

CORPORATE COMPETITIVENESS & PROFITABILITY STRATEGY Post-COVID

"From R&D to IP to Structured Technology" (ST)

How **5** accelerates the creation of competitive advantages & financial leverage from this new **«Technology intangible»**



5 : 1st "structured technology" expert in Italy

In 3 Phases **5** creates **pervasive & dominant technologies**, reinforcing products and turning Companies «from marginal to Technology Leader»

Phase 1. optimization of internal + external innovation:

- 1. innovation already developed or in progress R&D internal "known"
- 2. the **5** method reveal other potential innovation R&D internal "latent"
- 3. organized contribution by partners, agents, clients R&D external "network"
- 4. competitors' innovation analysis is added

Phase 2. "Big Data benchmarking" of R&I : assessment + comparison of Innovation developed in Phase 1 and <u>w/wide data platform</u> on R&D & IP using :

30 technical elements on R&D, IP, products // patent dati from all world-wide sources (data mining & intelligence) // specialist algorithms on "IP quality" // data, names, strategies, values on R&D and IP from the sector on w/wide basis

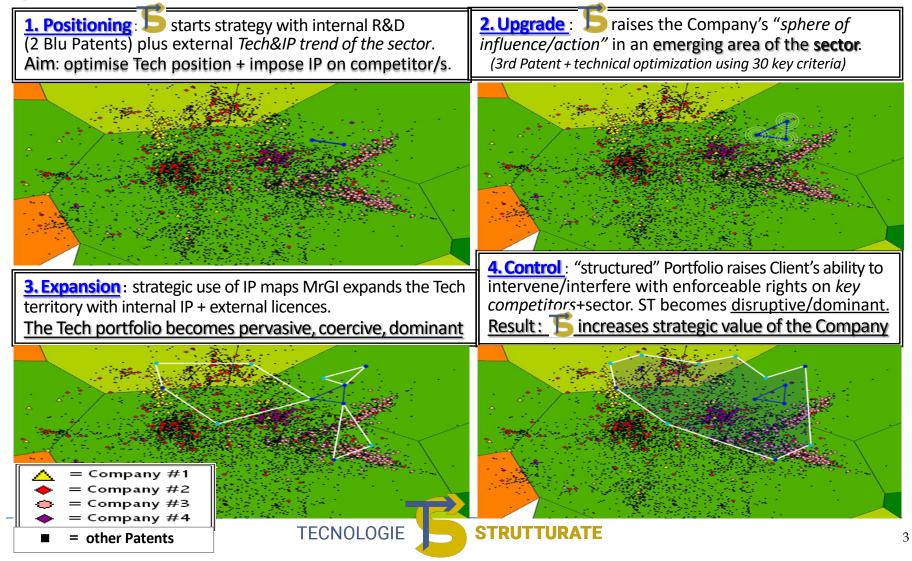
Phase 3. Expansion of "Technology territory" and IP strength



R&D - external - "total"

ItoM : expanding Technology&IP positioning + value

Technology Territory : patent MAPS are used to expand Clients' positioning and "sphere of influence", leading to their potential <u>control</u> over products/sectors.



Use of Capital : ST the most advantageous asset

Main Corporate initiatives to create COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

Examples of main investments		Examples of main costs	
M&A (A	(Acquisition of Competitor/s)		100
M&A (Acquisition of distributor/s or agent/s)		costly	40-60
PRODUCTION	(Acquisition of new plant)	costly	30
TOP MANAGER/s	(for 1 or more markets)	costly	20
MARKETING STRATEGY	(Advertising Campaigns)	costly	10
TS (Acquisition of "structured Technologies")		not costly	2

TS is by far the most efficient ASSET(cost/returns)It precedes other investments(controls ideas/trends ahead of products)It develops covered by secrecy(competitor cannot counteract)It ensures long-term competitiveness(eg. a patent lasts 20 years)

Appeal to investors: ST improves Rol and Exit

Advantages

- Lower acquisition cost
- Lower use of capital post acquisition
- Earlier/Easier Rol from partial monetizations (spin-off sales/licensing)
- Unencumbered assets (i.e. Tech precedes material costs/complexities)
- ST portfolio expansion + upgrade (Techs/Products become dominant)
- Longer innovation curve = longer returns (major techs are longer lasting)
- Rising Exit values (compared with typical Corporate valuations)

Requirements

- Intuitive Value Proposition (game changing innovations)
- Proof of Technology (ST is required to select higher grade Target Cos)
- Corporate Grade International ST Portfolio (ST "locks up" Target Rol)
- International network IN (co-sourcing) and OUT (placement/exit)

(less waste/disposal)

Use of ST in M&A : asset used by Large Corpns to "lock-in" high RoI and Exit values



Leading Companies like these have generated **\$ 216 BN since 2010 investing in ST Portfolios** developed to make technologies & products pervasive and dominant.

Now in Italy and everywhere companies of any size can replicate such success, prevailing in their markets without major investments. Two famous examples :

- PIRELLI and FIAT were saved with BNs earned through Patent sales
- Image Series Series For the series of th





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