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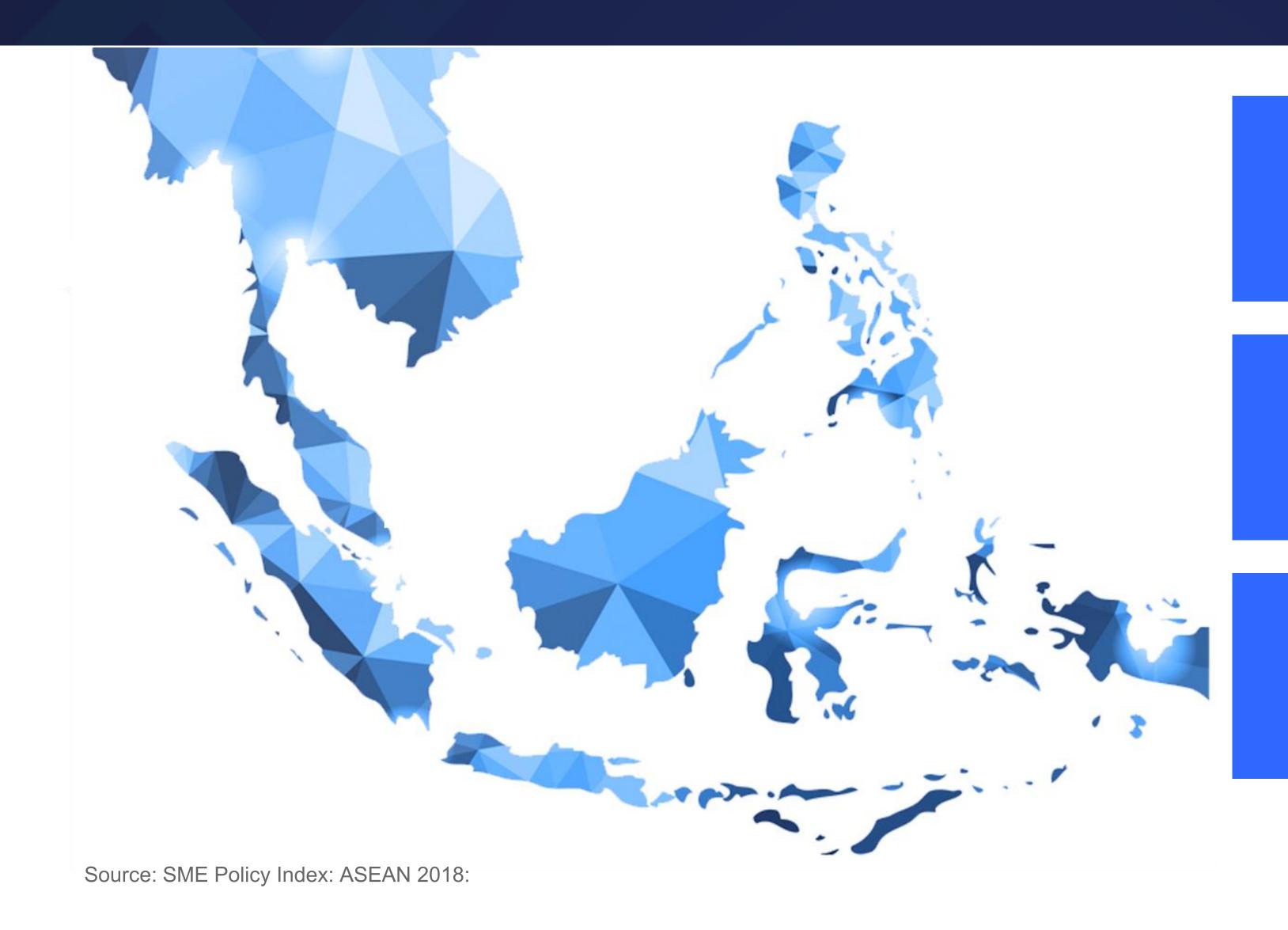
Stronger SMEs, Stronger Societies

Myths and realities of Debt Crowdfunding in Singapore

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SMEs are the backbone of SEA, contributing to key growth matrices



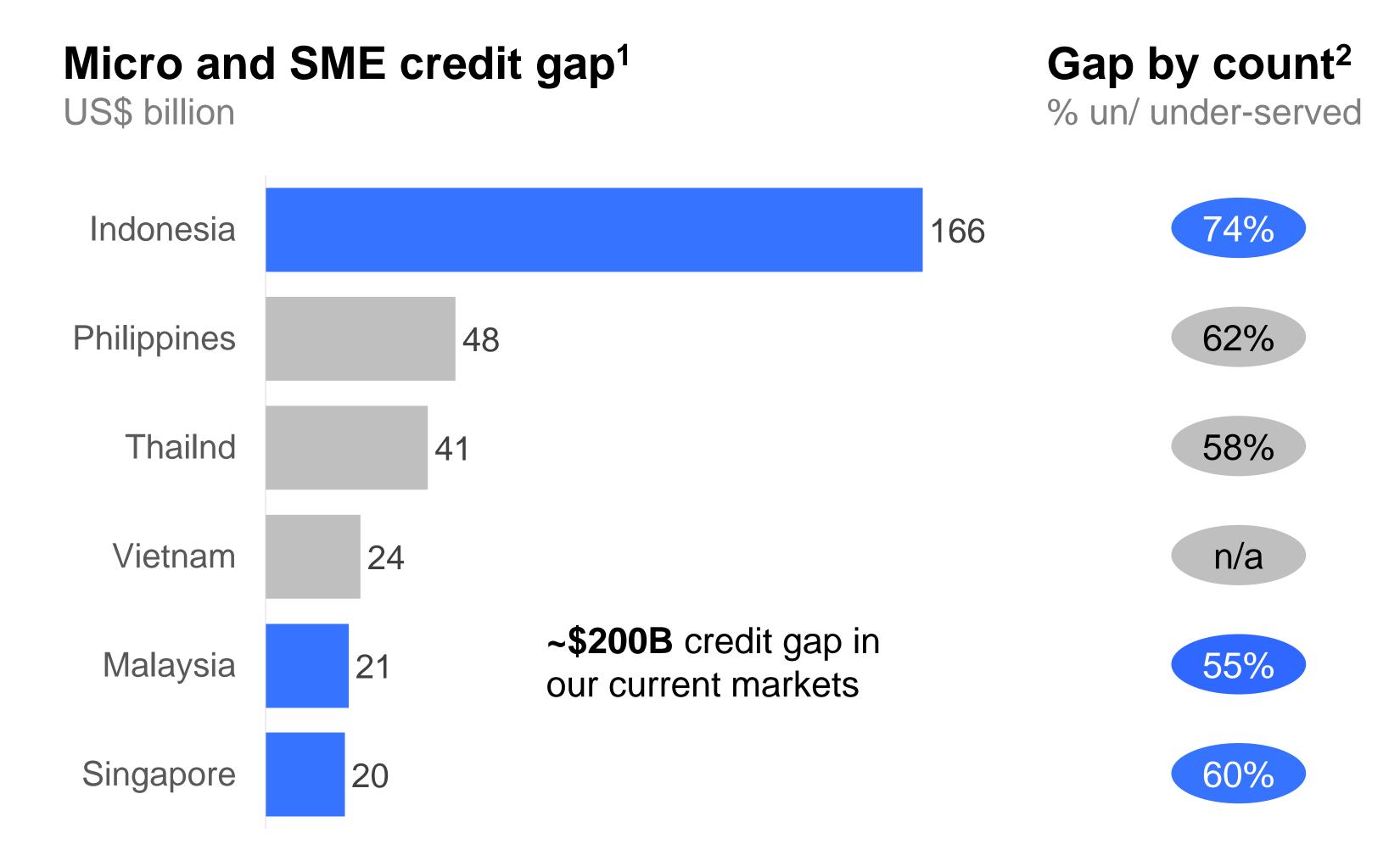
49% of GDP

3 out of 4 jobs

99% of enterprises



They are financially under-served by banks



leading to huge gap

SMEs have access to bank loan

\$320B

SME financing gap¹

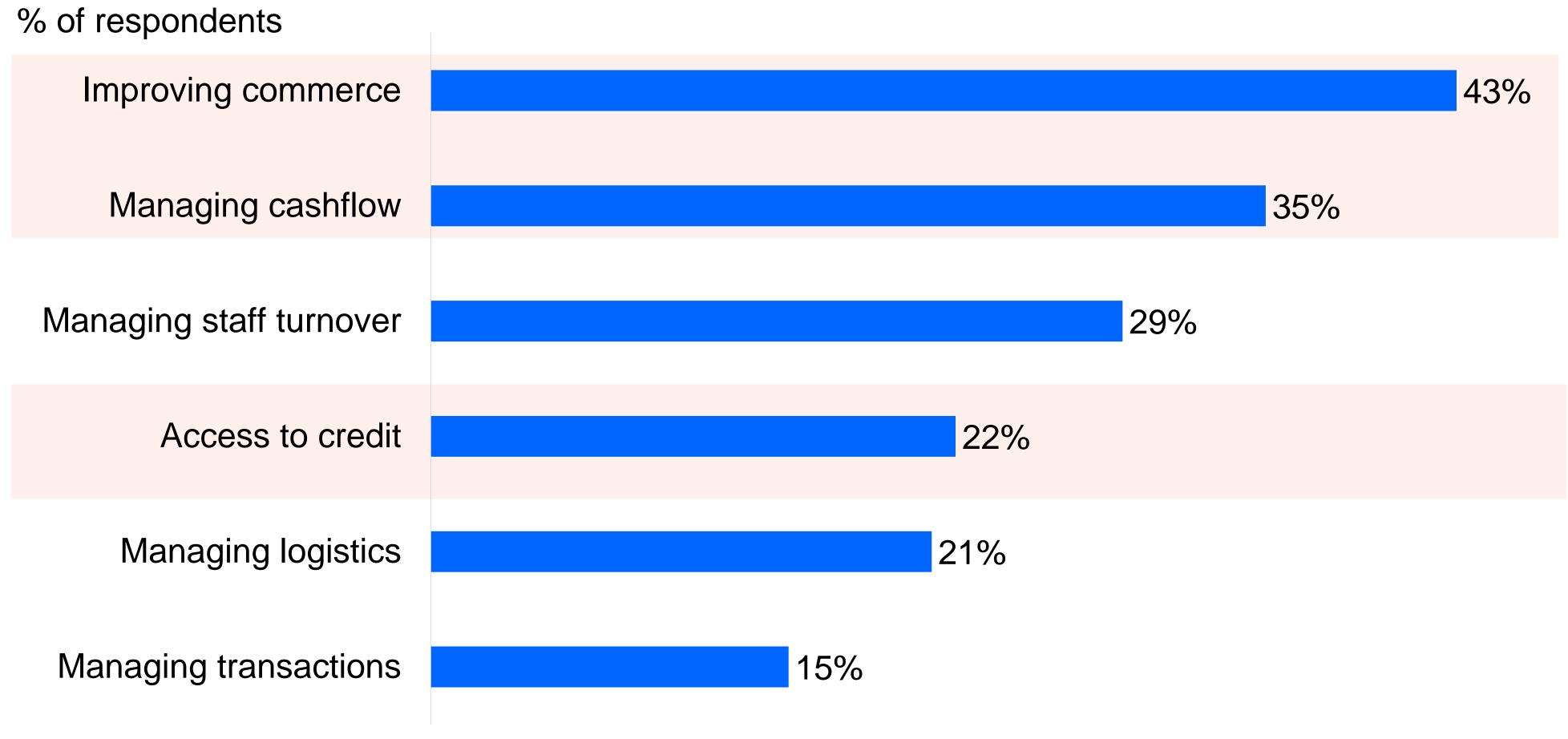
Below 60%

¹ World Bank IFC, 2011/2017 "SME Finance Forum", by benchmarking economies for potential demand and subtracting supply. ² PWC, 2019 "Indonesia's FinTech Lending" and Deloitte, 2015 "Digital Banking for SMEs"



3 out of 5 top SME challenges are financing related

Top business challenge for SMEs



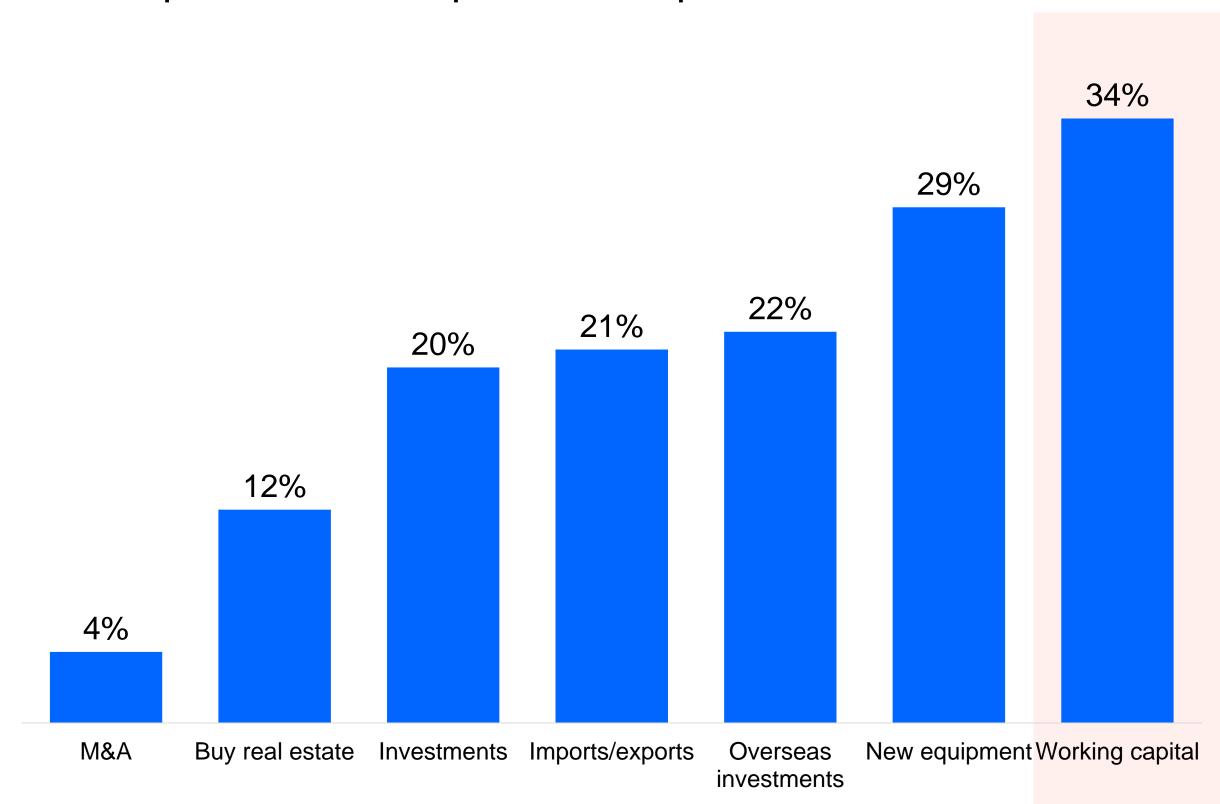
Source: Oliver Wyman SME survey July 2019



Among it, unsecured working capital is the largest pain point

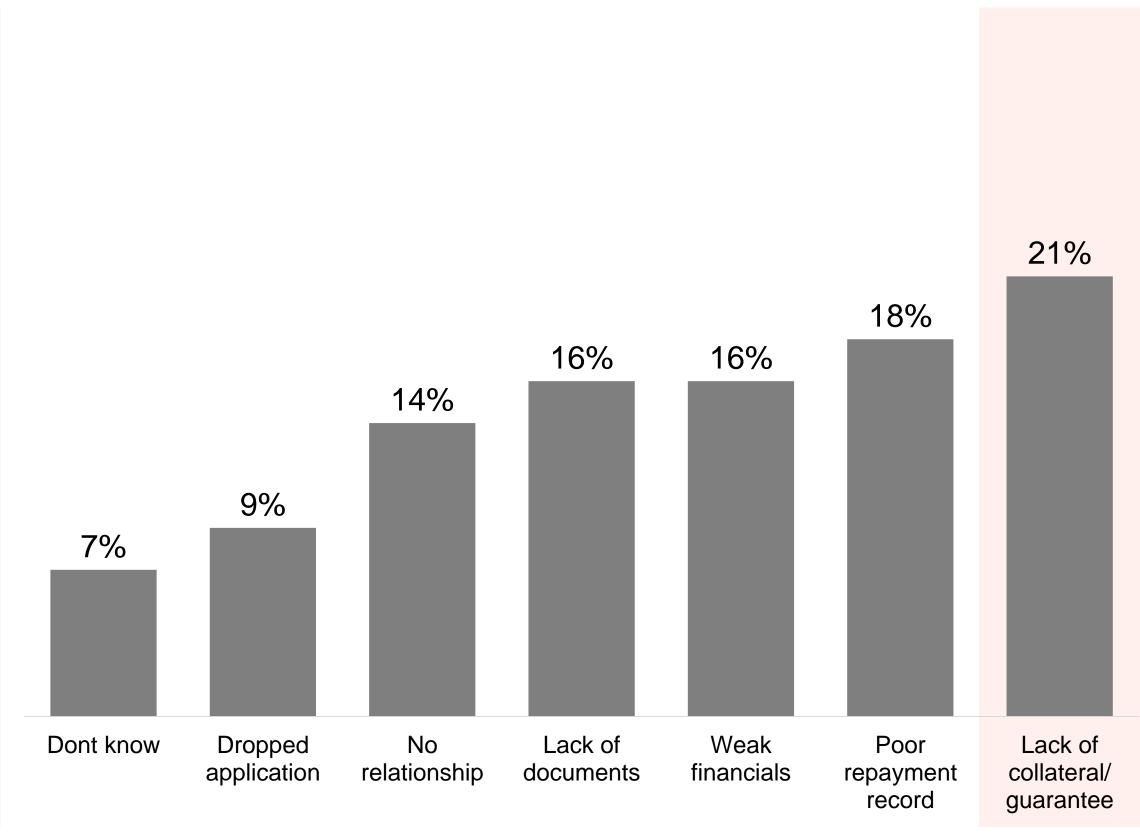
Purpose of the credit need

% of respondents, multiple choices permitted



Reasons for no/ partial approval of credit

% of respondents, multiple choices permitted

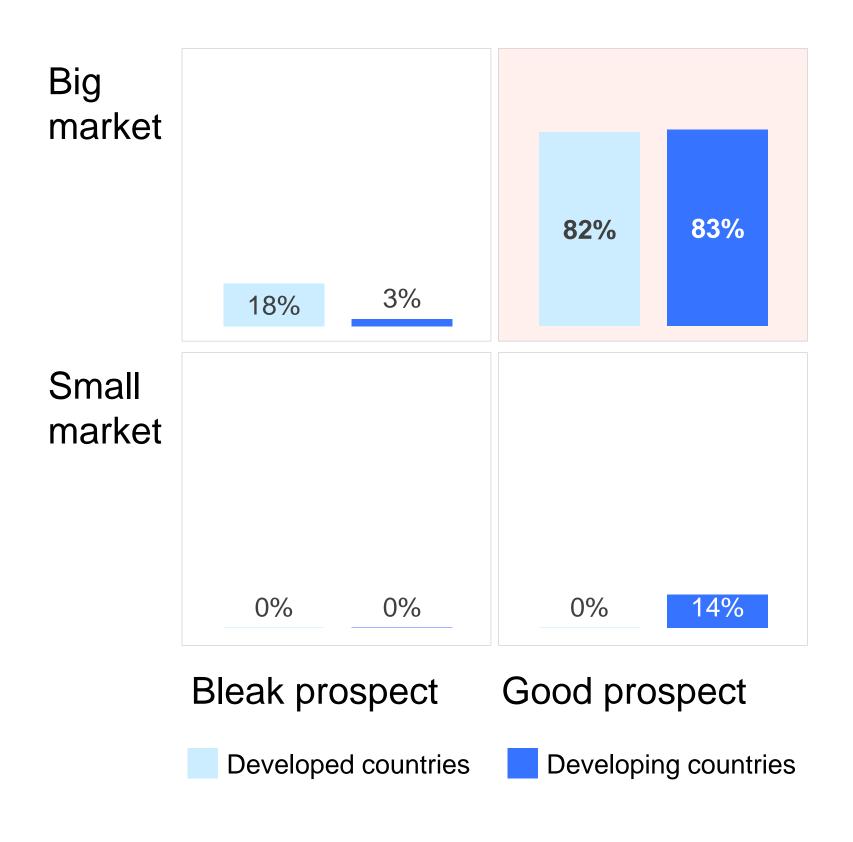


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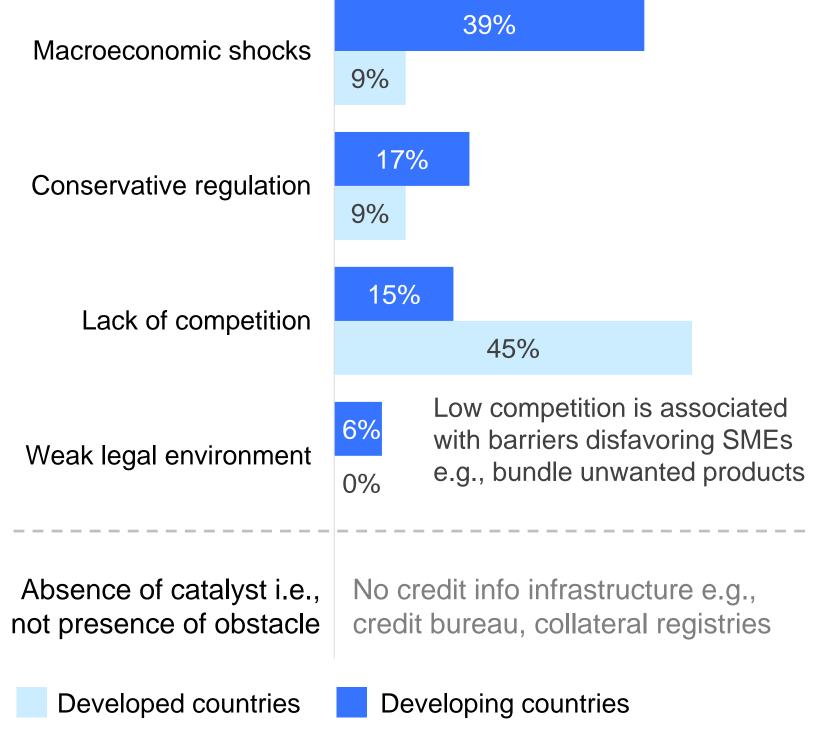


SMEs are not 'sub-prime' banking, but require different banking

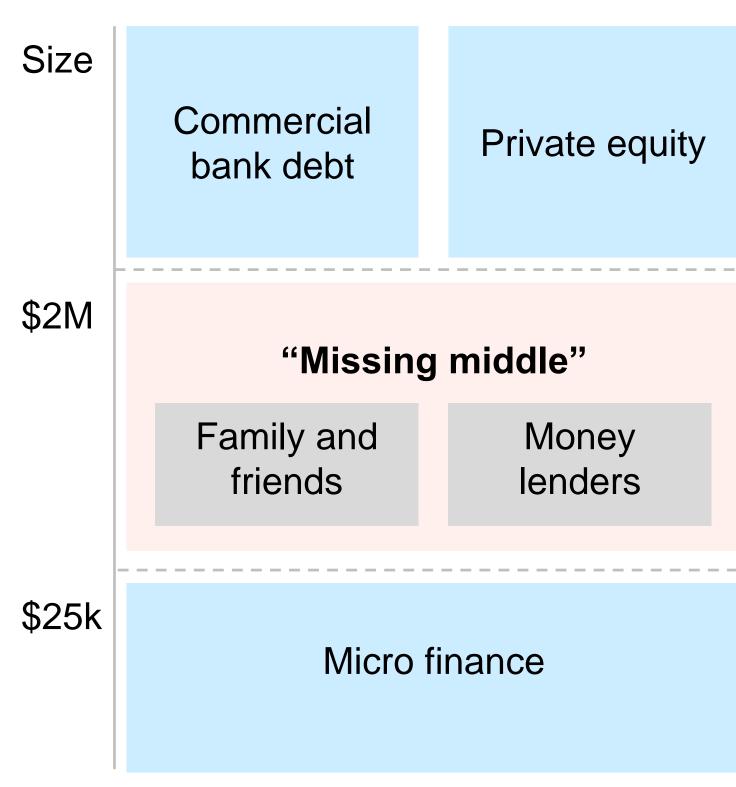
Banks find SME to be a big and good market¹



Banks see 'obstacles' to serve SMEs



There is limited financing option for 'missing middle'



¹ International Finance Corporation (IFC), 2009, "The SME Banking Knowledge Guide"



This results in the rise of debt crowdfunding platforms



¹ Allowed due to special exemption from Ministry of Law



Debt crowdfunding complements banks in serving a different need

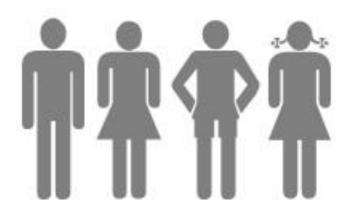
Key differences	Banks and FIs	Funding Societies Modalku
Product	Traditional loan	Flexible loan
Size	Big, > US\$ 1M	Small, < US\$ 1M
Duration	Long, 3 – 5 years	Short, 1 – 12 months
Target segment	Larger SMEs with collateral	SMEs with good cashflow
User experience	Mostly offline, slow	Hybrid, fast



It fills the gap between informal capital and bank financing



Internal / Informal capital



Family, relatives, friends



Debt crowdfunding / P2P Lending









Bank Financing









Capital Markets





Thanks to proactive regulation, it has avoided the fate in China

Selected examples



Monetary Authority of Singapore

On borrowers

 Max S\$5M per borrower per year for retail investors

On investors

No investment limit, with risk acknowledgement

Regular escrow

On platform

Base capital requirement

Living will arrangement

ASEAN Today





How fintech & P2P lending are driving SME growth in ASEAN

"The P2P lending model is proving extremely popular in Southeast Asia, with 39M SMEs – 51% of SME sector – gaining access to finance that was previously unavailable to them,"

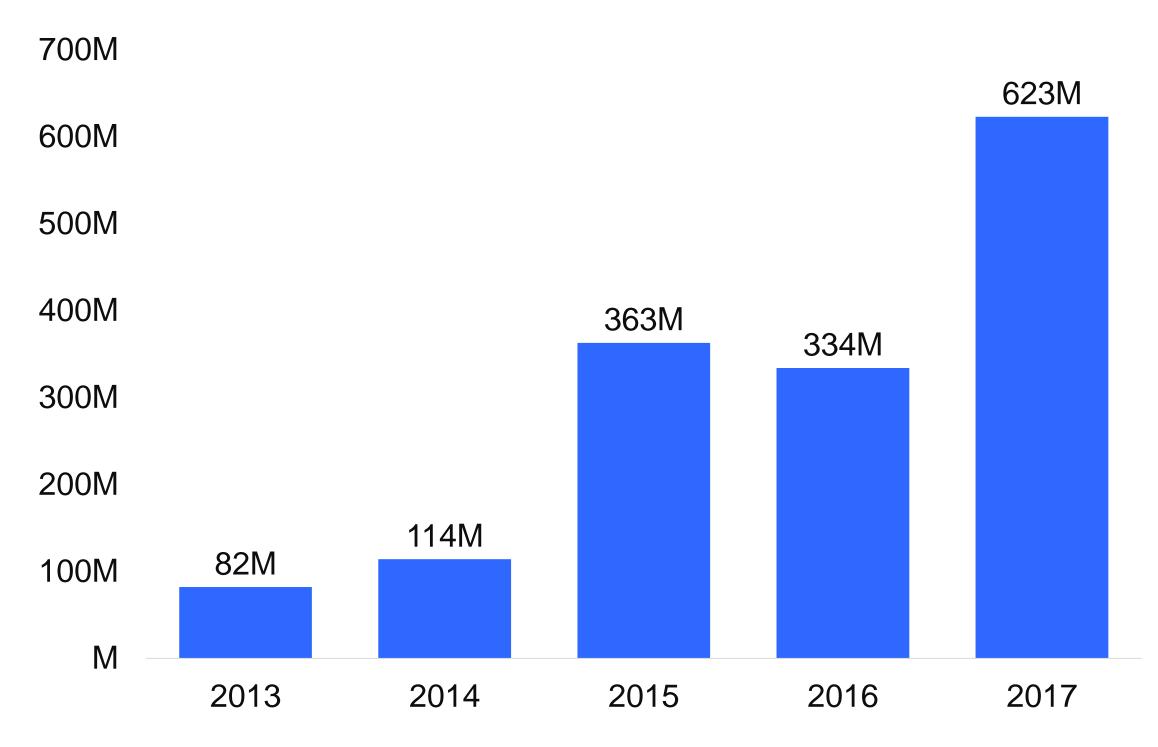
Tech Collective, 2019



Since 2013, debt crowdfunding has gained significant traction here



P2P/ marketplace lending volume has grown from \$82M to \$623M since 2013



Successful funding rate 89%

Repeat investor rate 70%

Source: 3rd Asia Pacific Alternative Finance Industry Report, 2018, Cambridge



They are used not only by new SMEs, but also mature SMEs

New to financial service

"Banks rejected me because my business is too new"

Speed to funds

"I need funds urgently in the next few days"

Top up to banks

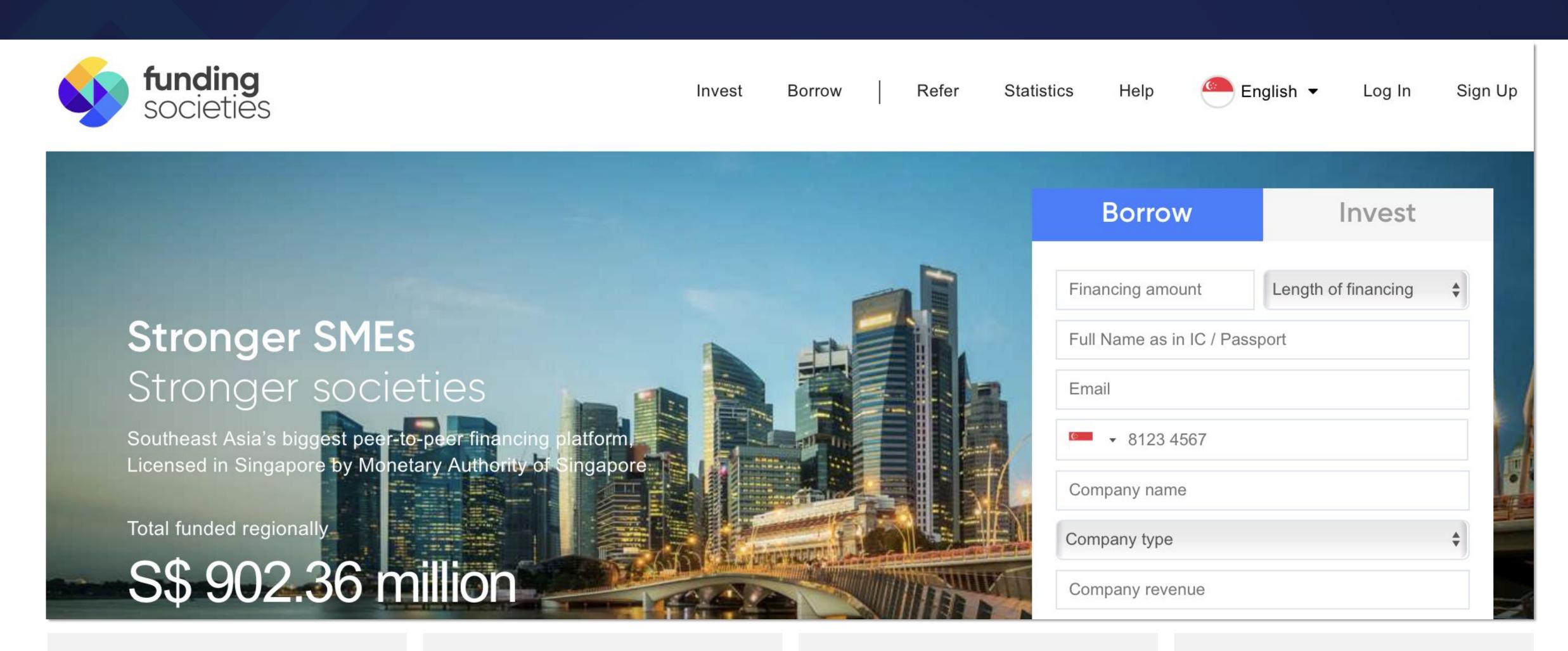
"The loan approved by bank is insufficient, I need more funding."

Back-up to banks

"I want to build relationship with you early, in case of rainy days."



An example is Funding Societies



>\$900M disbursed

>1m loans

1.5% default to-date

MAS FinTech Award



Because to many, it is more than money but dreams

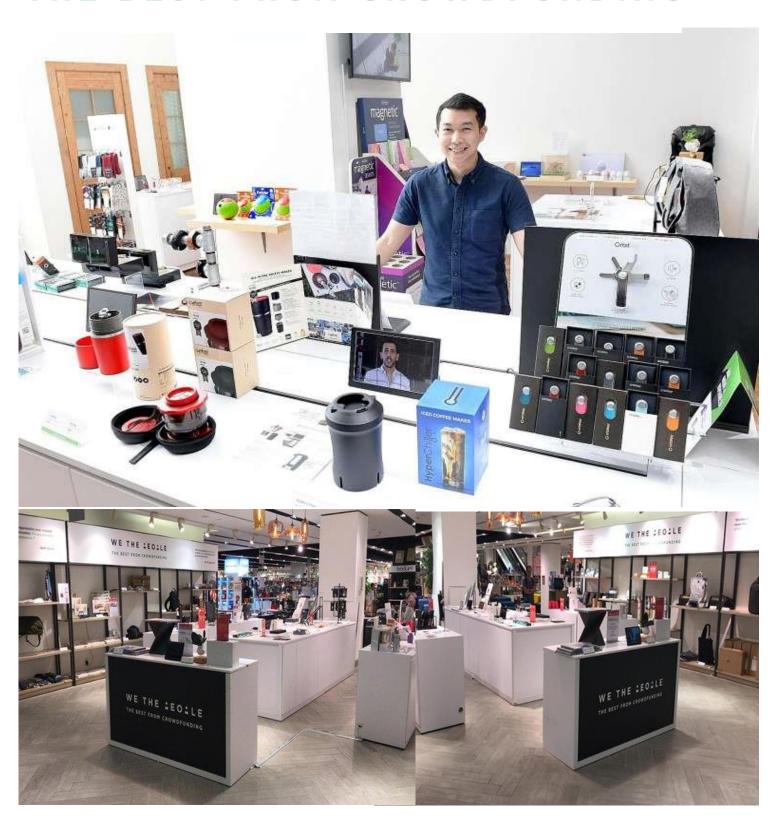
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