Emerging Companies

HIGHLIGHTS

Introducing Neuron, the Digital Home for Your Legal Needs
The Emerging Companies Practice (ECP) is excited to announce the launch of Neuron, a new platform that streamlines, automates, and digitizes the typical legal processes along a start-up’s journey – from incorporation to fundraising to exit. Clients will experience seamless integration of documentation, third-party data sources, and direct collaboration with their legal team.

Trusted Counsel to Start-Ups and Entrepreneurs
As the country’s leading firm representing venture-backed companies, Wilson Sonsini has counseled thousands of start-ups and entrepreneurs who are starting new businesses, advising them on company formation, equity structures, investor negotiations, IP rights, and other issues.

Perennial Leader for Venture Financings
Wilson Sonsini has consistently ranked No. 1 for the number of venture capital deals handled each year, dating back to the 1980s.

U.S. Expansion Expertise
We’ve advised hundreds of non-U.S. companies that have elected to enter the U.S. market, whether to expand, raise investment capital, or pursue a key transaction.

OVERVIEW

Since the firm’s inception in the early days of Silicon Valley, Wilson Sonsini has been privileged to help lay the groundwork for some of the world’s most innovative technology, life sciences, and growth companies. As the nation’s leading law firm representing venture-backed companies, we have counseled thousands of entrepreneurs starting new businesses, advising on the formation of companies, equity structures, negotiations with investors, intellectual property rights, and other issues vital to their success.

An Interdisciplinary Approach

We take an interdisciplinary approach to counseling entrepreneurs and young companies, offering deep expertise in such vital areas as:
This interdisciplinary approach, along with the breadth and depth of our practice, allows us to serve as a strategic advisor through each stage of a private company's growth. In addition, we have a number of business processes and proprietary knowledge management systems in place that enable all of our attorneys to leverage the collective experience and skills of the firm, ensuring maximum effectiveness and efficiencies for our clients.

**A Network for Entrepreneurs**

Our attorneys have seen countless ventures—launched with little more than a promising idea and the passion of their founders—grow into highly successful, mature companies. The firm has grown as well; currently, we represent more than 300 public and 3,000 private companies. But our commitment to entrepreneurs remains resolute, and we always are looking for new ways to serve their needs.

We provide entrepreneurs with the information and opportunities they need to develop into the next generation of industry leaders. The firm's resources are extended to all entrepreneurs and emerging company executives who establish a relationship with the firm. For example, we invite contacts to networking events, workshops, and other programs covering a wide range of topics designed to help entrepreneurs focus their ideas, develop a business strategy, build the right relationships, and access capital.

**U.S. Expansion**

Our attorneys have advised hundreds of non-U.S. start-up and growth-stage technology companies—including clients based in the U.K., Israel, and other EMEA countries; South and Central America; and Greater Asia—that have decided to enter the U.S. market, whether to expand, raise investment capital, or pursue a key transaction.

We also work closely with key local stakeholders in those regions—investors, accelerators, incubators, professional advisors, strategic partners, and government economic development agencies—to provide home market support on U.S. matters and ensure that companies have the right teams around them to succeed in the U.S.

To learn more about our U.S. expansion practice, please click here.

**TERM SHEET GENERATOR**

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Other Resources

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