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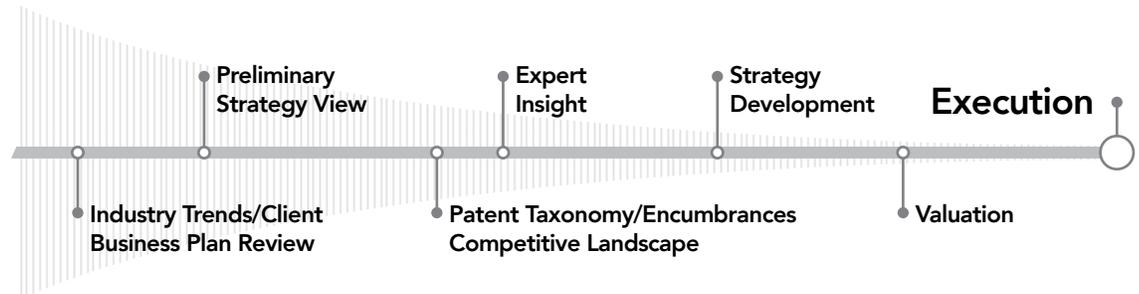
# IP MONETIZATION

AN INTEGRATED FIRM OFFERING



Established in 2003, Ocean Tomo, LLC provides Financial Expert, Management Consulting, and Investment Banking services related to intellectual property (IP) and other intangible assets; corporate accounting investigations; regulatory and reporting obligations; solvency and restructuring; and contractual or competition disputes.

Ocean Tomo is unique in its ability to integrate experts from each of its business units to assist our clients in developing and executing a strategic intellectual property (IP) monetization program. Each assignment benefits from lessons learned through a continually updated best-in-class, cross-business unit approach as illustrated and described below:



## INDUSTRY TRENDS

Led by Ocean Tomo's Innovation Management business unit, each monetization project begins with an analysis of current and expected future sector and macro trends noting the expected role to be played by Intellectual Property (IP), and patents in particular.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Ocean Tomo Investments professionals bring unique focus on ways IP assets support financial returns and enterprise value. Attention is given to maximizing revenue and minimizing capital costs by increasing the IP intelligence and awareness of capital providers. Ocean Tomo Investments is closely aligned with non-bank capital providers that recognize IP as a financeable source of value. Key metrics studied in this phase of an integrated IP monetization program include enterprise value, debt (cost and term structure), EBITDA (current and IP-linked potential), interest service and on-going cash requirements. Information considered spans public financial information and firm relationship intelligence supported by Ocean Tomo in-field analysts.

## CLIENT BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

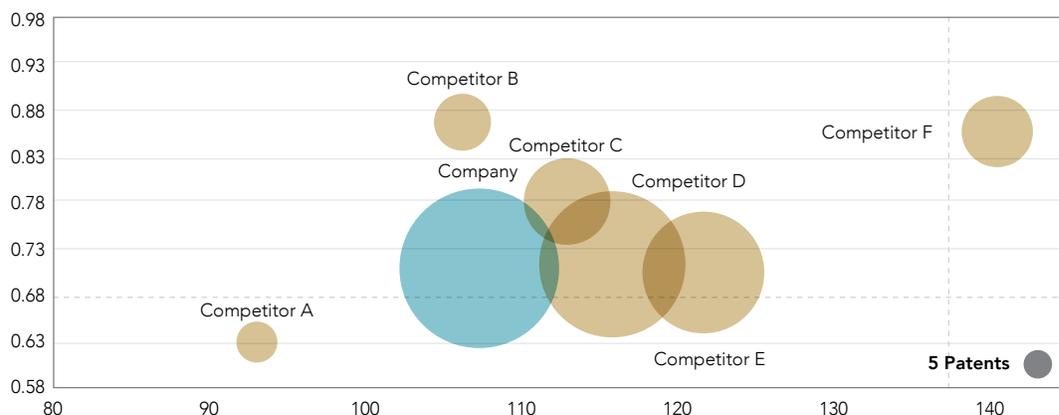
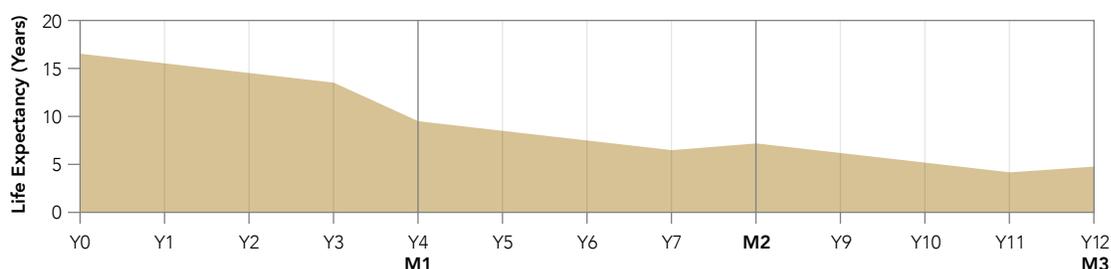
Working with a client's Chief Intellectual Property Officer (CIPO), patent counsel and experienced client team members, Ocean Tomo professionals consider company business plans, looking for both stated IP objectives as well as ways a strong IP monetization program can support overall business goals. Ocean Tomo's work is informed by client experience preparing IP business plans as overlays to broader corporate strategies.

### PRELIMINARY STRATEGY REVIEW

The first three building blocks above form the basis for a Preliminary Strategy Review identifying client specific ways that an IP monetization program can unlock and maximize value, while minimizing risk and any disruption to core business initiatives. Decades of experience suggests that the right strategy varies over time based on industry trends, client financial and market conditions and operating goals. Ocean Tomo's assessment at this stage is cross-functional involving all of our practice areas. After presentation to the client, the preliminary strategy is refined before moving to the next stage.

### PATENT TAXONOMY / ENCUMBRANCES / COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Building on the preliminary strategy review, Ocean Tomo's Strategy team assesses the specific patent assets available. We consider patent life and term, patent family groupings, international coverage, competitive landscape and other measures that inform our team of specific and potential value. Next, encumbrances are identified and mapped to all assets to understand any likely limits to value realization and to begin to assess an approach to identify and prioritize monetization options and partners. Ocean Tomo will often view monetization opportunities with tools to rate patent quality, determine relatedness or 'relevance' of various assets and display the competitive patent landscape including identification of others who are investing in the technology at issue.



### EXPERT INSIGHT

The results of Ocean Tomo's Strategy team's assessment allow for a focused review of select patent assets by financial and technical experts. This phased approach to developing a patent monetization plan is unique to Ocean Tomo. The firm stands alone in its ability to integrate sector technological evolution with the latest in patent law, recent case rulings, and administrative and legislative changes to optimize portfolio opportunities. This ability is critical given the significant and ongoing changes in technology and patent law, suggesting changes in potential monetization value as well as desired execution technique. Ocean Tomo's financial review is accompanied by a technical review of patent specifications and resulting claims. Ocean Tomo's Technical Insights practice brings access to seasoned industry professionals with PhD and other relevant technical expertise as well as years of practical patent claim review.

### STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Ocean Tomo's collective analysis next feeds a second cross functional team effort led by Ocean Tomo Strategy professionals to assimilate the information gathered and develop one or several strategic plans for monetization. This strategy is typically specific to each major patent family or technology group.

## VALUATION

Often, clients ask that Ocean Tomo's Valuation team assign price or value expectations to each major technology and/or the portfolio as a whole. Ocean Tomo's work is informed by the detailed efforts which precede this analysis resulting in recommendations far more reliable than can be obtained by a simple high level review.

## EXECUTION

Ocean Tomo IP Monetization services are typically a precursor to execution of the recommended strategy by the Ocean Tomo Transactions Practice. Ocean Tomo Transactions provides private sale, private auction and globally recognized public auction platforms to secure value from a client's portfolio. For monetization strategies requiring capital, Ocean Tomo Investments can assist in identifying capital sources for debt, equity or joint venture investment.

## TIMING

Ocean Tomo IP Monetization services are requested both in normal course by patent owners seeking new insights on value creation as well as part of post closing M&A activity where joined operations seek to streamline process, reduce costs and unlock value.

## OPTIONS, FEES AND FINANCIAL BACKING

Ocean Tomo recommends that any significant IP Monetization program includes each phase described above. For clients who have already completed portions of this analysis or in select cases, Ocean Tomo will tailor its fee schedule to account for a modified approach. Importantly, when clients retain Ocean Tomo for a full study, Ocean Tomo Investments can often secure a minimum portfolio value or 'stalking horse bid'. Such financial backing of the firm's work is only possible as a result of its integrated service offering.



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Practice offerings address economic damage calculations and testimony; accounting investigations and financial forensics; technology and intangible asset valuation; strategy and risk management consulting; mergers and acquisitions; debt and equity private placement; and IP brokerage.

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