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Patents Matter

Understanding the relationship between Intellectual Property and your core business

Strategic Commercialization Opportunities

The Power of Patents

Utility patents provide their owners with a limited monopoly including the right to exclude others from making, using, offering for sale, or selling the claimed invention within a jurisdiction You may license or transfer that right to others as you choose



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The Value of Patents

Back your company with a patent portfolio that covers your products and opens up new business development opportunities

Increase your company's value

- Provide a barrier to market entry to guard against competition
- Asset base: patents are often highest valued in new companies



Increase your acquisition value

- Map and protect your current products and future state of the industry
- Create leverage in merger or acquisition discussions, boosting your exit

Create an early revenue stream

- License your patents and collect royalties
- Build subsidiary companies that will create solutions in secondary markets

Early Revenue Stream

thus reducing dilution

equity dilution

Offsets other company activities

Leverage your patents to reduce

Licensed assets may boost your valuation,

- License your patents
- Build sub-companies that will create solutions
- IP is a differentiator in closing deals with large multinational entities



Protecting against infringement

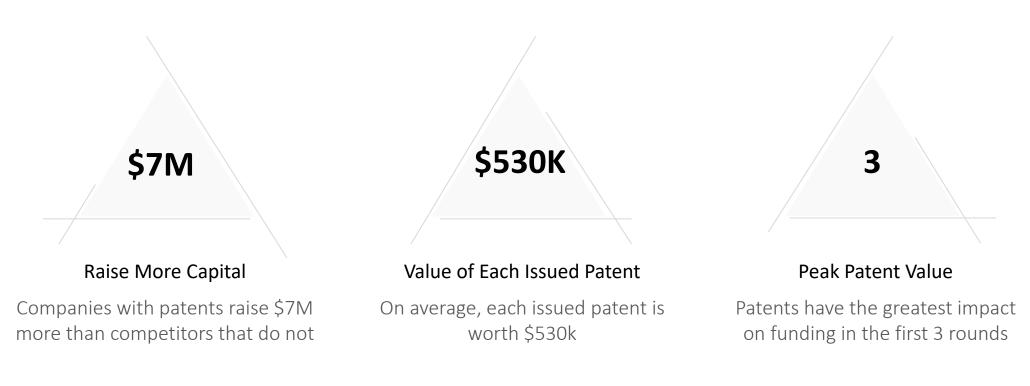
Companies that have access to patent portfolios are less appealing as patent infringement targets due to the risk of a countersuit being filed; also provides cross-licensing opportunities



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Patent Strategy for Technology Startups

An empirical study. Patents are more than just paper.



(1) The Bright Side of Patents, USPTO Economic Working Paper Series, Office of Chief Economist.

(2) A New View of the Kew: A Quantitative Assessment of the Quality of American Entrepreneurship. MIT



The Real Impact of Patents on Business

Patents increase the chance of building a successful business

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51% Sales:

"The effect on sales growth: a 51 percentage-point increase" (1)

x35 Successful Start-Ups:

"Start-ups that file for patents are 35 times more likely to be successful than those which don't" (2)

36% Likelihood of Growth:

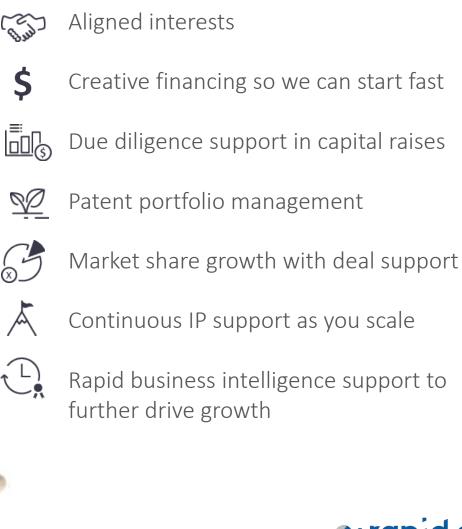
"approval of a startup's first patent application increases its employment growth over the next five years by 36 percentage points" (1)

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Broad Strokes: A Deal with Rapid Alpha

What can you expect to get out of a deal with $\ensuremath{r\alpha}\xspace$





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Realizing these benefits takes more than just filing patents.

Contact us at <u>ip@rapidalpha.com</u> to create

and implement your custom winning plan.

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