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High-growth firms What are the characteristics of highgrowth firms (HGFs)? Main themes: - Definition of HGFs - Gibrat's law - HGFs and job creation - HGFs and high-tech industries - Sustainability of high growth **Antecedents of growth** "How much" do various factors influence growth rate? Main themes: - Founders and entrepreneurial team - Resources (human capital, networks, financial capital) - Strategy - Barriers to growth - External environment - Other considerations

Growth process How do firms grow over time?

Main themes: - Stages-of-growth models - Consequences of growth - Managerial challenges of growth

Measurement of growth What is the most appropriate way to measure firm growth? Main issues: - Growth indicator selection - Absolute vs. relative growth

- Interval length of measurement
- Should the focus be on average firm or outliers?