

A simple guide to stuff founders need to know when they're starting out



## Equity

- Be clear about how ownership works and what happens if co-founders leave
- Set clear vesting terms and map out potential exit solutions if things don't work well between co-founders

## #2. Terms of Investment

- Investors support startups in hopes of making a significant profit when the startup succeeds - but this should not inhibit the operational capability of founders
- Understand the investment agreements and discuss key investor's rights to avoid potential roadblocks e.g. most favoured nation clause, veto rights, reserved matters, terms of preference shares and key information rights

## Sweat Equity

- Equity is cheap until it isn't, try not to give up equity easily
- Establish an ESOP, Advisor Vesting Letter or a Shareholders' Agreement to help govern the issuance/transference of your startup's shares
- Keep yourself safe and your Company safer!