



# Capital Raising & Financing Valuation Services

**Independent Advisory for Growth-Stage & Mature Enterprises | Capital Stack Optimization by IntelEK**

In the competitive landscape of corporate finance, securing the right capital structure is more than just a mathematical exercise – it is a defining moment for a company's future. IntelEK's corporate finance specialists deliver independent Capital Raising and Financing Advisory services, ensuring your capital stack is optimized, transparent, and built on robust financial projections that withstand institutional scrutiny.

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# The Crucial Role of Independent Advisory

Whether a firm is pursuing a Series C round, mezzanine debt, or a complex private placement, the Board and management face the daunting task of balancing dilution, cost of capital, and restrictive covenants. An inefficiently structured financing round can lead to "toxic" terms, excessive cost of capital, or a loss of operational control. Investors and lenders look for professionalized financial modeling and a clear "use of proceeds" roadmap.

## Toxic Term Risk

Poorly structured financing can introduce participating preferred rights, full-ratchet anti-dilution, or aggressive cash flow sweeps that destroy long-term value.

## Cost of Capital Risk

Financing that exceeds your Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) inadvertently destroys shareholder value — a hidden danger in poorly analyzed capital structures.

## The Solution

An independent advisor with deep technical underwriting expertise, focused entirely on your capital efficiency rather than just "closing the deal" at any cost.

# Standards of Value in Capital Raising

The determination of "Investment Value" is vital in capital raising, as it defines the trade-off between the cash injected and the equity or debt claims surrendered. While market benchmarks exist, financing often requires a nuanced view of future potential versus current risk.

Common standards and considerations include:

## Post-Money Valuation

Determining the theoretical value of the company after the capital infusion – the baseline for calculating ownership percentages and dilution for existing shareholders.

## Cost of Capital (WACC)

We analyze the weighted average cost of debt and equity to ensure the new financing doesn't inadvertently destroy shareholder value by exceeding the company's Return on Invested Capital (ROIC).

## Liquidation Preference & Participation

In preferred equity rounds, value isn't just the price per share, but the structural seniority of the new capital. We model various exit scenarios to ensure the terms are equitable.

## Investment Value vs. Fair Market Value

Capital raising often focuses on "Investment Value" – accounting for specific synergies a new partner brings or the risk-return profile required by private equity groups.

# Valuation Process & Methodologies in Financing

## Debt Service Coverage Analysis

Evaluating the company's ability to meet interest and principal payments under various economic stress scenarios – a critical component of lender due diligence.

## Use of Proceeds Optimization

Assessing whether the requested capital is allocated to high-ROI projects, ensuring that the financing drives exponential rather than incremental growth.

## Covenant Modeling

Proactively calculating financial covenants (e.g., Debt/EBITDA ratios) to ensure the company maintains operational flexibility post-closing.

## Comparable Financing Analysis

Analyzing recent funding rounds in the same sector to ensure the proposed valuation and terms are competitive with current market trends.



## Financial Engineering & Due Diligence

Securing capital requires a higher level of preparation than a standard internal budget. It involves a "bottom-up" build of the company's financial narrative to ensure investor confidence. Our comprehensive stress testing of capital requirements and repayment capacity forms the foundation of every engagement.

- ❏ **⚠ Critical Insight:** Without adequate financial engineering, even a fundamentally strong business can receive unfavorable terms. A professionalized financial model is your single most powerful negotiating tool with institutional lenders and private equity groups.

CAPITAL STRUCTURING

## Capital Structuring Approaches

We employ a multi-tiered approach to design the optimal capital stack. Determining the right mix of senior debt, subordinated debt, and equity minimizes the overall cost of capital while maximizing the company's "runway."

Our **Waterfall Modeling** projects how various exit values will be distributed among different classes of security holders — providing clarity on the long-term impact of the new financing. This ensures the Board fully understands the "true cost" of capital before the term sheet is signed.



# Key Considerations & Board Support

Professional financing advisory is most valuable in high-stakes environments where the wrong partner or wrong terms could jeopardize the company's autonomy. Our independent analysis protects the Board across the full range of financing scenarios.

- Dilution management and anti-dilution ratchet analysis
- Bridge financing and recapitalization strategies
- Lender negotiations and term sheet scrutiny
- Expert support for special committees in insider rounds

**60–120**

**Days to Close**

Typical market engagement  
timeline (debt vs. equity)

**2–3**

**Weeks Prep**

To complete valuation &  
financial package

**100%**

**Independence**

IntelK does not act as a  
primary lender

# Capital Stack Optimization: A Strategic Imperative

Capital Stack Optimization is the process of layering different types of capital – senior debt, mezzanine, preferred equity, common equity – to achieve the lowest possible Weighted Average Cost of Capital. We analyze your cash flow to determine how much leverage the business can safely handle without triggering financial distress.

In related-party financing rounds, transparency is key. We provide a rigorous arm's-length analysis to ensure the terms reflect what an outside third party would offer – protecting the Board against litigation from minority shareholders who might claim the round was a "sweetheart" deal for insiders.

## Senior Debt Layer

The lowest-cost capital with highest priority in repayment – sized based on Debt Service Coverage Analysis to preserve operational flexibility.

## Mezzanine / Subordinated

Hybrid instruments that bridge the gap between senior debt capacity and equity – providing additional runway without excessive dilution.

## Equity Layer

Permanent capital with no repayment pressure – sized to minimize dilution while satisfying investor return expectations and maintaining founder control.

# Board-Level Advisory Support

**1** **Dilution Management & Anti-Dilution**  
Granular analysis of "ratchets" and anti-dilution clauses to prevent predatory "down-round" scenarios that could wipe out early-stage investors or founders.

**2** **Bridge Financing & Recapitalizations**  
Independent analysis of bridge loans and recapitalization strategies to ensure "stop-gap" measures do not create a debt trap that hinders future permanent financing.

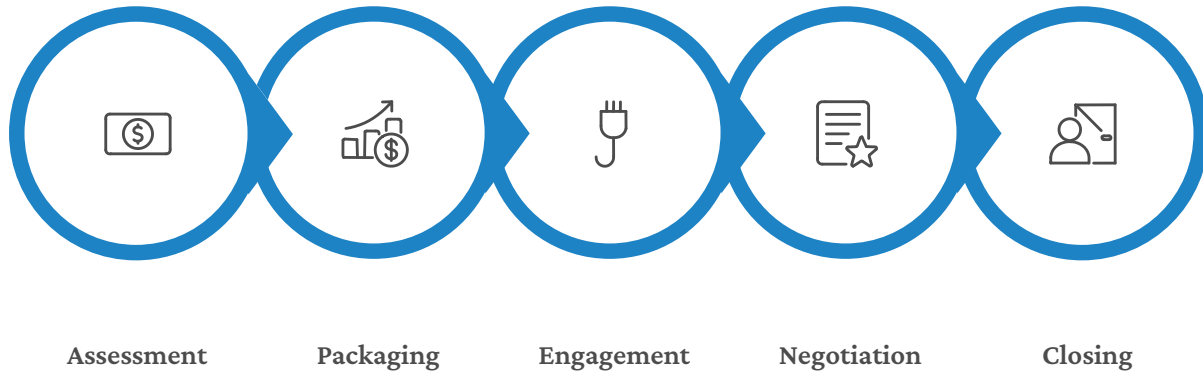
**3** **Term Sheet Scrutiny**  
The "headline" interest rate is often less important than the "fine print" regarding collateral, personal guarantees, and cash flow sweeps. We negotiate more favorable operational flexibility.

**4** **Special Committee Support**  
Should a capital raise involve insiders or existing major shareholders, our specialists provide the Board with an independent assessment confirming the financing is on market terms.

**5** **Fairness Opinions for Debt Transactions**  
Fairness Opinions are used in complex debt restructurings or mezzanine financing where conflicts of interest may exist – confirming rates, fees, and security terms are at market standards.

# InteleK's Capital Raising Approach

Our specialists bring deep expertise in investment banking, credit analysis, and structured finance to every engagement. Our rigorous documentation process ensures your data room is ready for due diligence, significantly shortening the closing timeline.



Our proven approach first establishes the optimal capital structure, then packages your financial narrative for institutional audiences – navigating every phase from assessment through closing with strict independence and strategic precision.



# What Sets InteleK's Process Apart



## Strict Independence

Because InteleK does not act as a primary lender, our advice is purely objective. We focus on the best terms for your company – not the highest interest margin for our own books.



## Customized Structures

We recognize that every company's cash flow profile is unique. We avoid "cookie-cutter" loan products in favor of bespoke financing solutions that match your specific business cycle.



## Strategic Positioning

We don't just "shop" a deal – we package your financials into a compelling institutional-grade narrative that preemptively addresses investor and lender concerns.



## Timely Execution

"Capital delayed is growth denied." Our rigorous documentation process ensures your data room is ready for due diligence – significantly shortening the closing timeline.



# Collaboration With Your Advisory Team

InteleK doesn't work in isolation – we work **alongside your advisory team** to ensure the financing strategy integrates seamlessly into your overall corporate plan and capital structure.

→ **Corporate Attorneys**

We coordinate with legal counsel to ensure the financing supports shareholder agreements, buy-sell provisions, and regulatory documentation requirements.

→ **CPAs & Tax Advisors**

Our financial models are structured to integrate directly with tax planning strategies – reducing friction for your tax team and improving the overall capital efficiency of the transaction.

→ **Investment Bankers & Placement Agents**

We provide the independent valuation and financial modeling that investment bankers and placement agents require to substantiate deal terms and support investor presentations.

## Meet IntelK's Leaders

IntelK's specialists hold the most rigorous credentials in corporate finance and business appraisal – CFA, ABV, CPA, MBA – and bring deep expertise in investment banking, credit analysis, and structured finance to every capital raising engagement.



**Andrew Mackson, CFA, ABV**

**Co-Founder & Partner**

Andrew leads IntelK's corporate finance practice with deep expertise in capital structuring, investment value analysis, and institutional financing advisory for growth-stage and mature enterprises.



**Cameron Braid, MBA**

**Co-Founder & Partner**

Cameron brings extensive financial modeling and M&A experience to IntelK's capital raising engagements, ensuring rigorous analytical foundations for every capital stack recommendation.



**Ryan Maguire, CPA, ABV**

**Director of Business Valuations**

Ryan oversees the technical execution of all financing valuation engagements, with specialized expertise in WACC analysis, covenant modeling, and institutional-grade financial package preparation.

# Capital Raising & Financing Advisory: Key FAQs

Expert insights into debt and equity structuring, private placements, capital stack optimization, and fiduciary compliance for corporate financing transactions in 2026.

## What is the primary role of a financial advisor in capital raising?

An advisor acts as the strategic architect of the deal, identifying the optimal mix of debt and equity to minimize the cost of capital while maximizing operational flexibility. We manage the valuation process, prepare institutional-grade documentation, and navigate complex negotiations to protect shareholder value.

## Why is an independent valuation necessary before a private placement?

An independent valuation establishes a "Price of Reasonableness" for the transaction. This protects the Board from claims of self-dealing or price-fixing, especially in related-party rounds, and provides a data-driven baseline ensuring new investors enter at a fair price.

## How does "Cost of Capital" impact the choice between debt and equity?

Debt is typically "cheaper" as it does not involve giving up ownership, but introduces repayment risk and restrictive covenants. Equity is "expensive" due to permanent dilution but provides stability without cash flow pressure. We model the WACC to ensure financing doesn't exceed your expected ROIC.

## What are "Toxic" terms in a financing term sheet?

Toxic terms are provisions that can lead to a loss of control or value destruction – such as participating preferred rights with high multiples, full-ratchet anti-dilution, or aggressive cash flow sweeps. Our process involves a "stress-test" of these terms to ensure they don't jeopardize your future autonomy.

## What is "Capital Stack Optimization"?

It is the process of layering different types of capital (senior debt, mezzanine, preferred equity, common equity) to achieve the lowest possible Weighted Average Cost of Capital. We analyze your cash flow to determine how much leverage the business can safely handle without triggering financial distress.

## How long does the financing advisory process take?

Preparation of the valuation and financial package typically takes 2 to 3 weeks. The actual market engagement and closing can take anywhere from 60 to 120 days depending on the type of capital (debt vs. equity) and the readiness of the company's due diligence materials.

# Book a Free Consultation with InteleK

One of InteleK's accredited appraisers is available to listen to your story, evaluate your specific situation, and answer any questions you have about capital raising and financing advisory. There is no obligation – just expert guidance from professionals who do this every day.



**Andrew Mackson, CFA, ABV**

Co-Founder & Partner – Strategic lead for capital raising and debt advisory. Expert in optimizing capital structures and navigating complex deal negotiations to drive sustainable enterprise growth.

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