

Who wants to be an entrepreneur? The key principles to forming a start-up.

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Imprimatur is an international, operational, principal investment business focussing on the emerging asset class of IP Equity and founded on long-term relationships with key universities and research institutes worldwide.

Our IP Equity Business Model



Active identification of strong technology and international market gaps:

- Long-term partnerships with 40 top universities and research institutes worldwide as primary sources of deal-flow
- Disciplined market-driven technology focus with international perspective and resources
- Targeting at an early stage a broad range of key technologies in: med tech, clean tech, electronics, software, energy, new materials
- Providing seed/start-up/follow-on capital and management support to IP-based businesses with scaleable international market potential
- Strong operational team and Industry/Scientific Advisory Group who work closely with our university partners and portfolio companies
- HQ in London with regional offices in Riga, Kiev, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sao Paolo

University Partnerships



Long-term partnerships signed to date with 40 leading universities and research centres in:

Baltic Sea Region

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

Central & Eastern Europe

Hungary, Russia, Ukraine

Western Europe

• Spain, UK

Asia Pacific

China, Hong Kong, Singapore

South America

Brazil

Our active investment approach



- We develop the business plan, IP protection and commercialisation plans together with the inventors and IP owners;
- We provide financing from pre-seed (proof of concept financing), through seed (up to €300k), follow-on and series A/B financing (€Xm);
- We identify the key valuation milestones, which are typically technical, commercial or people-related;
- We provide access to our world-class Scientific/Industry Advisors network;
- We help our companies recruit top international senior management;
- We guide our companies through fund-raising from external investors;
- We buy a minority stake (30-40%) and in ordinary shares;
- Our investment horizon is 4-7 years;
- Exits via trade sales or IPOs.

Current Portfolio



- Superstructure
- Info Gov
- Layered Sound
- SA Fuel Cells
- Mobile Acuity
- ICIPR
- OrbisIP
- Mobile Gaming
- Vittamed
- Clusterpoint
- Quicksilver
- Quantum Precision
- Colisa
- Leximancer
- Manbujia
- BigDNA

unstructured data mining tool; NZ compliance, information security; UK acoustics technology; UK solid oxide fuel cell; UK mobile image recognition technology; UK

communications licencing; international information security licencing; international

mobile gaming; Russia

non-invasive medical devices; Lithuania

enterprise search software; Latvia

biodiesel production technology; Hungary

nano-measurement devices; Singapore

cuffless blood pressure monitor; HK

unstructured data analysis; Australia

wireless infrastructure and services; HK

phage vaccine platform; UK

So you want to be an entrepreneur?



Forming a start-up

– when, why, where and with whom?

Resources

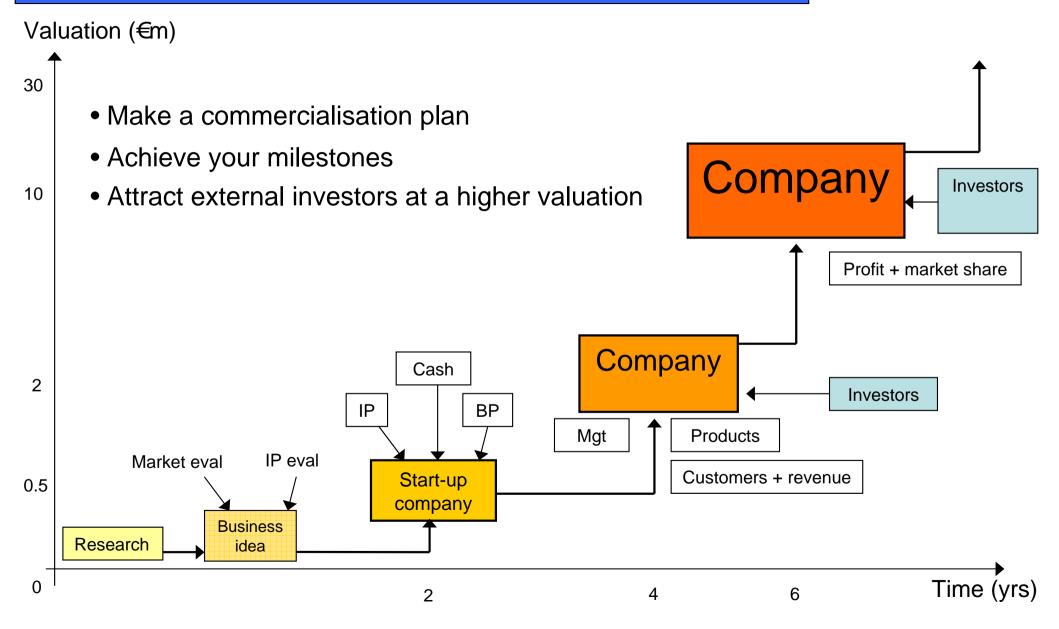
- Your big idea
- People: yourself, friends, colleagues, advisors, network
- Knowledge and practical know-how
- Enthusiasm and commitment
- Capital: cash and non-cash

Analysis and planning

- Market analysis: customers, competitors, management, advisors, investors
- IP analysis: legal protection, competitors' barriers to entry
- Commercialisation plan







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