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## VDSL2 startup pitches to venture capitalists

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LONDON — UpZide Labs AB, a startup company formed in 2001 by developers of the Zipper DMT technology for very high data rate digital subscriber line (VDSL) communications, is believed to be looking for venture capital. UpZide Labs (Lulea, Sweden) develops and sells VDSL2 chip designs and services to companies that want to sell chipsets. The company presented itself to venture capitalists at an event organized by the European Tech Tour Association, held in Leuven, Belgium, on Oct. 25.

The company announced it had closed a round of venture capital in August 2005. It said that it had received backing from two Swedish funds — Emano and Lunova — but did not reveal the size of the investment at the time.

The company also announced deals with [Tensilica Inc.](#) (Santa Clara, Calif.) and [Xignal Technologies AG](#) (Munich, Germany) in 2005.

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
In April 2005 the company announced a development agreement in the area of VDSL2 data-path design whereby UpZide would develop a reference design using multiple Xtensa LX processors from Tensilica to implement the VDSL2 standard.


In November 2005 UpZide said it would license analog front end technology from Xignal and package it with an [UpZide](#) baseband processor and system software to create customer premises and central office circuits for VDSL/VDSL2.

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