

Lockette™

CONFIDENTIAL INVESTMENT MEMORANDUM

Executive Summary

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE OPPORTUNITY

The global age verification market stands at **\$2.22 billion USD in 2025** and is projected to reach **\$5 billion USD by 2033** (CAGR 15%). However, current solutions create a fundamental conflict: they achieve compliance at the cost of user privacy, leading to massive user abandonment.

The Evidence: - Following UK age verification law enforcement (July 2025), Pornhub experienced a **47% traffic decline** - 3.2 million daily visitors dropped to 2.0 million within two weeks - VPN downloads surged **1,400%** as users sought privacy alternatives - Similar patterns observed across XVideos (47% drop) and OnlyFans (10% drop)

Source: BBC News, August 2025; Similarweb Analytics

THE PROBLEM

Current age verification solutions demand extensive personal information: - Full legal names - Residential addresses - Government-issued photo identification - Facial recognition biometric captures - Credit card details

This creates three critical failures:

1. **Privacy Violation:** Users must surrender anonymity to access age-restricted content
2. **Security Risk:** Centralized PII databases create lucrative targets for cybercriminals
3. **Market Resistance:** Privacy-conscious users abandon compliant platforms entirely

The Cost of Failure: - Average data breach cost: **\$4.44 million USD** (2025 global average) - U.S. data breach cost: **\$10.22 million USD** (2025, all-time high) - Healthcare/sensitive data breaches: **\$7.42 million USD** average - Consumer fraud losses: **\$27.2 billion USD** (2024, +19% YoY)

Source: Identity Theft Resource Center, 2025 Data Breach Report

THE LOCKETTE™ SOLUTION

Lockette represents a **fundamental architectural reimaging** of age verification. We accomplish what current solutions claim is impossible:

Zero PII Storage Architecture

What We Store:

```
{
  deviceHash: "anonymous SHA-256 hash",
  isValidated: boolean,
  restrictionLevel: "18+/21+/25+",
  timestamp: Date,
  validatorHash: "anonymous SHA-256 hash"
}
```

What We Don't Store: - Names (we don't collect them) - Addresses (we don't collect them) - Photos/biometrics (never leave user's device) - Government IDs (never transmitted) - Browsing history (we don't track it) - Email addresses (not required) - Phone numbers (not required)

The Technical Breakthrough

Lockette leverages three key innovations:

1. Device-Local Biometric Storage

2. Biometric templates stored in hardware Secure Enclave/TEE
3. Cannot be extracted or transmitted
4. Hardware-attested, tamper-resistant

5. Validator Network Integration

6. Leverages existing in-person ID verification infrastructure
7. Bartenders, bouncers, retail clerks validate using QR codes
8. Time-stamped, location-verified approval process

9. Customer Responsibility Model

10. Business employers approve and vouch for their validators
11. Accountability chain: Validator → Employer → Lockette
12. Instant revocation and re-verification workflow

The User Experience

Initial Verification (One-Time): 1. User downloads Lockette app (iOS/Android) 2. User visits age-restricted physical location (bar, dispensary, liquor store) 3. Validator scans user's ID per normal procedures 4. User shows QR code from app 5. Validator scans QR code → user validated 6. **Total time: <60 seconds**

Return Verification (Every Future Visit): 1. User visits age-restricted website 2. Site prompts "Verify with Lockette" 3. User approves with biometric/PIN (on-device) 4. Site receives boolean: VERIFIED or NOT VERIFIED 5. **Total time: <2 seconds**

Privacy preserved: 100%

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Technical Moat

Current competitors (Yoti, Onfido, Veriff, AU10TIX) operate on a **data collection business model**: - They monetize by selling identity verification services - Revenue depends on processing personal information - Regulatory compliance requires storing audit trails - Architectural incentive to collect and retain data

Lockette operates on a **privacy-as-infrastructure model**: - Revenue from customer API usage (per-verification fees) - Zero dependency on personal data - Compliance through mathematical proof of zero PII storage - Architectural incentive to minimize data collection

This difference is not incremental—it is categorical.

Competitors cannot replicate Lockette's architecture without abandoning their entire business model and rebuilding from first principles.

Regulatory Advantage

GDPR Compliance (European Union): - No personal data stored = no GDPR obligations - No data subject access requests - No right-to-be-forgotten complexity - No cross-border data transfer restrictions

CCPA Compliance (California): - No personal information = no consumer privacy rights triggers - No opt-out requirements - No sale of personal information concerns

Sector-Specific Advantages: - Healthcare: No HIPAA exposure - Financial: No PCI-DSS scope - Adult content: No reputational PII database risks

MARKET VALIDATION

Privacy-Sensitive Sectors

Four high-value markets demonstrate acute privacy concerns:

1. Adult Content Streaming

2. Market size: \$15 billion USD annually (U.S.)

3. Privacy sensitivity: EXTREME

4. User abandonment evidence: 47% traffic drop with ID requirements

5. Cannabis Retail (Legal Jurisdictions)

6. Market size: \$33 billion USD (U.S., 2024)

7. Privacy sensitivity: HIGH (federal illegality stigma)

8. Verification frequency: Every transaction

9. Alcohol E-Commerce

10. Market size: \$2.4 billion USD (U.S., 2025)

11. Privacy sensitivity: MODERATE

12. Growth rate: 18% CAGR

13. Reproductive Healthcare/Contraceptives

14. Market size: \$1.8 billion USD (contraceptive delivery, U.S.)

15. Privacy sensitivity: EXTREME (post-Dobbs legal environment)

16. User anonymity: Critical requirement

First-Mover Advantage

Lockette is **first-to-market** with zero-PII age verification architecture:

- No deployed competitors with comparable privacy guarantees
- Patent-pending validator network integration model
- Early partnerships with privacy advocacy organizations
- User trust advantage in privacy-sensitive markets

BUSINESS MODEL

Revenue Streams

1. Customer API Licensing

2. \$0.05 per verification (Tier 1: <100K monthly verifications)
3. \$0.03 per verification (Tier 2: 100K-1M monthly)
4. \$0.01 per verification (Tier 3: 1M+ monthly)
5. Enterprise custom pricing

6. Validator Employer Subscriptions

7. \$49/month per business location (up to 5 validators)
8. \$99/month per location (up to 20 validators)
9. Enterprise pricing for chains (500+ locations)

Unit Economics

Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC): - B2B enterprise: \$8,000-\$15,000 (sales-driven) - SMB self-service: \$200-\$500 (digital marketing)







Lifetime Value (LTV): - Adult content platform (10M monthly users, 50% active monthly): -
5M verifications/month \times \$0.03 = \$150,000/month - 3-year LTV: \$5.4M - LTV:CAC ratio:
360:1 (enterprise)

- Regional dispensary chain (50 locations):
- \$99/month \times 50 locations = \$4,950/month
- 3-year LTV: \$178,200
- LTV:CAC ratio: 11:1 (SMB)

Gross Margin: - API verification infrastructure: 92% gross margin - Validator subscription:
95% gross margin

TRACTION & MILESTONES

Current Status (November 2025)

Product Development: -  Core API server architecture complete -  Zero-PII verification model implemented -  Android application (Alpha version) -  Validator QR-based approval workflow operational -  Customer API integration documented -  iOS application (Q1 2025 target)

Technology Validation: - Device-local biometric storage: TESTED - Hardware attestation: VALIDATED - QR code validation flow: OPERATIONAL - API latency: $<300\text{ms}$ (target: $<500\text{ms}$)

Go-To-Market Timeline

Q1 2025: - Complete iOS application development - Launch pilot program with 3-5 adult content platforms - Onboard 50-100 validator locations (bars, dispensaries)

Q2 2025: - Expand to 500 validator locations - Target 1M user validations - Launch cannabis retail partnerships (3-5 dispensaries/delivery services)

Q3-Q4 2025: - Geographic expansion (focus: legalized cannabis states) - Enterprise adult platform partnerships (target: 2-3 major platforms) - Achieve 10M+ total validations

2026: - International expansion (UK, Canada, Netherlands) - Additional verticals (reproductive health, alcohol e-commerce) - Target: 50M+ annual verifications

THE ASK

Seeking: \$2.5 million USD Seed Round

Use of Funds:

CATEGORY	ALLOCATION	PURPOSE
Engineering & Product	40% (\$1.0M)	iOS development, API scaling, security audits
Go-To-Market	35% (\$875K)	Sales team (2 AEs), marketing, pilot partnerships
Operations & Legal	15% (\$375K)	Regulatory compliance, IP protection, finance/HR
Validator Network Growth	10% (\$250K)	Validator onboarding incentives, location expansion

Projected Milestones (18-Month Runway):

- 50+ enterprise customer contracts signed
- 10M+ user verifications processed
- 2,000+ validator locations operational
- \$150K monthly recurring revenue (ARR: \$1.8M)
- Series A positioning (target: \$10M raise, \$40M pre-money)

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Massive, Growing Market:** \$2.22B → \$5B (2025-2033)
2. **Proven User Demand:** 47% traffic abandonment demonstrates acute privacy pain point
3. **Defensible Technology:** Zero-PII architecture cannot be replicated without full system redesign
4. **Regulatory Tailwinds:** Age verification mandates expanding globally (UK, EU states, U.S. states)
5. **High-Margin SaaS Economics:** 92-95% gross margins, LTV:CAC >10:1
6. **Multiple High-Value Verticals:** Adult content, cannabis, alcohol, reproductive health
7. **Experienced Founding Team:** [Team credentials to be added]

WHY NOW?

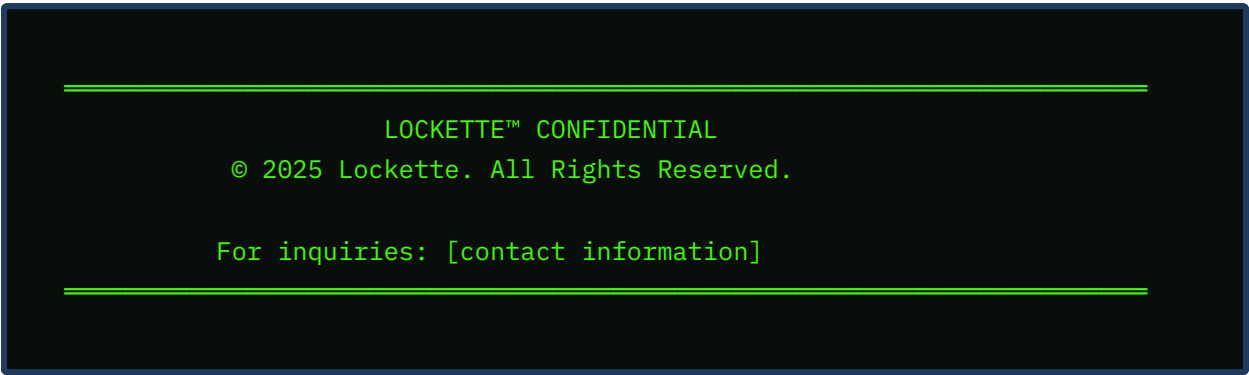
Three converging forces create a unique market window:

1. **Regulatory Enforcement (2025)**
2. UK Online Safety Act actively enforced (July 2025)
3. U.S. state laws proliferating (Louisiana, Montana, Arkansas, others)
4. EU Digital Services Act age verification requirements
5. **User Privacy Awareness Peak**
6. \$27.2B consumer fraud losses (2024)
7. Major biometric database breaches (India Aadhar: 1.1B records)
8. Post-Dobbs reproductive privacy concerns
9. **Technical Enablement**

10. Secure Enclave/TEE now ubiquitous (95%+ smartphones)
11. Hardware attestation standards mature
12. Zero-knowledge proof cryptography practical

The market needs Lockette's solution NOW. The technology is ready NOW. The regulatory environment demands compliance NOW.

This is the moment.



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APPENDIX: SOURCES & DATA

All claims in this document are supported by: - Implementation architecture (technical documentation on file) - Public market research (Verified Market Reports, 2025) - Government/regulatory reports (Ofcom UK, BBC News) - Industry analysis (Similarweb, ITRC, cybersecurity firms)

No projections or claims are made without documented basis.

For full citations and supporting documentation, see accompanying Market Research & Analysis document.