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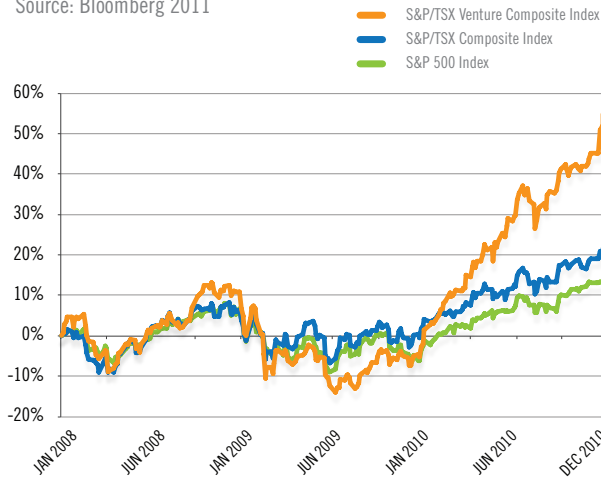
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# S&P/TSX Venture 30 Index

The S&P/TSX Venture 30 Index seeks to measure the performance of the 30 largest and most liquid companies in the S&P/TSX Venture Composite Index.

## 2010 INDEX PERFORMANCE

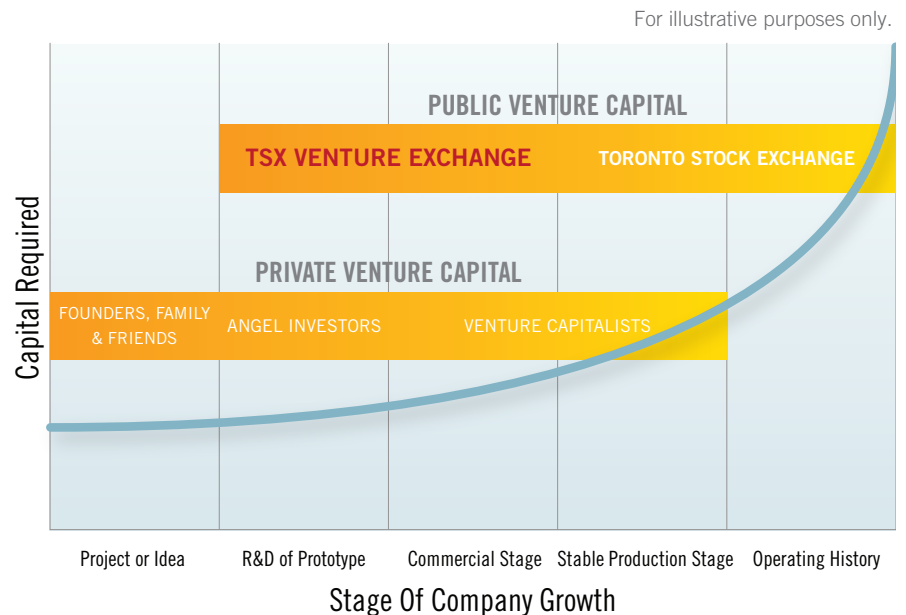
Source: Bloomberg 2011



Index returns are for illustrative purposes only. The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. One cannot invest directly in an index. Investors should not expect such high returns to be achieved in the future.

## FINANCING GROWTH COMPANIES

Source: TSX, 2011



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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Growth Opportunities** The TSX Venture Exchange was one of the best-performing stock exchanges in the world in 2010, with a return of nearly 55% (Bloomberg, 2011).\*
- Market Liquidity** The combined trading volume of the Toronto Stock Exchange and the TSX Venture Exchange set a new record in 2010, as market liquidity continues to increase (TSX, 2011).
- Commodity Exposure** Significant exposure to exploration and junior mining companies provides investors with access to commodities such as gold, silver, copper, oil, and natural gas (TSX, 2011).
- Inflation Hedge** According to Credit Suisse, commodities outperform equities by almost 3 percentage points during periods of high, unexpected inflation (2010).
- Strong Demand** Continued demand from fast-growing emerging markets - combined with the quantitative easing policy in the U.S. - is supporting demand for commodities as inputs for production and as investment opportunities (Wall Street Journal, 2011).
- Global Exposure** Although most TSX Venture companies are headquartered in Canada, many have operations all over the world, including locations in Asia, Africa, South America, Europe and the U.S. (TSX, 2011).
- M&A Activity** Many junior miners and exploration companies have low production costs, making them prime acquisition targets for larger companies that are suffering from depleting commodity reserves (NASDAQ 2010).

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