**Press Release**

**FundedByMe and IE Business School announce innovative global collaboration**

*Partnership to increase job opportunities and support financial growth on a global scale.*

***Stockholm, 13 May 2013:***[FundedByMe](http://www.fundedbyme.com/), Europe’s fastest-growing crowd investment platform for entrepreneurs and investors, has announced a partnership with [IE Business School](http://www.ie.edu/business-school/the-school) to coincide with their launch in Spain. Signed during IE Business School’s [Venture Day Madrid](http://entrepreneurship.ie.edu/venture-days) last Thursday last week, the agreement launches the popular crowdfunding platform to Spanish ecosystem of entrepreneurs and investors - giving them access to an international audience of active crowd investors – and also taps the global audience of IE alumni.

The FundedByMe platform currently has 6,000 investors, 300 startups, and €300m of investment capacity, with €2m already invested in eight companies. This new partnership with IE Business School engages an additional 45,000 globally minded IE alumni on both an entrepreneurial and investor level. Spain is the first country outside of Scandinavia for FundedByMe, which to date has focused on reaching investors and entrepreneurs in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland.

“The start up community around the globe is more active than ever but finding capital remains tough, particularly in Spain, where IE Business School is headquartered,” says FundedByMe CEO and co-founder Daniel Daboczy. “FundedByMe is looking to change that and put entrepreneurs back on a path of economic growth.” He continues, “IE Business School is an outstanding partner for us given the entrepreneurial profile of its student base and its focus on entrepreneurship – particularly via initiatives such as the Venture Lab Accelerator Program.”

As part of the agreement, FundedByMe will be based on the IE Business School campus in Madrid, at the School’s startup incubator “Area 31”. Liz Fleming, Deputy Director of the Venture Lab accelerator at IE Business School, welcomes the innovative nature of this collaboration, “IE is one of the first business schools in the world to collaborate with an equity crowdfunding platform. Offering this service to our startup teams and alumni across the globe will have a significant impact on getting our teams funded. FundedByMe is a fantastic resource for the startup community, helping both entrepreneurs find funding and giving investors access to quality deal flow.”

Learn more about FundedByMe’s equity projects here:

<http://fundedbyme.com/en/equity/>

Learn more about IE Business School here:

<http://www.ie.edu/business-school/>

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**About IE Business School**

IE Business School shapes leaders that promote innovation and change in organizations, equipping managers with an entrepreneurial mindset that generates employment, wealth, and social wellbeing. Recognized as one of the world’s leading business schools, IE Business School has an urban campus in Madrid and a faculty of more than 600 professors who teach students from 88 countries in its master, PhD, and executive education programs. IE students use innovative online and presential learning formats, including the IE Communities platform where they exchange knowledge and experiences with 46,000 IE graduates that currently hold management positions in over 100 countries.

**About FundedByMe**

FundedByMe is Europe's fastest-growing crowd investment platform, connecting investors and entrepreneurs – be it through traditional crowdfunding or with equity offers. Founded in April 2011 in Sweden, FundedByMe today operates with additional offices in Finland, Denmark, Norway and Spain. For more information, visit www.fundedbyme.com.

**Notes for Editors**

* Please view our brand introduction video: http://youtu.be/ioJ3aDMljyo
* We can facilitate interviews with the founders of FundedByMe as well as independent crowdfunding specialists, familiar with the concept.

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