



FUNDING CIRCLE STUDY VISIT*
GLOBAL SME FINANCE FORUM 2019

Overview of the visit:

Enabling real funding to stimulate the real economy

It was widely observed that after the financial crisis bank lending to small businesses retrenched. It is less well recognised that ten years on, the most creditworthy small businesses still struggle to access finance through traditional routes. Lending platforms, by connecting small businesses directly with a wide range of investors, have been able for the first time to open a whole new asset class to a global pool of capital.

During this interactive study tour we will take you on board the journey of how we connect small businesses with global capital pools, boosting economic growth and employment. We will look into market developments, the platformization of financial services as well as the increasing interest in the SME asset class.

Location: Funding Circle, Atrium, Strawinskylaan 3075, Centre building, 4th floor, 1077 ZX Amsterdam

When: October 9, 2019. 2PM – 5PM

Subject/Topics: lending, platform, financial services

About Funding Circle:

Funding Circle is a global SME loans platform, connecting SMEs who want to borrow with investors who want to lend in the UK, US, Germany and the Netherlands. Since launching in 2010, investors have lent more than \$10bn to 72,000 businesses globally.

AGENDA:

Time	Item
2:00 PM- 2:30 PM	Welcome & Registration
2:30 PM- 3:00 PM	Funding Circle, the leading small business lending platform
3:00 PM- 3:15 PM	Q&A
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Small Break
3:30 PM- 4:15 PM	Platformization: how the platform model is changing the financial services landscape
4:15 PM- 5:00 PM	Opening up a new asset class to a global capital pool
5:00 PM- 5:30 PM	End of visit and drinks

*registration-only event