# #Mindful nvestment

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### The individual investor should act consistently as an investor and not as a speculator – Ben Graham



The London-based virtual reality firm Improbable made headlines after it announced the closure of a whopping \$502m Series B from high-profile investors.



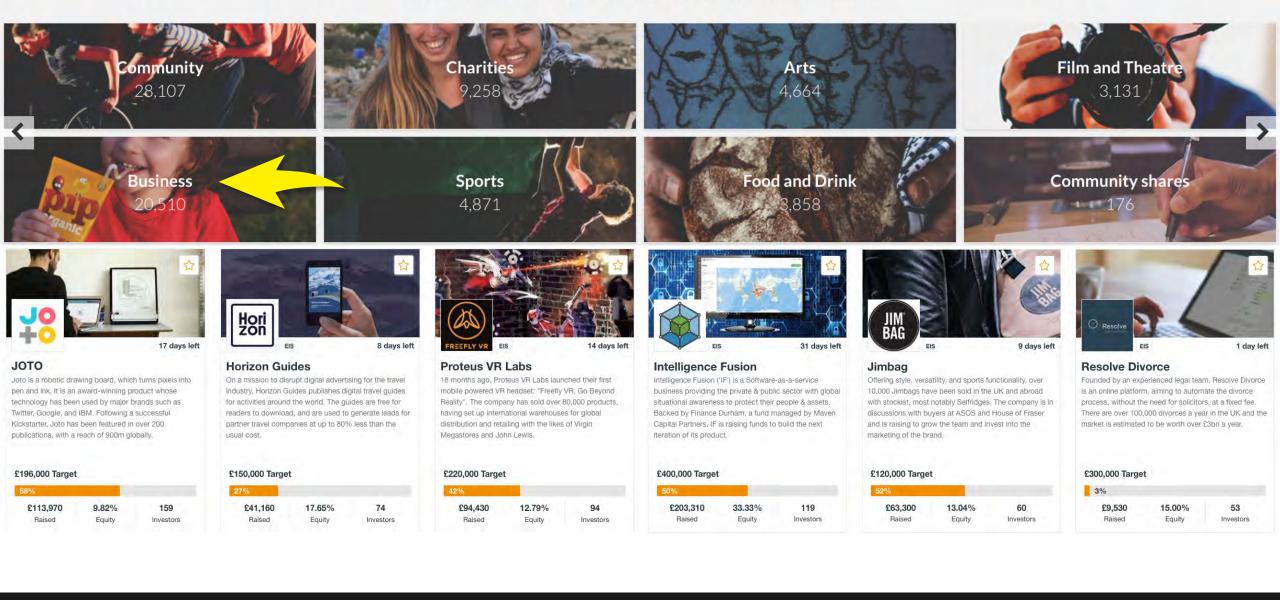
### China unicorns that have emerged since Jan 2017..

- Vipkid
- Cambricon
- E-shang Redwood
- Sense Time
- Zhaogang
- Mobike
- DT Dream
- Yuanfudao
- Tuandaiwang
- Netease Cloud Music
- Bytedance
- NIO
- Ofo
- UR Work
- Zhihu





#### Thousands of crowdfunding projects added each week



Outcome	Percentage
Goes out of business	50.0
Sale to a larger company	20.0
Acqui-hire	15.0
Walking dead	7.0
Soft landing with a competitor	3.0
Bought out by a later investor	2.0
Bought out by a lifestyle entrepreneur	1.0
Becomes part of a roll-up	1.0
Disappears	0.9
Initial public offering (IPO)	0.1

Most Common Angel Exits – USA

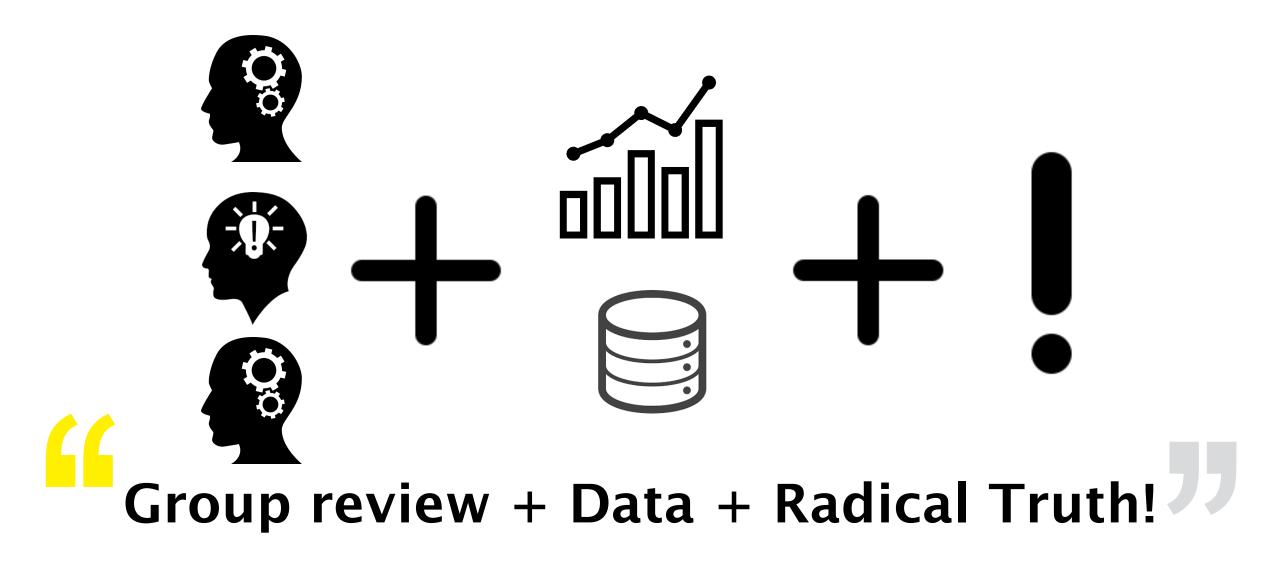
Sources: Gust Equity Management (USA) U.S. Small Business Administration



## The Midas Touch?









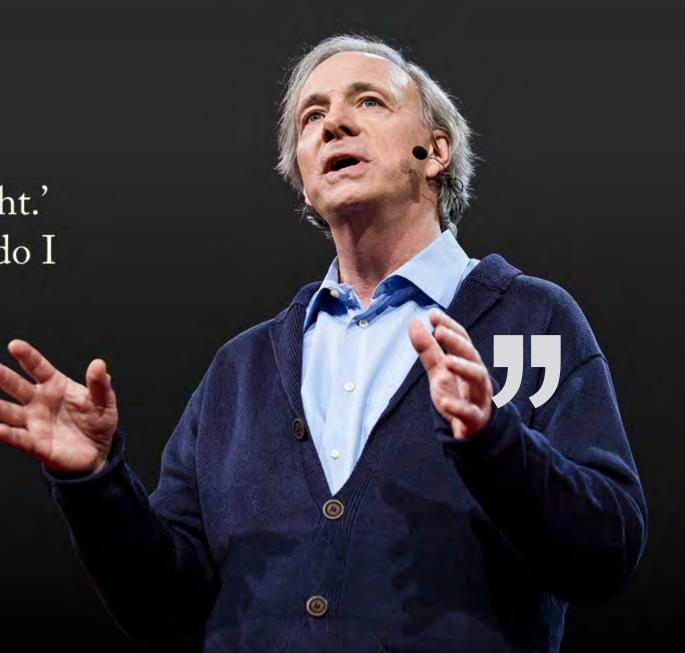
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"Rather than thinking, 'I'm right.' I started to ask myself, 'How do I know I'm right?"



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Ray Dalio, Bridgewater Associates 40 years experience \$160Bn under management

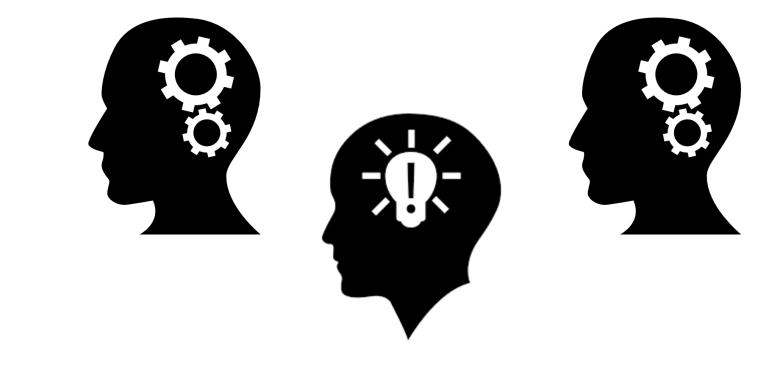


# Some people are prone to taking on too much risk while others are too risk averse.

### Some are too focused on the details while others are too bigpicture.

Most of us are too much one way and not enough another.





## Power of Thoughtful Disagreement

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## This singular method of approaching your investments can significantly reduce your downside









### Protect the downside



- Board seat active participation
- Understand the difference between economics and control (protective provisions)
- Convertible debt including discount on later stage financing (vs a vs EIS / SEIS)
- Anti-dilution provisions on new share issues at lower price
- Liquidation preferences know your stock options (preferred vs ordinary, participating vs non-participating)
- Redemption rights on preference share capital
- Spread risk over several investments

## Thank You

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