable and vital new model for community bookstores

#### World Forum for a Responsible Economy

Lille, France October 10, 2016



- 1. Challenge: Why do we still need bookstores, and what threatens their survival in the US?
- 2. Complication: Why are novel company structures needed?
- 3. Overcoming implementation challenges
- 4. Key findings and recommendations

## Community bookstores are needed!

There is absolutely a place for independent bookstores in the 21<sup>st</sup> century but the community engagement model needs to be redefined with publishers, readers, and writers for deeper and more collaborative win-win relationships.



**New authors** depend on independent bookstores to develop an audience



Challenge: improve economics to pay employees **better wages**, retain "A" caliber people





Communities love their **bookstores** and want them to thrive



# Engaging the Community: Khaled Hosseini in conversation with Tamim Ansary



- Raised over \$5,000 for The Khaled Hosseini Foundation
- 550 attendees
- Hosted at Fox Theater
- Complimentary tickets to several students from local high schools

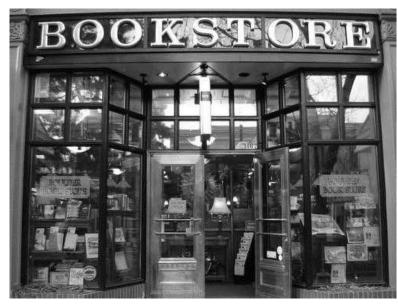
"Thank you! I was really interested in learning about the current economic issues in Afghanistan. I also was able to relate to Hosseini in the sense that I too felt like a stranger to my native country and was really moved listening to him discussing this!"

Corina, Student with the Foundation for A College Education

## Youth Events Mission: Literacy & love of reading



### Traditional retail bookselling is severely challenged



75% of independent bookstores have closed



Borders went bankrupt in 2011 Barnes & Noble is under pressure

## Radical change is the only option

## Complication: Why are novel structures needed?

- 1. Under U.S. tax code, for-profit businesses cannot <u>accept charitable</u> <u>donations</u>
- Any U.S. business that sells goods or services regardless of its profitability is treated as a <u>for-profit concern</u>
- 3. Traditional bookselling business is <u>not viable</u> without supplemental funding and / or traffic drivers
  - particularly if bookstores seek to pay employees a living wage
- 4. Traditional for-profit corporations are exposed to shareholder lawsuits if they pursue goals <u>Other than maximizing profits</u>

## Kepler's 2020: A new model for bookstores

"(These ideas) represent the kind of out-of-the-box thinking small retailers may need to survive "



**Non-profit literary** events organization Panel **Community** Author **Discussions** owned **Events** bookstore Any book, any format Author "An innovative plan" Classes Interviews The Workshops Washington Post

"Kepler's Books Looks to Start a New Chapter"

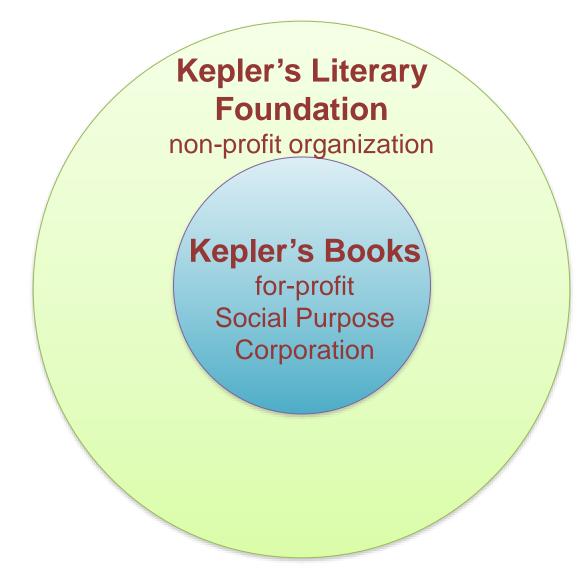
WALL STREET JOURNAL

"'Kepler's 2020' To Emerge as Prototype of Community Bookstore of the Future"

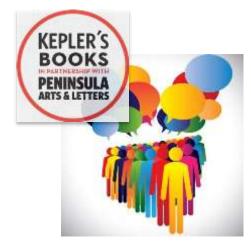


Kepler's vision is to become an innovative membership-driven cultural institution that offers compelling literary experiences and services to its community

#### Two Key Elements of the Model



## Core design principles for Kepler's 2020



Unique brand position





New revenue models



**New organizational DNA** 



Higher level of community engagement



Embracing technology and industry trends

Overcoming implementation challenges

Two-entity structure: ongoing complexity





Assigning costs



Crafting agreement



Complex to manage

Biggest challenge: the human element



## Key findings and recommendations

#### **Best outcome:**

Enabling for-profit corporations (particularly SPCs) to accept tax-deductible donations

#### In the interim:

Accelerating adoption of two-entity structures

#### **Biggest challenge:**

Helping traditional businesses migrate away from profit maximization as their sole goal



Why be a purpose-driven corporation ?

# What does it change for your day-to-day business ?

What useful **information would you share** with entrepreneurs who want to make the jump ?





## **Oct 2030**

