

# 2011 finalists: where are they now?

## ALUMNI NEW VENTURE CONTEST 2012

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	<b>Angus Rowe</b> <b>OPM 38 2009</b> CEO	<b>Africa</b> <b>South Africa</b>	IT Division of LifeSense Group which delivers “first-world healthcare” technologies to the developing world.	Now pursuing a country-by-country strategy for mobile apps, starting with Rwanda.
	<b>Oliver Segovia</b> <b>MBA 2010</b> Cofounder  <b>Jennifer Kelly</b> <b>MBA 2010</b> Cofounder	<b>Asia-Pacific</b> <b>Shanghai</b>	Philippines’ first invitation-only online shopping platform/ community.	Using the power of branded content, the “flash sale site” features designer items at discount prices and includes editorial, shopping, and styling tips.
	<b>Zaheed Poptia</b> <b>MBA 2006</b> Cofounder	<b>Canada</b> <b>Toronto</b>	Canadian online service that provides a secure environment to sell and exchange unwanted gift cards for cash.	The #1 online gift card exchange marketplace. Named one of the Top 20 Emerging Canadian Companies in C100; featured on Business News Network’s <i>The Pitch</i> and <i>Dragons’ Den</i> .
	<b>Alexander Azoulay</b> <b>MBA 2003</b> Cofounder  <b>David Merle</b> <b>MBA 2003</b> Cofounder	<b>Europe</b> <b>Germany</b>	Speeding up the mass adoption of Building Integrated Photovoltaics (BIPV) in both residential and commercial buildings worldwide.	In the process of extending its global patent portfolio with a focus on BRIC/ emerging markets.

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	<b>Vikram Sharma</b> <b>MBA 2006</b> Cofounder and CEO	<b>India</b>	Energy services company that helps organizations reduce energy costs and integrate sustainability, reducing their carbon footprint.	Focused on India as target market, with more than 100 energy consumption audits completed since 2011.
	<b>Thomaz Srougi</b> <b>GMP 6 2009</b> Chief Strategist and CEO	<b>Latin America</b> <b>Brazil</b>	Provide fast, affordable, high-quality health care to Brazil's lowest income areas.	Two clinics, 15 doctors; added two new services: clinical exams and diagnostics (Feb. 2012) and imaging exams (Dec. 2011).
	<b>Rohit Thakwani</b> <b>OPM 37 2008</b> Cofounder and CEO	<b>Middle East</b> <b>United Arab Emirates</b>	Only e-commerce portal in the Middle East that specializes in consumer electronics.	Think "Amazon.com for electronics" in the Middle East. Plans to expand to 50 employees and move from web to mobile applications.
	<b>Marco Bitran</b> <b>MBA 2003</b> CEO	<b>New England</b> <b>Boston</b>	Hedge fund technology platform in which financial advisors offer clients access to other investment strategies.	Received significant venture capital funding. Launched a Managed Account Platform and web portal.
 <small>Making Car Shopping a Snap</small>	<b>Marc Hoecker</b> <b>MBA 2008</b> Cofounder	<b>Midwest/</b> <b>Central US</b> <b>Chicago</b>	An innovative mobile application designed to transform the way consumers shop for cars.	A beta release of the consumer-focused car-shopping platform will be coming soon to the iPhone and Android platforms.

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	<b>Sahil Patel</b> <b>MBA 2005</b> CFO	<b>Mid-Atlantic/                      Southeastern                      US                      New York</b>	Supplier of a unique biologic solution to treat and prevent biofilm-caused staph infections.	Assembling a scientific advisory board to help build an R&D regulatory strategy and is focusing on companion pets as its initial target market.
	<b>Ali Fakhari</b> <b>MBA 2007</b> CMO	<b>Southwest                      US                      Southern                      California</b>	Transforms any mobile phone into a convenient, easy, and secure way to send or receive money and pay for goods/services.	In 2012 WikiLoan acquired WikiPay—in order to control all services under one roof using one system, creating a more seamless process for customers.

## winner of the 2011 alumni new venture contest and the \$25,000 cash prize

	<b>Privahini Bradoo</b> <b>MBA 2008</b> Cofounder and CFO	<b>Northwestern                      US                      Northern                      California</b>	“E-waste” disposal and recovery mining solutions.	Significant venture capital funding and strategic partnership with KPCB to build a pilot plant to extract metals and rare earths in consumer electronic products.
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