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# Social Gaming Is it too late to the Party?

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# Social Gaming

## Is it too late to the party?

G-Star 2011

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## Agenda

- 6waves Background
- The Social Gaming Market
- Major Trends in Social Gaming



# 6waves Background



## 6waves Major Milestones

**Jan 08**



**Dec 09**

INSIGHT VENTURE PARTNERS

**Jul 11**



**Jul 11**



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**Oct 11**





## Largest independent publisher on Facebook

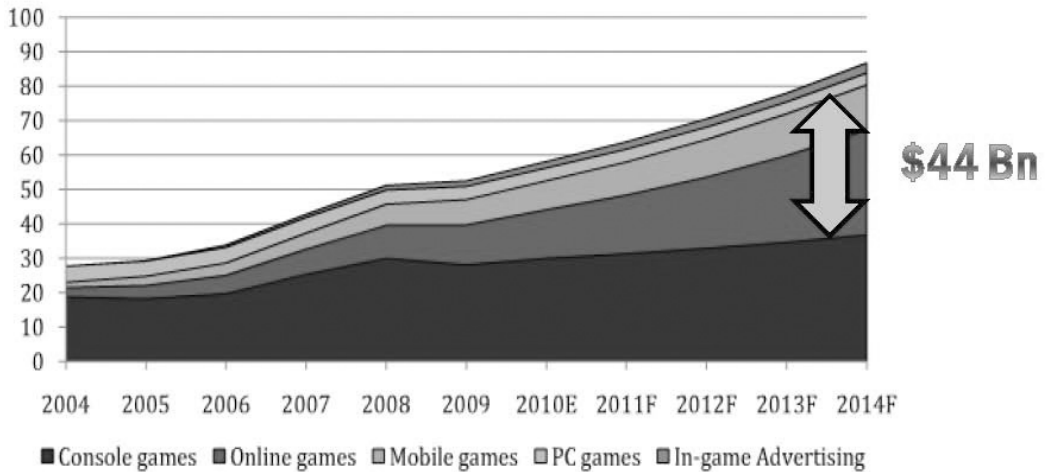


## The Social Gaming Industry



# Revenue Trend of Video Games

Global Video Games Sector Revenue (\$B)



Digi-Capital projection, June 2011



# More Interesting Data

Over 5 years till  
2015

Games As A  
Service

+16%

Games As A  
Product

- 1%

Virtual Goods  
Sales

+19% CAGR

\$22.5 billion  
In 2015

Social  
Games

+30% CAGR  
\$8.9 billion

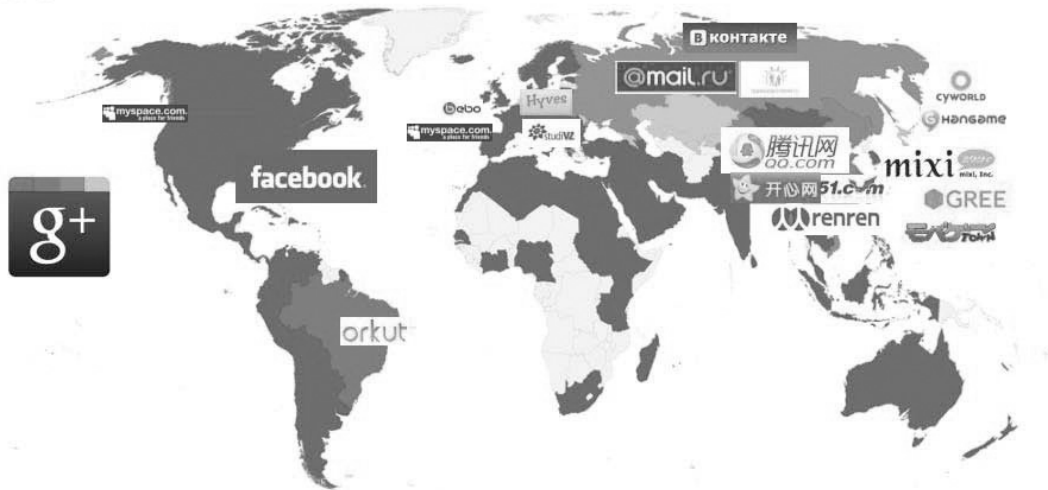
Social Mobile  
Games

+34% CAGR  
\$5.2 billion

Source: Lazard Capital Markets Oct 2011



# World Map of Social Networks



- Facebook
- V Kontakte
- Odnoklassniki
- Draugiem
- Hyves
- Zing
- Mixi
- Orkut
- QZone

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# The Global Social Phenomenon

When online, the average American  
spends more time on:

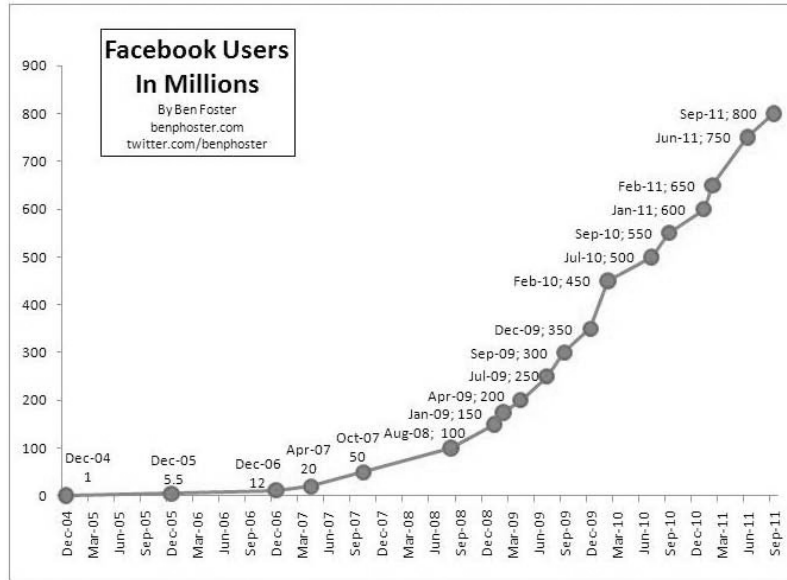
# facebook



Source: SingleGrain



# Growth of Users of Facebook



<http://www.benphoster.com/facebook-user-growth-chart-2004-2010/>



# Growth of Users of Facebook



#	Country	Users
1.	<a href="#">United States</a>	143 583 400
2.	<a href="#">Indonesia</a>	30 108 220
3.	<a href="#">United Kingdom</a>	28 413 560
4.	<a href="#">Turkey</a>	23 313 440
5.	<a href="#">France</a>	19 755 460
6.	<a href="#">Philippines</a>	18 124 220
7.	<a href="#">Italy</a>	17 309 580
8.	<a href="#">Canada</a>	17 207 140
9.	<a href="#">Mexico</a>	16 975 220
10.	<a href="#">India</a>	15 402 180

		Last 6 months	Last 3 months	Last month	Last 2 weeks
#	Country	Users	Change	(±%)	
1.	<a href="#">United States</a>	155 981 460	+1 037 140	+0.67%	
2.	<a href="#">Indonesia</a>	40 829 720	+4 322 940	+11.84%	
3.	<a href="#">India</a>	38 045 000	+12 997 800	+51.89%	
4.	<a href="#">United Kingdom</a>	30 481 300	+677 040	+2.27%	
5.	<a href="#">Turkey</a>	30 473 280	+2 142 120	+7.56%	
6.	<a href="#">Brazil</a>	30 453 260	+13 125 000	+75.74%	
7.	<a href="#">Mexico</a>	30 121 400	+6 345 760	+26.69%	
8.	<a href="#">Philippines</a>	26 752 000	+3 524 760	+15.18%	
9.	<a href="#">France</a>	23 248 340	+1 322 600	+6.03%	
10.	<a href="#">Germany</a>	21 634 380	+3 356 100	+18.36%	

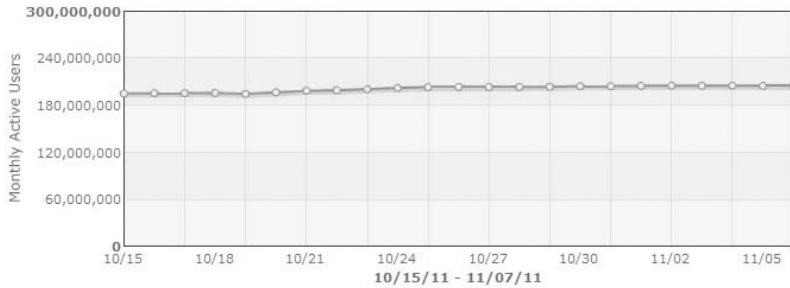
[www.socialbakers.com](http://www.socialbakers.com)



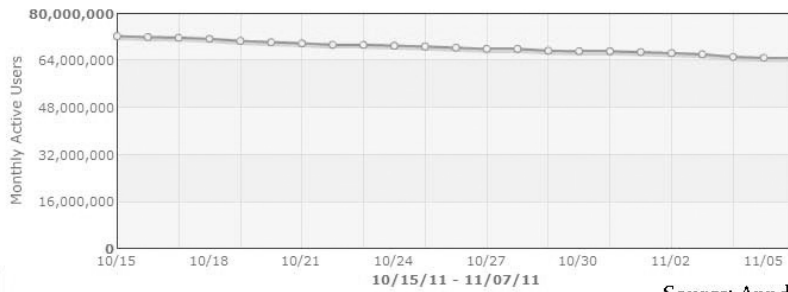


# Good growth in users ... but what about games?

Zynga - MAU



Electronic Arts - MAU

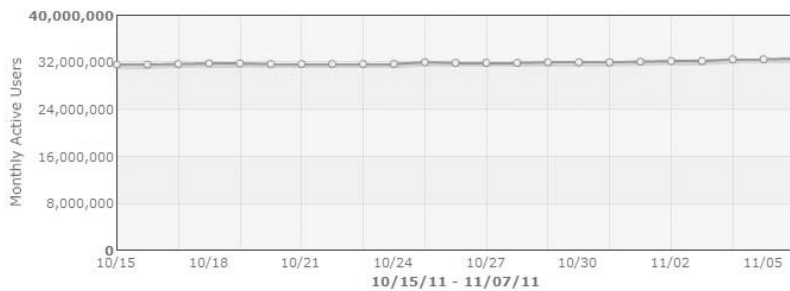


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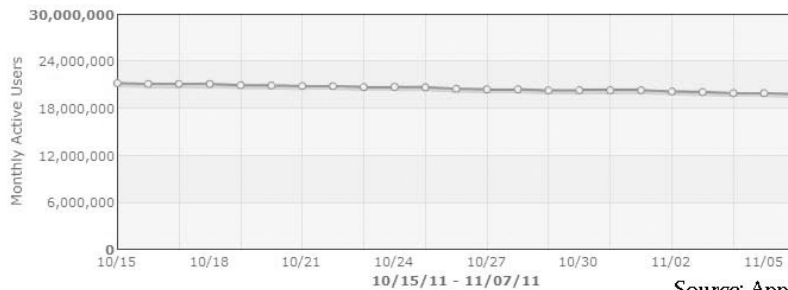


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wooga - MAU



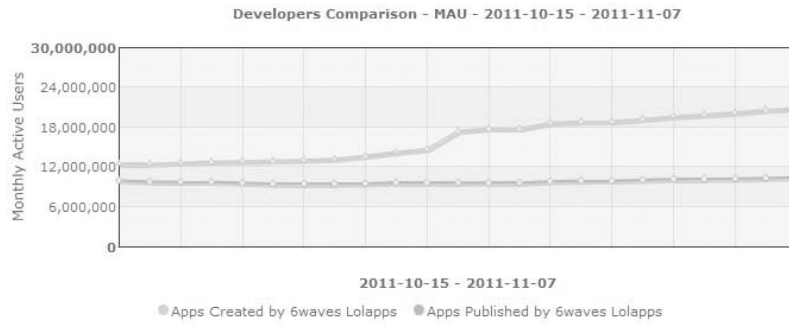
Playdom - MAU



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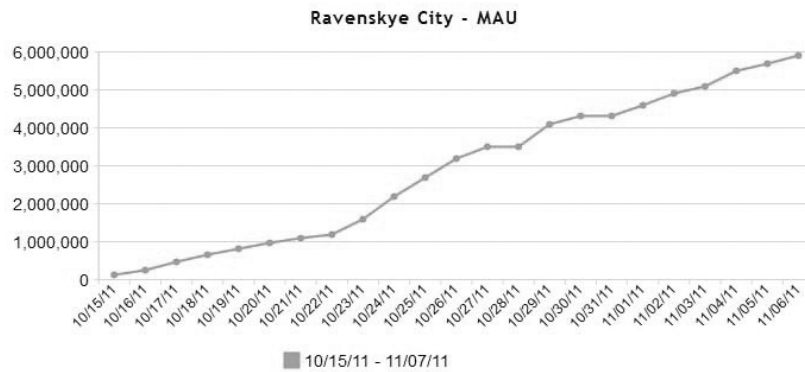
# 6waves Lolapps still see growth



Source: Appdata



# Ravenskye City growth





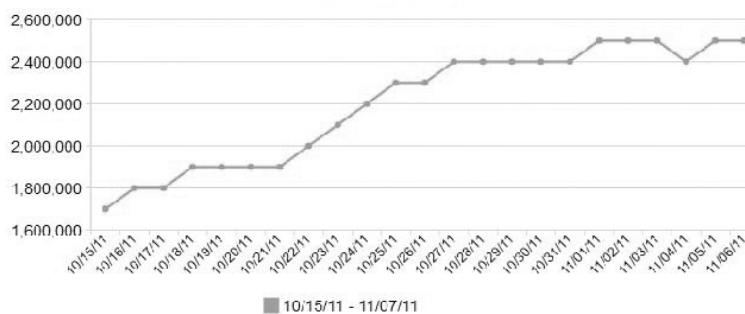
# Yet is there Room for New Entrants?



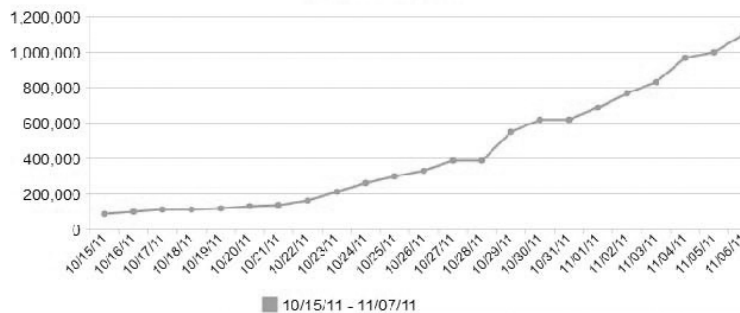
# Strong Growth for Newly Published Games



Airport City - MAU



Zombie Island - MAU

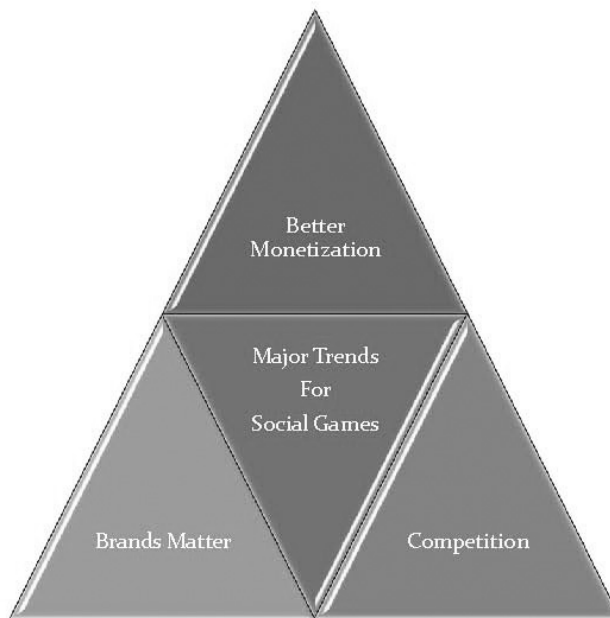




# Major trends for Social Games

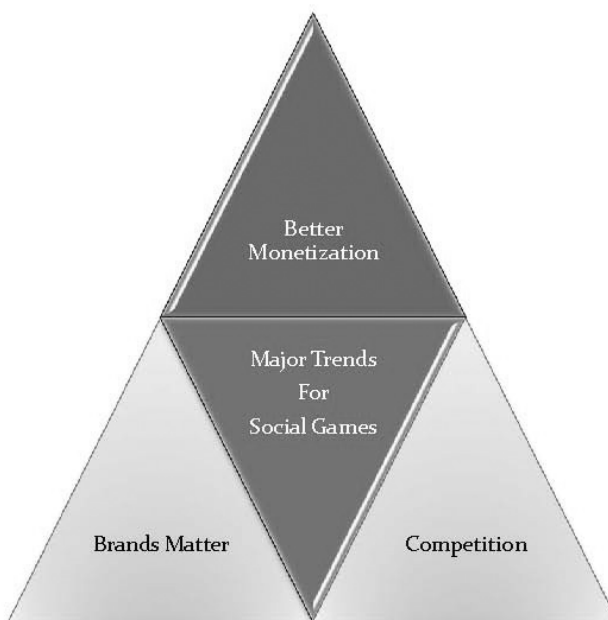


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## Better Monetization

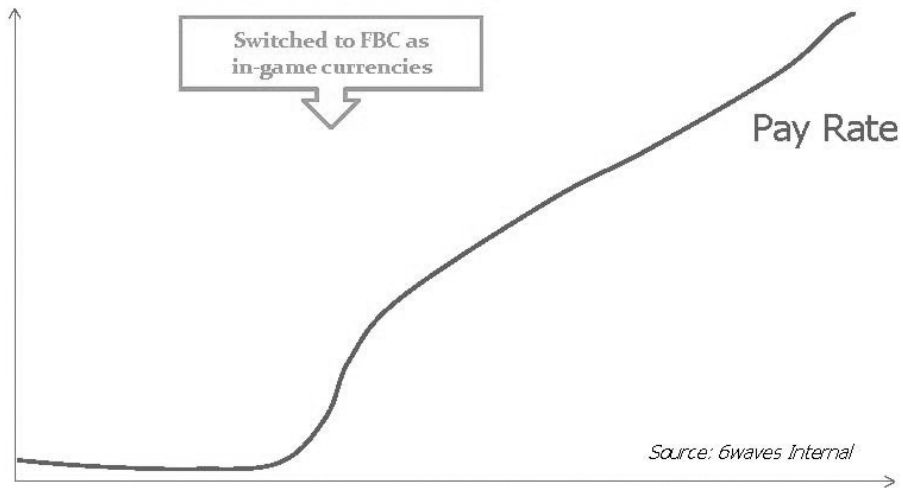
- **Facebook Credits**
  - **Trust**
  - **Frictionless payments**
  - **Increasing coverage and support with regional payment providers**
- **Improvement in game quality**
  - **Better game designs**
  - **Better reasons to pay**





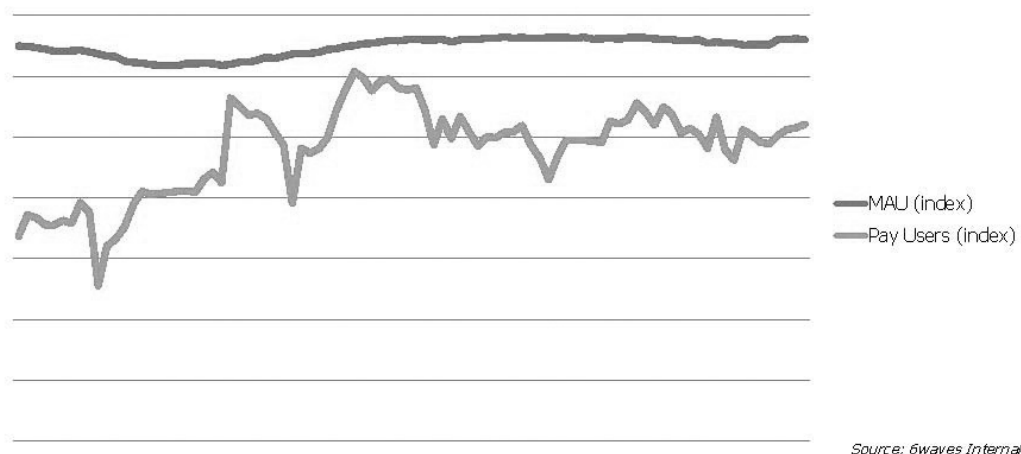
## Facebook Credit adoption

- Significant increase in Pay Rate



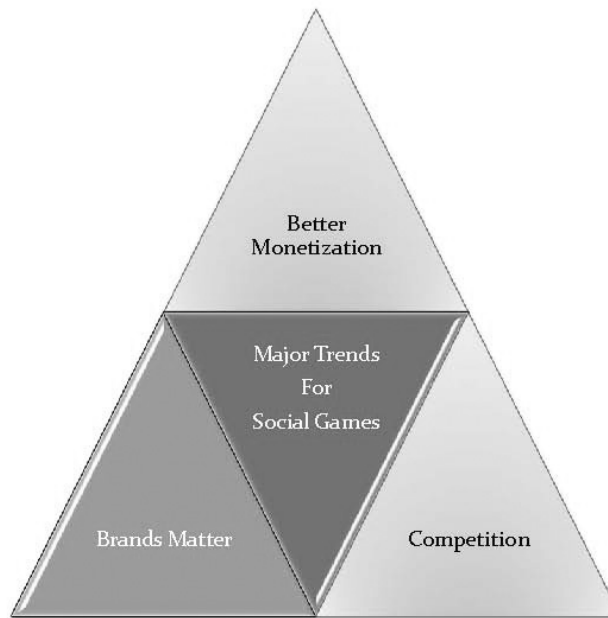
## MAU vs. Paying Users

- MAU maintained at similar levels while paying users increased





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# Brands Matter!

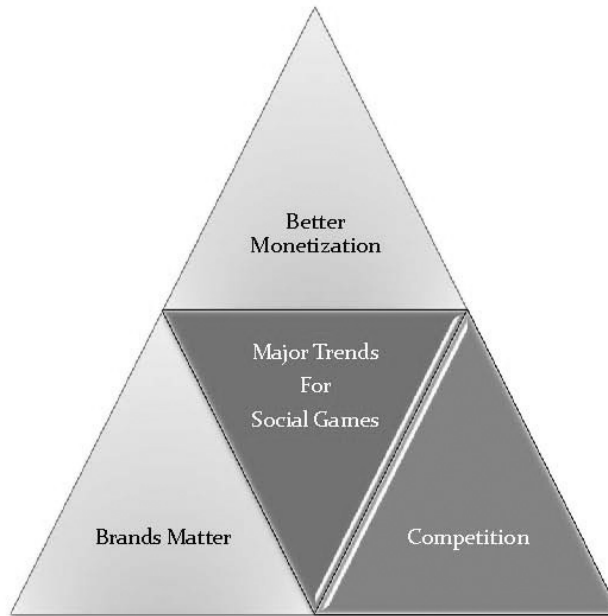
- Need to differentiate into a crowded gaming market
- Leverage existing fan base on Facebook
- Facilitate user's conversion and virality and CPI
- Improves pay rate and monetization



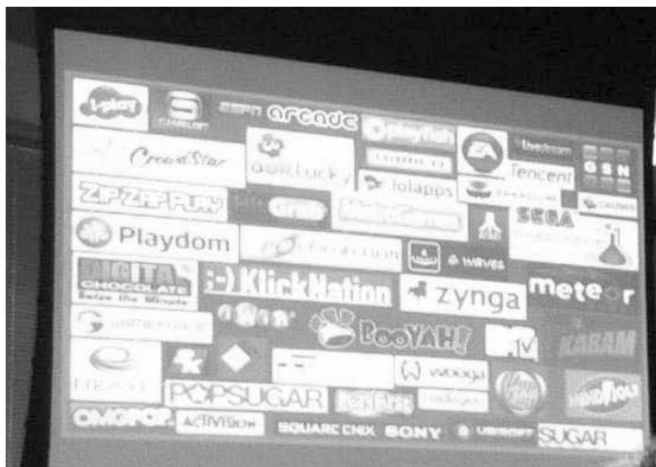
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## Global Competition



- Early social gaming companies becoming established
- Traditional gaming companies entering
- Startups continue to flush into the market





## Self Publishing

### Pros

- Retain all profits (or loss!)
- Grow the game at own pace

### Cons

- Prohibitive cost of marketing and promotion
- Takes longer to ramp up
- Lack of viral channels
- Limited life cycle
- Dilutes developer focus and resources



## Work with Publishers

### Pros

- Achieve rapid boost for growth
- Relationship with platform
- Benefits of scale
- Significant, optimized marketing spend
- Each party focuses on strengths
- Value-added services

### Cons

- Revenue share
- Resources to implement suggestions



# Partner - Publisher Model

- Publishers provide services that bring social games to scale, while allowing developers to focus on building and maintaining great games



# Proven Success Stories

- 6waves has published numerous hits to over millions of users all over the world

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# Summary

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# Ready to Join the Party?

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## THE 6L FUND

\$10 MILLION SOCIAL AND MOBILE GAMING FUND

WANT TO GET FUNDED?  
**APPLY NOW**

"We are seeing a new level of innovation in social and mobile gaming, and want to see this trend continue. We hope that the 6L Social and Mobile Fund will ensure that all of the great artists, designers, coders, and team leaders out there have a path to bring their visions to life."

Jim Ying, SVP Publishing, 6waves Lolapps

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