# **Elevator Pitches**

#### Lecture 3L GSL Peru 2014









## **The Elevator Pitch**

Consider being in an elevator for 30 seconds with an investor. What do you do?







## **The Elevator Pitch**

- As little as 30 seconds
- Say just enough to hook interest
- Get a conversation started





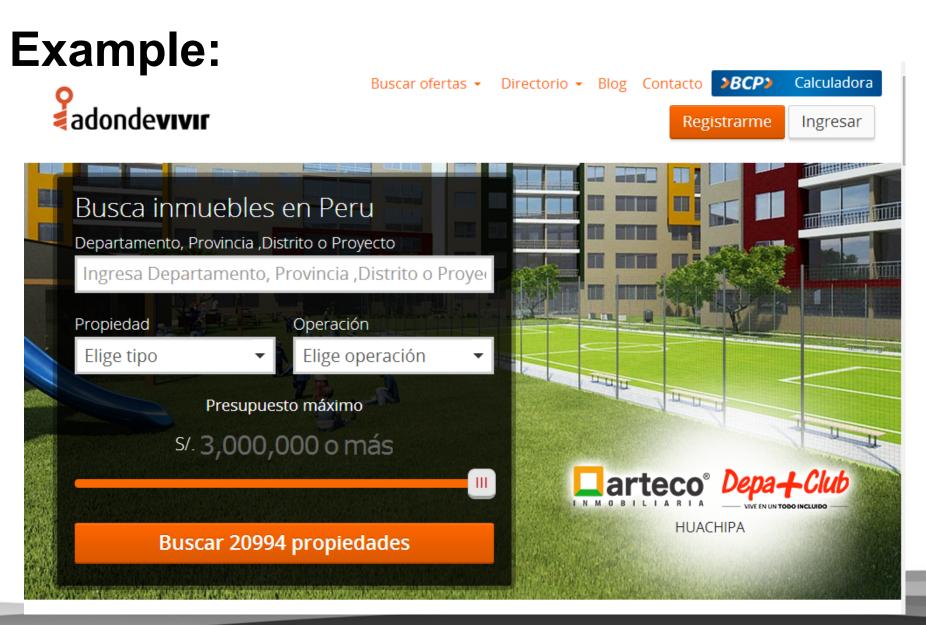


# Why Pitch?

- Get funding from investors
- Find partners for your venture
- Sell product to customers



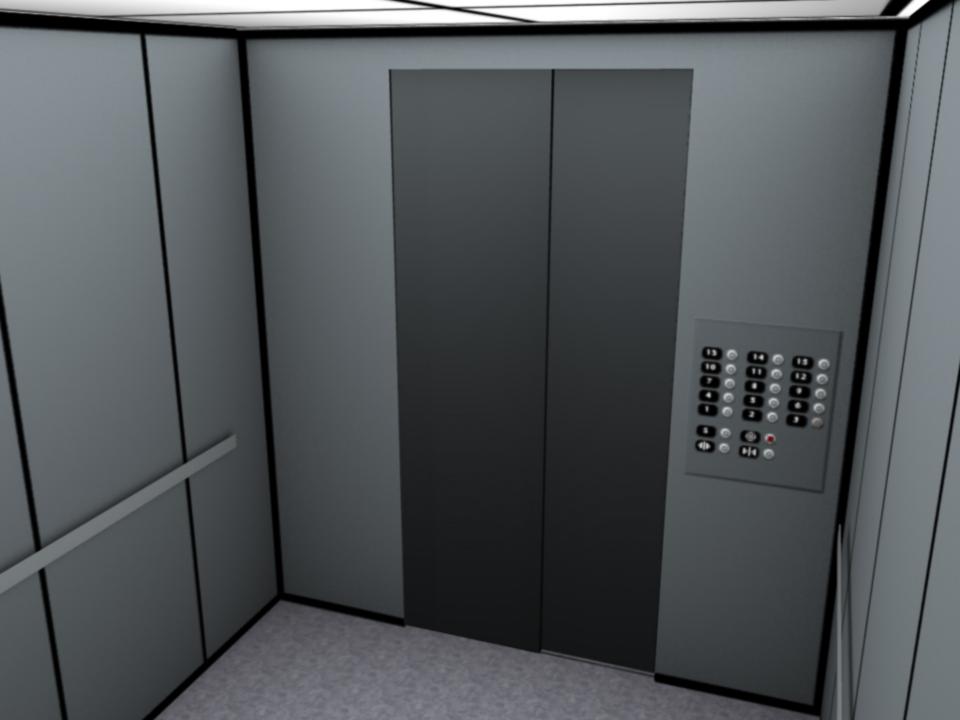












Elevator Pitch sentence structure: FOR (target customer), WHO HAS (customer need) (product name) IS A (market category) THAT (one keybenefit) UNLIKE (competition), THE PRODUCT (unique differentiator).





# Example: adondevivir

For <u>Peruvians</u> who are <u>looking for</u> <u>housing</u>, <u>adondevivir.com</u> is a <u>reliable</u> <u>online portal that connects renters to</u> <u>landlords</u>. Unlike <u>newspaper</u> <u>advertisements</u>, <u>adondevivir.com</u> <u>allows searching by region</u>.





# The 9 C's of an Elevator Pitch (Chris O'Leary)

Concise Clear Compelling Credible Conceptual

Concrete Customized Consistent Conversational





## Preparing Pitch 9 C's - Chris O'Leary

- **Concise** keep the pitch succinct and clear, with as few words as possible.
- Clear an effective elevator pitch should be understood by a layman, rather than being filled with acronyms and industry terminology.
- Compelling what problem does your business solve? What can you do for your target audience?





## **Preparing Pitch 9 C's - Chris O'Leary**

- **Credible** spell out what makes you qualified to do what you do. Using credibility-driven words like "certified" will help sell you.
- **Conceptual** the pitch should stay at a high level and not go into too many details.
- **Concrete** while high level, the pitch should also be tangible and easily grasped.





## Preparing Pitch 9 C's - Chris O'Leary

- **Customized** every target audience is different. The pitch should reflect those differences.
- Consistent no matter how many versions you may have of your pitch, they should all convey the same basic message.
- Conversational the idea of an elevator pitch is to start the conversation and hook your target. Keep it casual and don't try to close a deal in the pitch.













#### eduCaixa example









#### Cheek'd









#### **Hot Mama Gowns**

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# Tips

- Hook audience
- Differentiate
- Examples of successes
- Practice, practice, practice!





#### Homework for tomorrow

- Prepare 2 minute pitch on any subject you like for class tomorrow afternoon. You can pitch to sell an used car.
- This can be in Spanish.
- Be prepare to pitch to your classmates and give feedback as well.
- You can have notes if you like.





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