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## 7 Common IP / IC myths.

We do not have any IP or IC.

The IP / IC is unseen and should remain "out of sight and out of mind."

It's just for the lawyers.

It cannot be reliable valued.

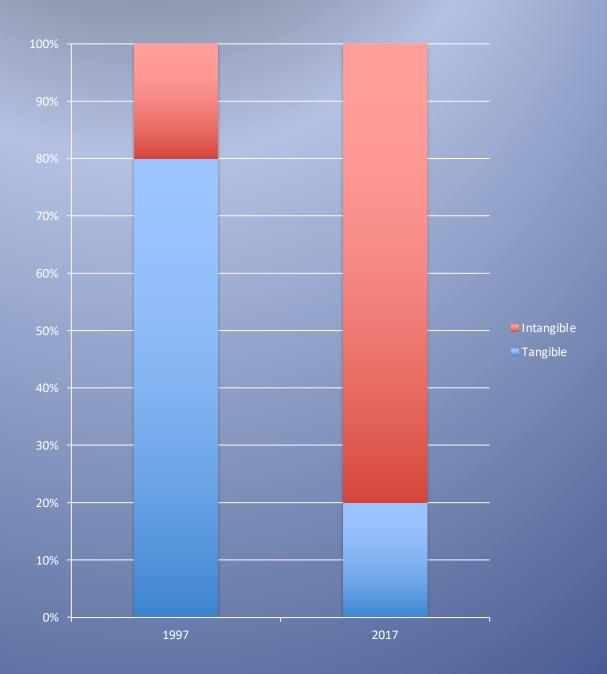
We will build the business / the technology first.

It's not a priority concern for the Board.

IP / IC is a specialist niche subject not relevant to States policy or Economic development strategy.

Today 80% of company value is in intangible assets and 20% in the tangible assets.

## The 80 : 20 rule



### Table 1 UK Market sector Investment; Tangible & Intangible £bns (2011).

Source Estimating UK investment in intangible assets and intellectual property rights IPO 2014

Tangible assets	£bns	Intangible assets	£bns
Buildings	50.6	Own account software	13.2
Plant & Machinery (incl. IT hardware and CT)	35.0	Purchased software	11.0
Vehicles	4.2	Scientific R&D	15.9
		R&D in social sciences and humanities	0.9
		Financial product innovation	1.8
		Design (own account; purchased)	15.5
		Artistic Originals (Film; TV& Radio; Music; Books; Misc. Art)	5.8
		Mineral Exploration	0.8
		Branding (Advertising; Market Research)	72.6
		Training	33.6
		Organisation (Own account; Purchased)	25.5
All tangibles	89.8	All intangibles	137.5



### **IP Portfolio**

- Trade Marks
- Patents
- Copyright
- Performance rights
- Design rights (registered and unregistered)
- Integrated circuit rights
- Database rights
- Trade secrets
- Image rights
- Bio-tech and plant variety rights
- Geographical Indicators
- Format rights (not presently in legislation)



### IC Portfolio

Strong in Human Capital, Business technology, Market position, Environmental and Societal impact and Values.

- Personality
- Know how
- Show how
- Innovative and creative talent
- Brand
- Critical technology (FRAND)
- First to market
- Sensory appeal
- Exclusive licenses.
- Regulatory approval
- Positive environmental and / or social impact

**TRUST** 



# Making the intangible visible IP + IC = IA

- IA Audit
- IA Valuation
- IA Insurance
- IA Licensing
- IA Registration
- IA Protection
- IA Structuring
- IA Taxation
- IA Strategy
- IA Corporate Governance

### How IP / IC/IA adds value in the business life cycle.

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£ Business Growth

Core support

IA valuation

### **Support plus**

IA strategy
IA & Business
plan
IA project
IA & tax
IP assignment
IA licensing
IA finance
IA insurance

### **Expansion** service

IA & new market development IP & new business IP & new IC structures Trading IP rights and licenses IA expansion finance

### International success

Corporate listing Management and acquisition Corporate & strategic value International licensing Increased investment in R&D for new innovation cycles. IA and international

responsibilities

Maturity

Start-up

Early growth

Expansion

Time



## IA Portfolio in the business

- How the rights work in the current value stream of the business.
- Synergy and counter synergy in the product and IP lifecycles.
- IA Risk and insurance.
- IA in strategy and policy.

### Identify purpose of valuation

### **IA Valuation**

### Methodologies:

- Income and IP contribution approach
- Relief from royalty
- Market approach
- Historic or replacement cost

IA in strategy, innovation and value realisation.

- IA in company strategy
- Exploitation of IP through licensing, assignment, direct exploitation
- Innovation investment for longterm returns and value
- Raising finance and capital
- Risk reduction
- Structuring and capital reserves.
- Registration and renewal of rights



### Objective

- Better understanding of IA portfolio.
- Identified IA value
- IA alignment with company strategy
- Greater value realised from intangible assets and reduced risk

## Case Study 1 - Fund Investment in a Global Technology Audio Company

Purpose: Valuation to Assist PE Fund Decision in Further Investments in its Portfolio Company

### The valuation assisted the Fund to:

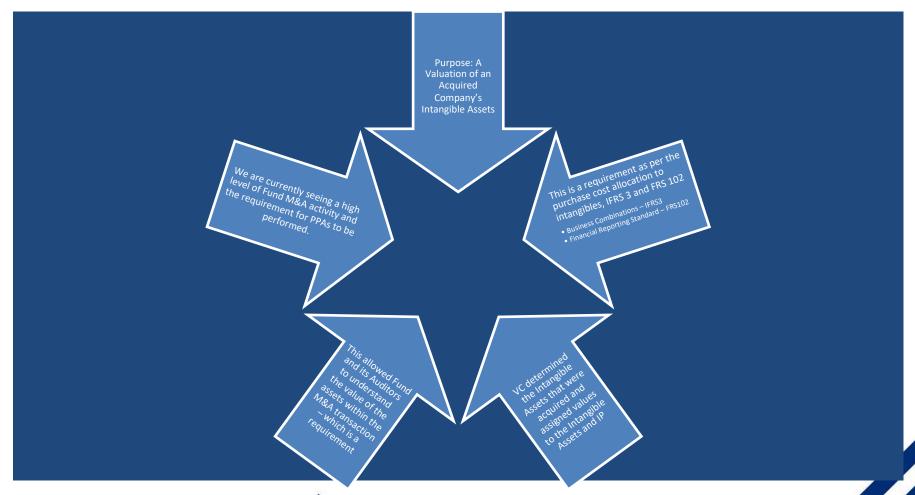
- •Understand its Portfolio Company's value & it's IP assets value
- Better manage its IP assets
- •Support the investments made and track the Company and IP value increase on an annual basis and report back to investors, LPs

A Valuation of the Technology (Patents, Processes) and Brand Assets was performed by VC

The Fund Board and Executives better understood the value of the Portfolio Company and the value of its most important assets- IP Assets



## Case Study 2 - Fund Acquisition (M&A) of a Leading Technology Company





## Intangibles and Corporate Governance

- VW cars use of NOx emissions test defeat device.
- Class action by 91,000 owners or lessees of VW, Audi, Skoda & Seat cars.
- Significant impact on VW brand.
- A 30% fall in share price and 50% lower car sales the following year (2015).
- VW Chairman, Hans Dieter Pötsch priority "win back trust".



A new challenge for the board is to meet the higher expectations of accountability for the company's activities, finance, ethics and impact of the IPRs the company controls.

Associate Professor

Dr Janice Denoncourt







## Governing IP-Rich companies effectively

- In July 2018, the UK's Financial Reporting Council (FRC) introduced its 'Guidance on Board Effectiveness'
- Important features of corporate governance are to ensure an adequate and appropriate system of controls to safeguard assets.
- 'Technology', 'IP' and 'brands' need to be PRIORITISED at board level.
- Directors need to understand the firm's IP rights and strategies individually and collectively make decisions in the best interests of the company as required by ss172-174 Companies Act 2006.





A sound understanding at board level of how value is created over time is key in steering strategies and business models towards a sustainable future.

This is not limited to value that is found in the financial statements. An understanding of how intangible sources of value are developed, managed and sustained...is increasingly relevant to an understanding of the company's performance and the impact of its activity.

The UK Financial Reporting Council Guidance on Board Effectiveness (s13)





### Going International with IP.





IP rights are national. WIPO along with WTO and international treaties provide international agreements under which rights are protected and administered internationally.





## Guernsey and the international treaties

The Berne Convention\*.

TRIPS\*.

The Paris Convention\*.

The Hague Agreement.

The Nice Agreement.

The Madrid Protocol\*.

The Marrakesh Treaty.

The Rome Convention.

The Trade Mark

The Singapore Treaty.

The Brussels Convention.

The WIPO Copyright Treaty

The WIPO
Performances and
Phonograms
Treaty.

Patent Cooperation Treaty.

The Beijing Treaty

The Budapest Treaty.

UPOV 1991.

The Patent Law Treaty.

Note \* means in effect in Guernsey

## TRIPS enabled the Extension of WTO to Guernsey



- TRIPS: An Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights is an international legal trade agreement between all the member nations of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has been extended to the Bailiwick of Guernsey with effect from 1/1/2021.
- IP will form a key part of the FTA's currently being negotiated by the UK.
   Guernsey can by active participation also benefit from these agreements.

The importance of Substance.

OECD BEPS: Base Erosion
Profit Shifting aimed at
international tax avoidance
by multinationals

EU Code of Conduct.
Low / zero tax regimes.

- 1. Where is the mind, the activity, the creative work, the research and development, the governance, the realized value located?
- 2. Is the value in the accounts for the costs and profits of the organization a true and fair account of the substance in that jurisdiction?
- 3. The importance of early location for your IP rich business.

## IP/IC Horticulture and plant technologies







- Guernsey Clematis & IP.
- A World Specialist in Clematis
- Producing 2 million plants pa.
- Plant Variety Rights and Plant Patents.
- TradeMarks in the Raymond J. Evison brand and in the trade names for the varieties.
- Copyrights in printed material including posters and books.
- Know how and Show how.
- License agreements for growing and marketing.





## IP/IC IT, Finance and telecommunications

- First Central Insurance & Technology Group headquartered in Guernsey, is a global top 10 seller on price comparison websites.
- First Central Group operates an online motor insurance firm utilizing technology that links different locations through Sure International's high-speed broadband and data centers. This provides a gateway to First Central's range of consumer-orientated business.
- The IP and IC will include:
- Brand with trade-marks, reputation and market knowledge.
- Know how and Show how.
- Copyright & Data base right.
- User licenses to use the technology-based platform.



Sure Customer Case Study

First Central Insurance & Technology Group Delivering the flexibility of the Cloud to a growing national business

First Central Group are an innovative and agile insurance and technology group

### Challenge

To reduce the number of data centres used by its network and deliver a flexible private cloud environment for its insurance business.

### Solution

A pair of resilient vCloud instances in Tier 3 data centres on Jersey & Guernsey, connected by ultra fast fibre.

### Benefits

The solution has delivered faster more resilient service at significantly lower cost and with almost unlimited scalability.



"The combination of Sure's technologies and expertise have delivered the solutions First Central needs to compete effectively in the highly competitive motor insurance market."

John Davison - CIO at First Central Group



### IP/IC Funds and the Music industry.

- Hipgnosis a UK investment trust domiciled as a company in Guernsey, raised £1.1bn has proved a "hit" with investors with its investments in music royalties.
- The fund provides a route for performers and more widely the music industries, to realise a capital return from creative talent, while providing investors with an investment that is not linked to classic industrial economic cycles.
- Although the IP in copyrights and performers rights do not reside in Guernsey, the company is domiciled in here and illustrates the potential of a pure IP Investment Fund.



the people are happy they stick around and they perform better for our clients. There is a direct link. So I guess you could say our strategy for success and client retention is very much about looking after our people and making sure they're happy, contributing

and healthy slipped %p, or

rubbish bins and recycling at the ends so that people get up and lationships with the lationships with the

that our clients are institutions with very high standards and they're under tremendous pressure. So you will see in our board-

'Part of what makes Guerns great is of course that you have all of the infrastructure here. You have skilled professionals that will do everything that you need, he also said. That really makes "There are lots of small details, rooms they are more traditionally whether it's printers at either end, kitted out with all the latest tech."

### alty fund a smash hit for investors



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continues to break new ground with this stellar fundraise, said Mariana Enevoldsen, director, Estera International Fund Managers (Guernsey).

'We are thrilled to continue to support the investment adviser and the fund as they move forward, proving the power of music

Merck Mercuriadis, founder of The Family (Music) Limited, said:

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'Less than a year ago, we set out to demonstrate to the financial community that proven hit songs were as predictable and reliable, and therefore as investable, as gold

Merck Mercuriadis, founder of The Family (Music) Limited

Newspaper *articles the Times* and Guernsey Press



IP/IC and technology based businesses

- Entrepreneur and businessman Barrie Baxter came to Guernsey with his technology to internationalise his business, Brixx technology because of Guernsey's IP environment.
   Specifically the ability to register, protect and license the business method patent that underpins his technology.
- The Guernsey registered patented Brixx technology is now selling in 76 countries worldwide with some 12 thousand customers. Current growth rate 75% month on month.

### Guernsey Investment Fund – an introduction



The Guernsey Investment Fund PCC Limited was launched in 2018 with the aim of achieving long-term capital growth through investments in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. Source Locate Guernsey.

The States of Guernsey has underpinned the fund with a commitment to invest up to £25m into the technology and innovation cell. This cell will comprise of significant IP and IC assets.



What is the IP / IC / IA in the IoD?

• Where is the substance located at National or Branch?

 How is this best protected and licensed?

 What opportunities does this present for the future strategy of the IoD nationally and internationally?



### Why Guernsey

- Stable and secure jurisdiction.
- Government accessible to business.
- Compliant and transparent :OECD "whitelist", FATF highest regulatory standard.
- Internationally digitally connected in GMT zone.
- Professional service center across legal, banking, insurance, investment, trusts.
- Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) legislation now supported by International IP Conventions.





World IP Day 2019 Houses of Parliament.

### IP and Economic Strategy

• April 2019 the then IP Minister Chris Skidmore MP, gave a strong presentation for innovation and IP in the Government's industrial strategy.

Intellectual Property along with Human Capital and related Intangible Assets are now the leading asset class in business, commerce and World Trade. They are not geographically constrained or limited.

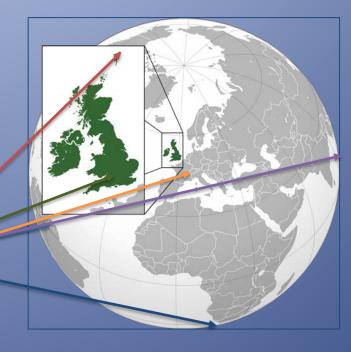
### They are central to:

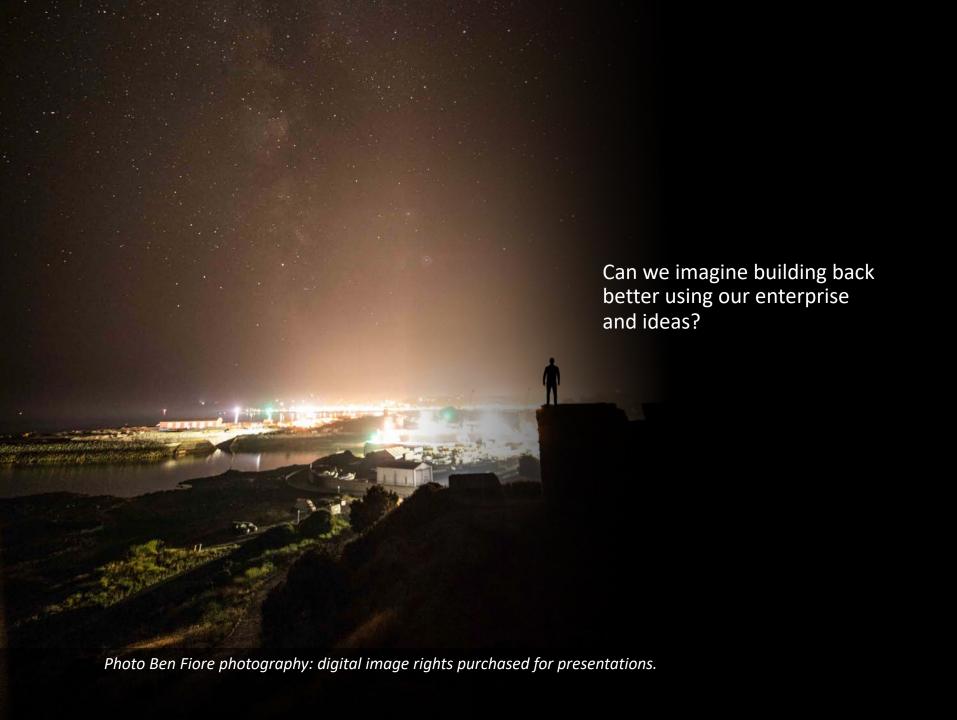
- Innovation
- Digital
- Data
- Technology
- Future finance
- Plant bio-tech
- Creative industries
- The knowledge economy
- International scalability of business.

Guernsey needs to develop an economic strategy to deliver Economic Growth. Intellectual Property along with Human Capital and related Intangible Assets are the 21 century drivers.

Guernsey can be complimentary to the UK's IP / innovation industrial strategy to fulfill it's "Global Britain" ambitions









### Questions





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