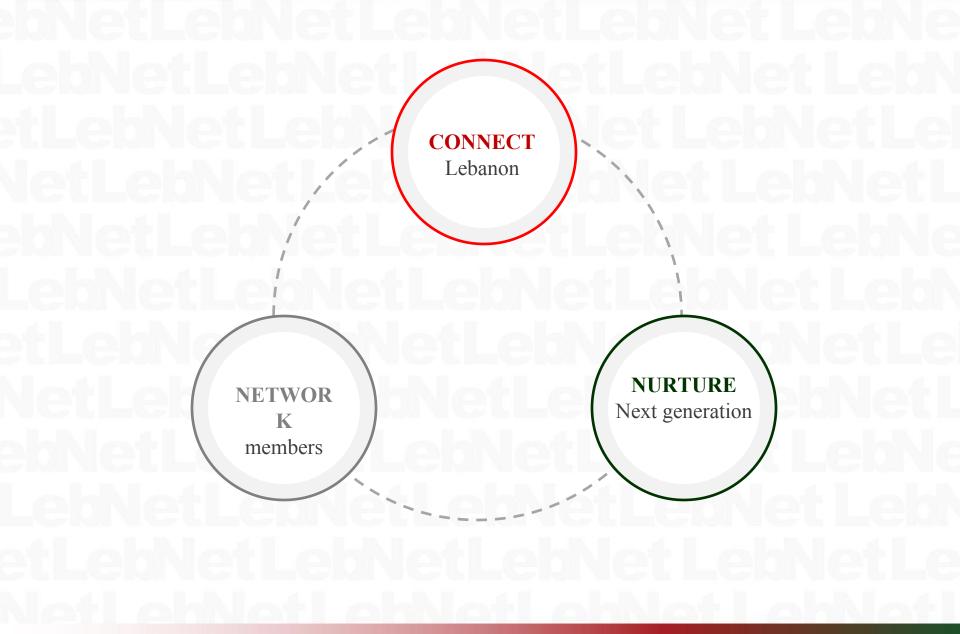


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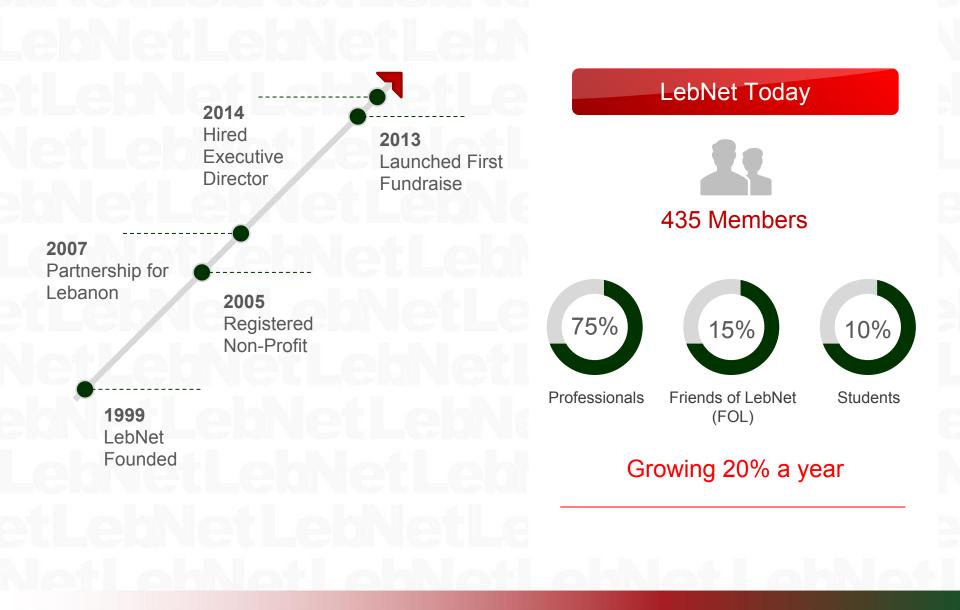


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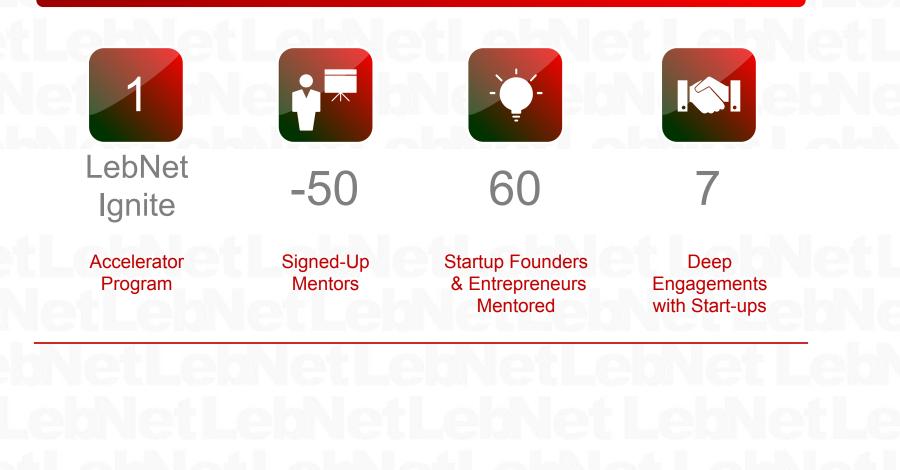
## HISTORY



# LebNet

# **CONNECT WITH LEBANON**

### Gateway to Silicon Valley for Lebanese Startups





## LEBNET IGNITE

Powered by Blackbox Connect

### Blackbox Connect

- 2-week residential program in Silicon Valley
- Designed to immerse international start-up founders in Silicon Valley culture
- Curriculum highlights:
  - Interfacing with investors
  - The basics of venture capital
  - "Born-Global" start-ups
- Access to VCs, successful entrepreneurs and domain experts for advice and feedback on team composition, product launches and growth strategies
- Develop trusted network for long-term support, collaboration and strategic cooperation

### LebNet Add-Ons

- Sponsor 2 Lebanese companies per semi-annual session
- Help screen and select candidate companies
- Assign LebNet facilitator for duration of program
- Supplement Blackbox program with dedicated working sessions with LebNet members and FOLs
  - "Getting to Know You" breakfast
  - "Walk with a coach"
  - Brainstorming dinner

### LebNet Ignite

Successful pilot in 2015

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Formalized program for 2016February 2016 session



- Next session August 2016
- Developing LebNet Ignite Accelerator program with Blackbox for later stage companies

### 2015 IN REVIEW



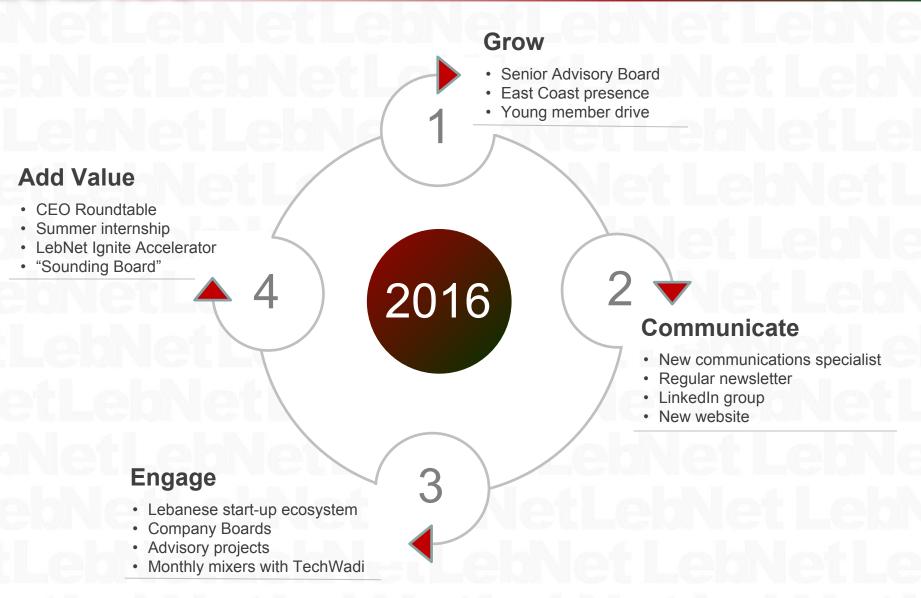


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- 7 plenary events with guest speakers
  - Average attendance: 60 members
- 5 additional smaller, specialized events
  - · Started monthly mixers with TechWadi
- 60 mentors signed up
- **Deep engagements** with Instabeat, Implify, Fadel, Band Industries, Fuel, Cardio Diagnostics & Alcalua
- LebNet Ignite program launched
- Signed Pillsbury LLC as corporate sponsor
  - Will host 6 LebNet events a year
  - Cooley LLC replacing Pillsbury in 2016
- **Partnerships** with LFE, MEVP, MITEF, Blackbox, TechWadi, AUB, UCLA & Cal Leb student associations
- Lebanon Connect ecosystem engagement:
  - iSME Investment Committee: Akiki and Nasr
  - LFE Steering Committee: Akiki (replacing Tamer)

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## ACCELERATE IN 2016



# LebNet

### **ORGANIZATION & GOVERNANCE**

**Board of Directors** 

### **Executive Committee**

- George (Abdo) Kadifa (Chairman)
- Elie Habib (Vice Chairman)
- George Akiki (President)
- Najib Khouri-Haddad (Secretary)
- Fares Mubarak (Treasurer)

#### West Focus

- Georges Harik
- Khaled Nasr
- George Skaff
- Eddy Tabet
  - TBD

#### **East Focus**

- Habib Kairouz
- Edgar Masri
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD

### Senior Advisory Board\*

- Magid Abraham
- Ford Tamer
- Additional members being recruited

\* New in 2016

### **Executive Team**

- Executive Director Michelle Tager
- General Counsel Haitham Ballout
- Communications Specialist TBH