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OFFICE PRESENTATION

We build your
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ABOUT DE CLERCQ & PARTNERS

	Full-service intellectual property firm founded in 1999 with three offices in Belgium
	Multidisciplinary technological and legal fields at the forefront of the European IP scene
	PhD profiles, research and industry experience



OUR HISTORY

1999

Opening of our main office in Sint-Martens-Latem, founded by Ann De Clercq

2008

Opening a second office in Leuven

2013

Merger with IPR manager (Trademarks & Designs)

2019

Opening of a third office in Hasselt

2024

Celebrating 25th Anniversary



INTERNATIONAL COMPETENCE, BASED IN BELGIUM

- 1. Sint-Martens-Latem
- 2. Leuven
- 3. Hasselt



MEET THE TEAM



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6

Partners

20

Patent
Attorneys

18

European Patent
Litigators

5

Trademark &
Design Attorneys

3

Patent Advisers &
Trainee Patent Attorneys

1

Trademark &
Design Attorney
Trainee

17

Paralegals

4

Financial
personnel

2

Management
Assistants

1

IT support

OUR PARTNERS



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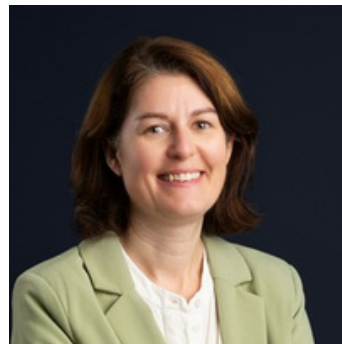
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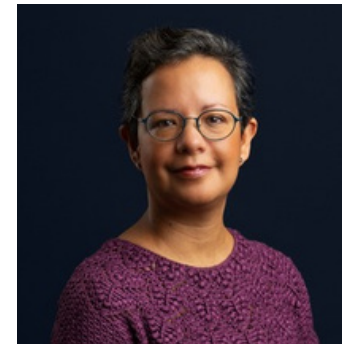
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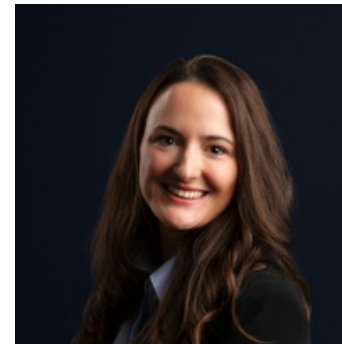
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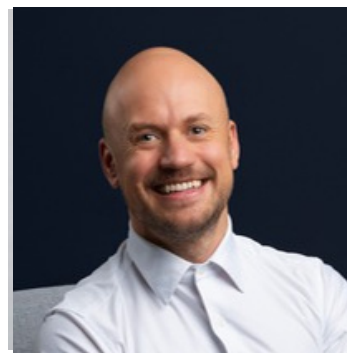
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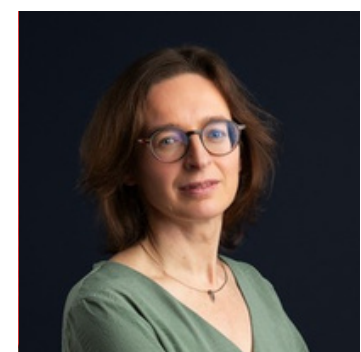
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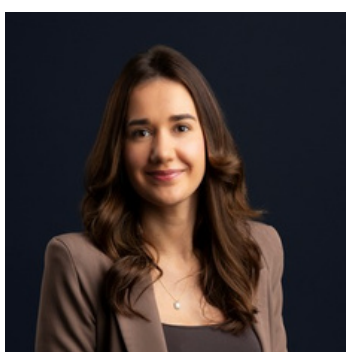
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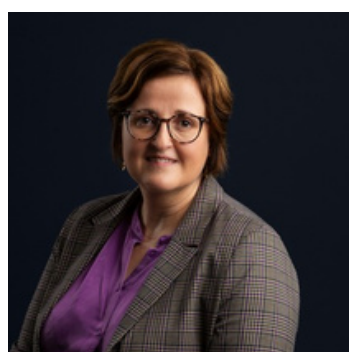
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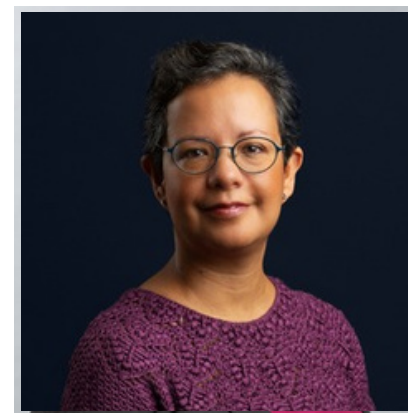
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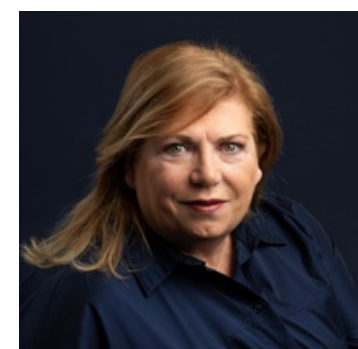


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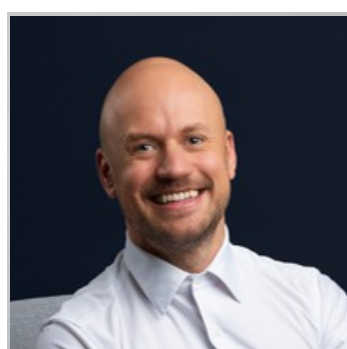
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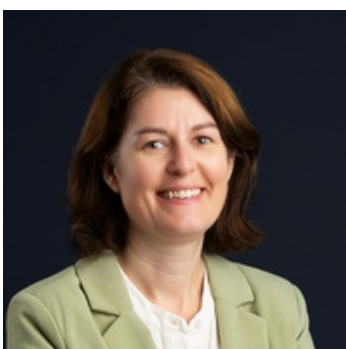
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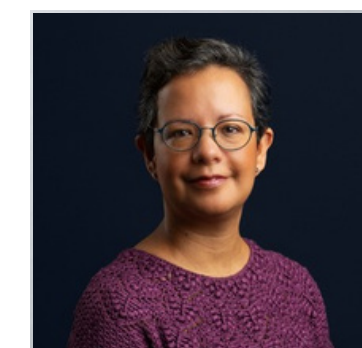
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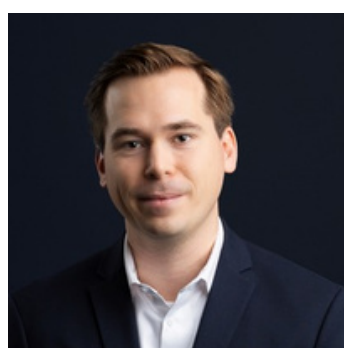
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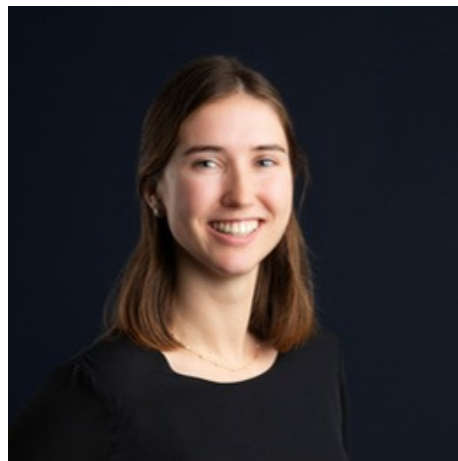


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PATENT ATTORNEYS



Top-notch scientific/technical profiles:
PhDs and/or engineers



Solid language skills with ability to offer support
in at least 7 languages; English communication



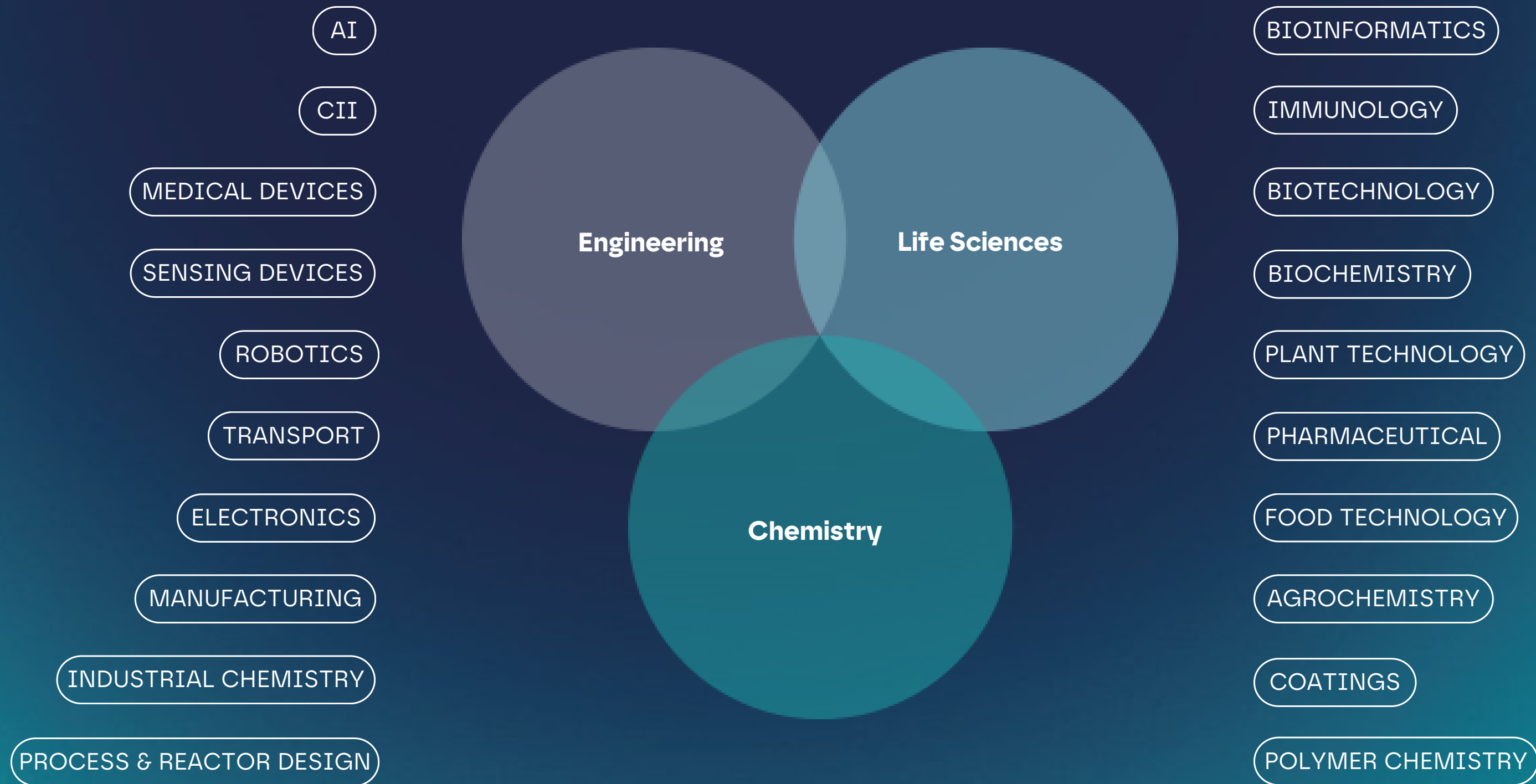
First-rate IP skills through extensive experience,
internal and external training and tutoring

40%
Life Sciences

20%
Engineering

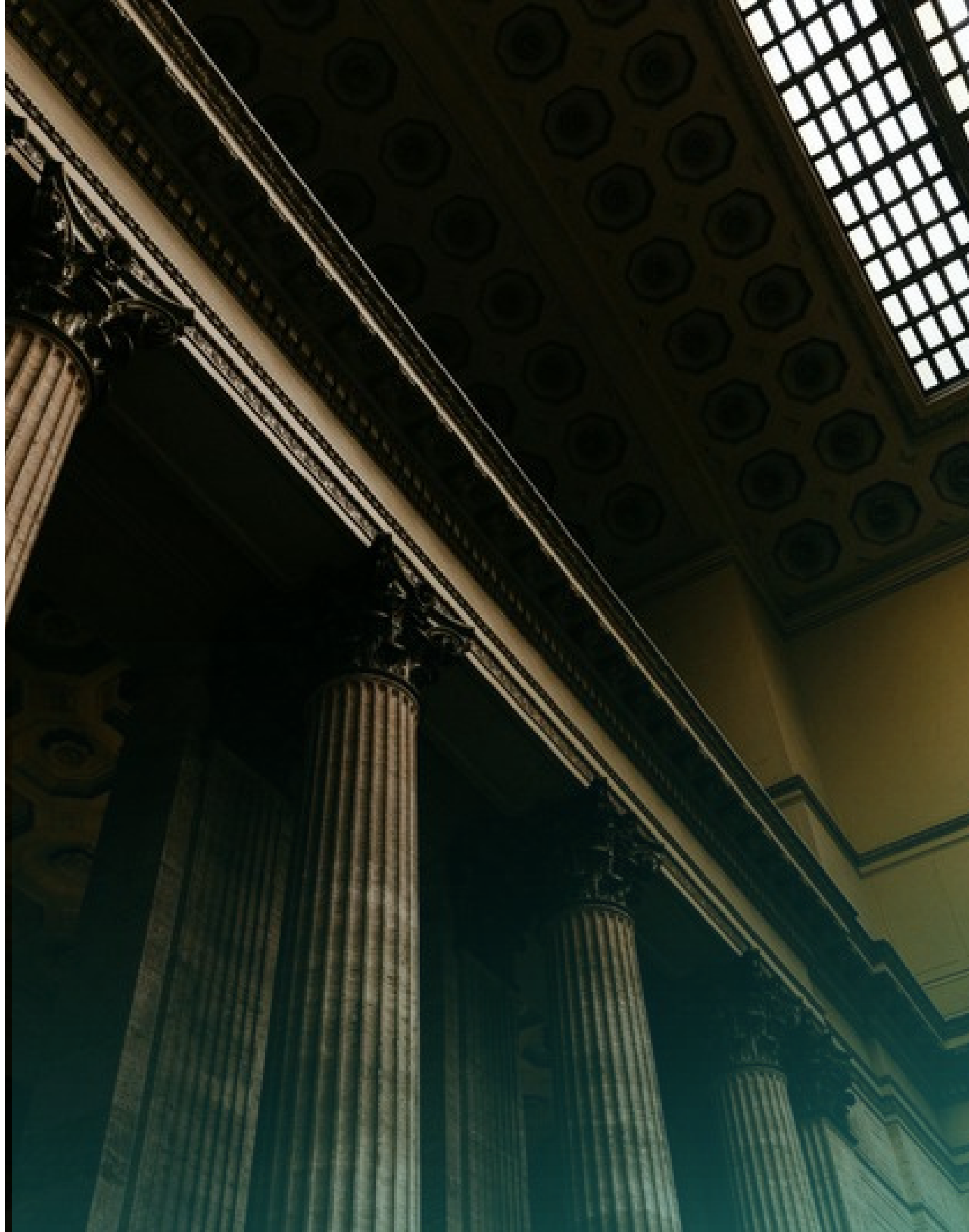
40%
Chemistry

TECHNOLOGIES



PATENT ATTORNEY CAREER TRACKS

-  Research experience
-  In-house IP role in the industry
-  Examiner at the European Patent Office



PATENT ATTORNEY
INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE



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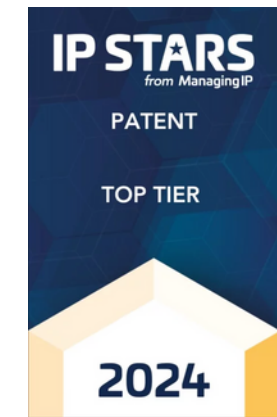
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



WORLD TRADEMARK REVIEW 2025: RECOMMENDED FIRM



FIRM RANKINGS: PATENT TOP TIER



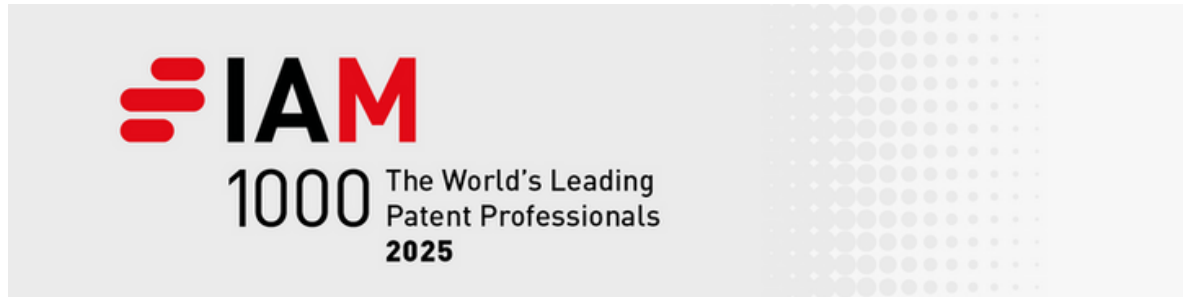
TRADEMARK FIRM RANKINGS:
TIER 2 - Belgium
TIER 2 - Benelux



MANAGING IP AWARDS 2025: PROSECUTION
FIRM OF THE YEAR BELGIUM



IP STARS:
ANN DE CLERCQ - PATENT STAR
KOEN VANHALST - PATENT STAR
JOOST MUYLLE - TRADEMARK STAR



IAM PATENT 1000 2025 **RECOMMENDED**: PATENT PROSECUTION
GOLD RANKING – PATENT PROSECUTION FOR BELGIUM
BRONZE RANKING – PATENT PROSECUTION FOR THE EPO



RANKEND AMONGST EUROPE'S LEADING PATENT LAW FIRMS — 2025
SILVER RANKING – IN BIOTECHNOLOGY, FOOD & HEALTHCARE
BRONZE RANKING – IN CHEMISTRY & PHARMACY



TOP 250 WOMEN IN IP: ANN DE CLERCQ



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

“ With a strong track record in providing diligence, availability and commitment, it is no wonder that De Clercq & Partners is heralded as the go-to law firm for patent prosecution work in Europe”

IAM PATENT 1000, 2024



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Recommended Firm 2024

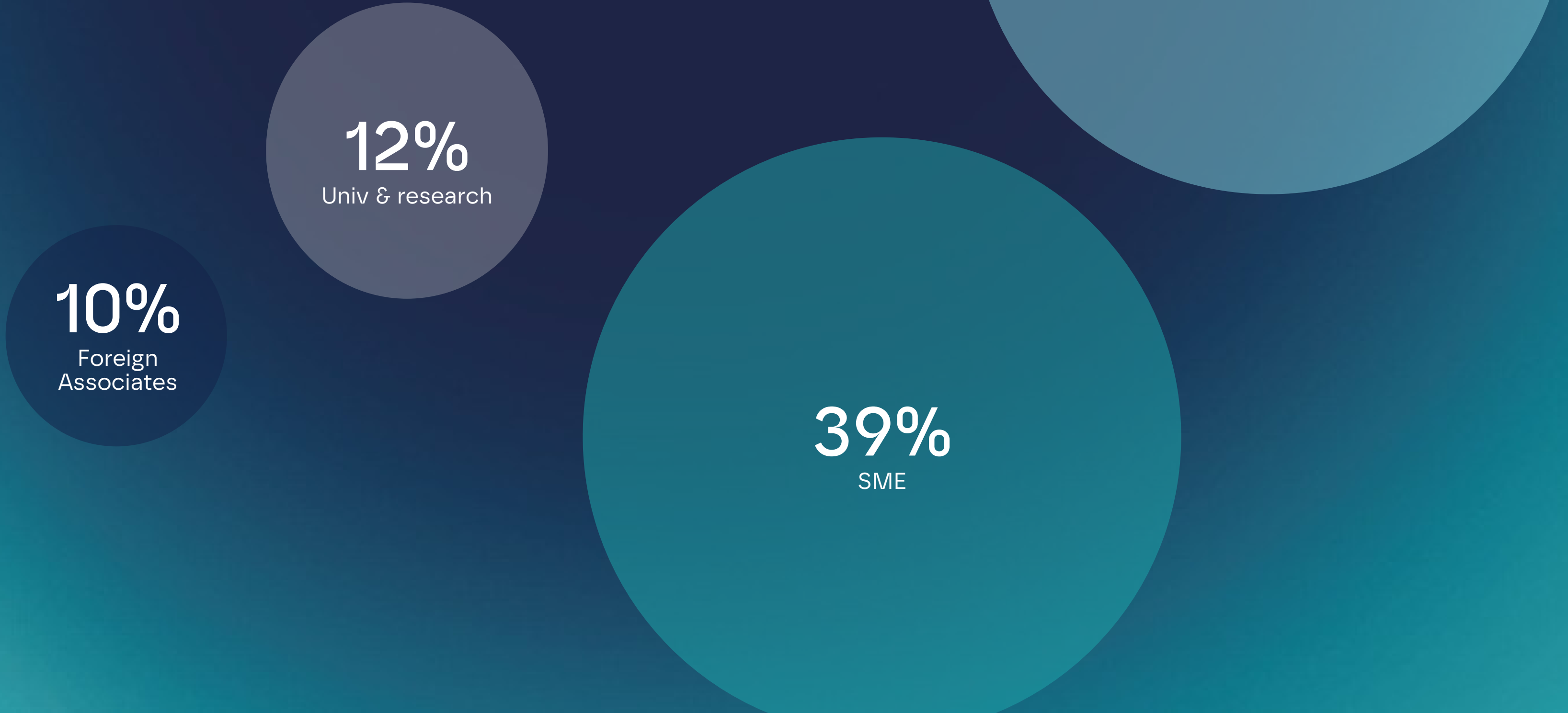
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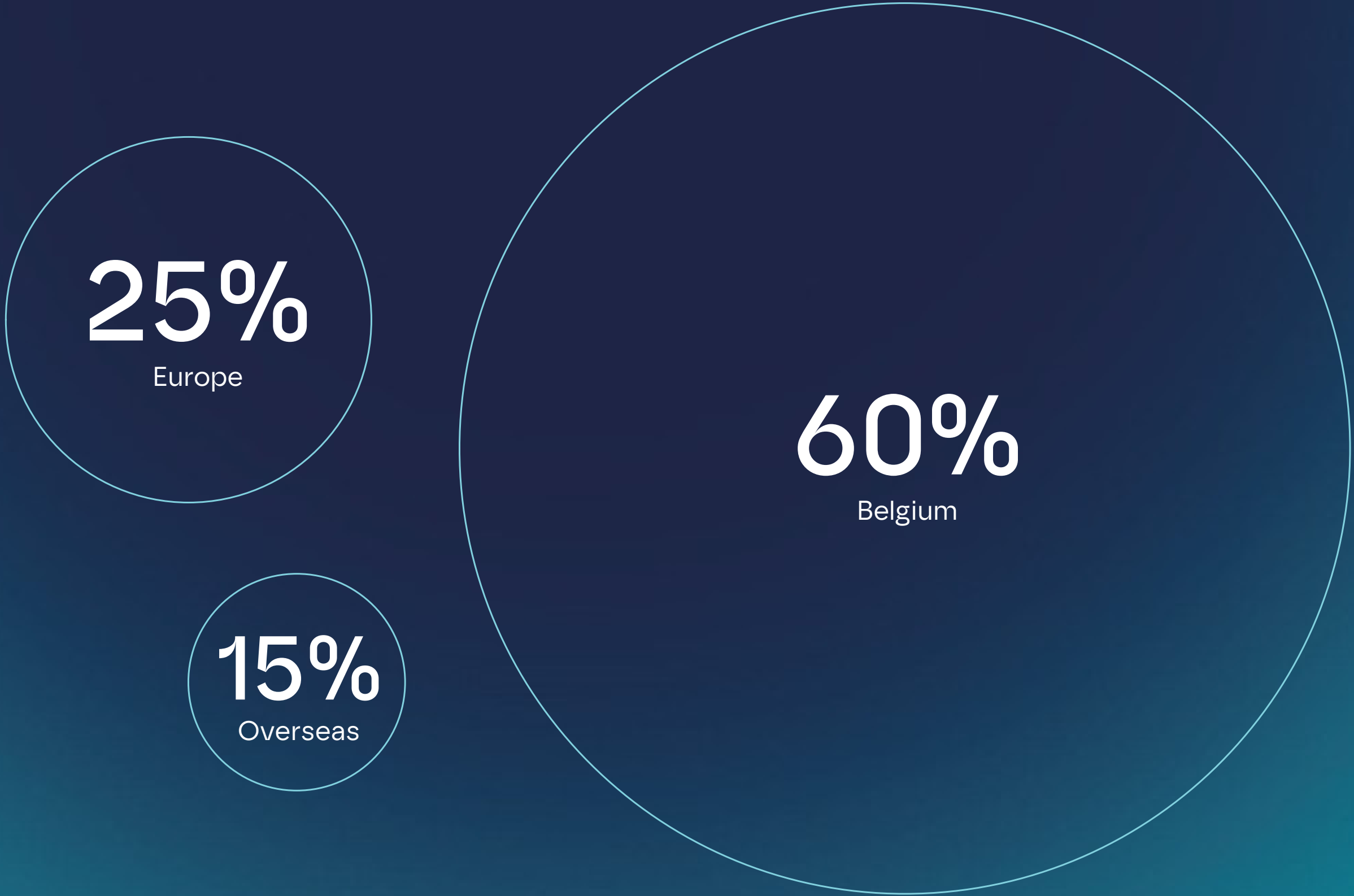
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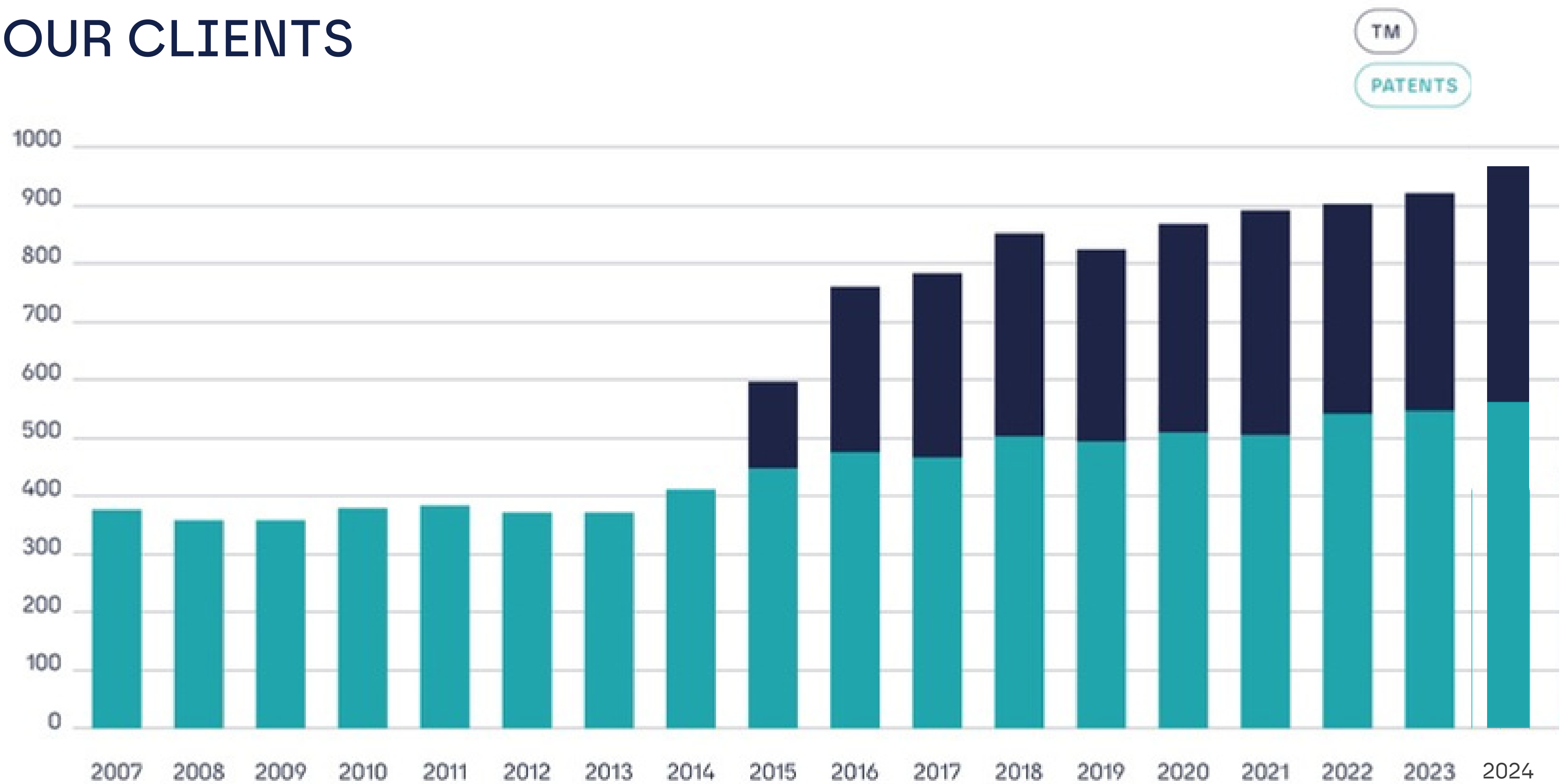
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OUR SERVICES



PATENTS AND SPC'S

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OUR SERVICES

LISTEN

- ✓ Invention, brand or IP question
- ✓ Context, background, competition, strategy
- ✓ Type of IP protection:
 - Patent
 - Trademark
 - Design
 - Domain name

ACT

- ✓ Patentability
- ✓ Portfolio planning
- ✓ Patent drafting, filing, prosecution
- ✓ EP validation
- ✓ Renewal fees
- ✓ Trademark and design prosecution
- ✓ i-DEPOTS

PROTECT

- ✓ Landscaping, freedom to operate
- ✓ Third-party observations
- ✓ Oppositions and appeals
- ✓ Descriptive seizures
- ✓ Advice in litigation
- ✓ UP & UPC representation

CONTRACT

- ✓ IP transfers
- ✓ Licensing
- ✓ IP clauses
- ✓ Trade secrets



OUR SERVICES

REPRESENTING CLIENTS BEFORE ...



European Patent Office
(EPO)



Belgian Patent Office
(BPO)



World Intellectual
Property Office (WIPO)



Unified Patent Court
(UPC)



UK Patent Office
(UKIPO)



Benelux Office for
Intellectual Property (BBIE)



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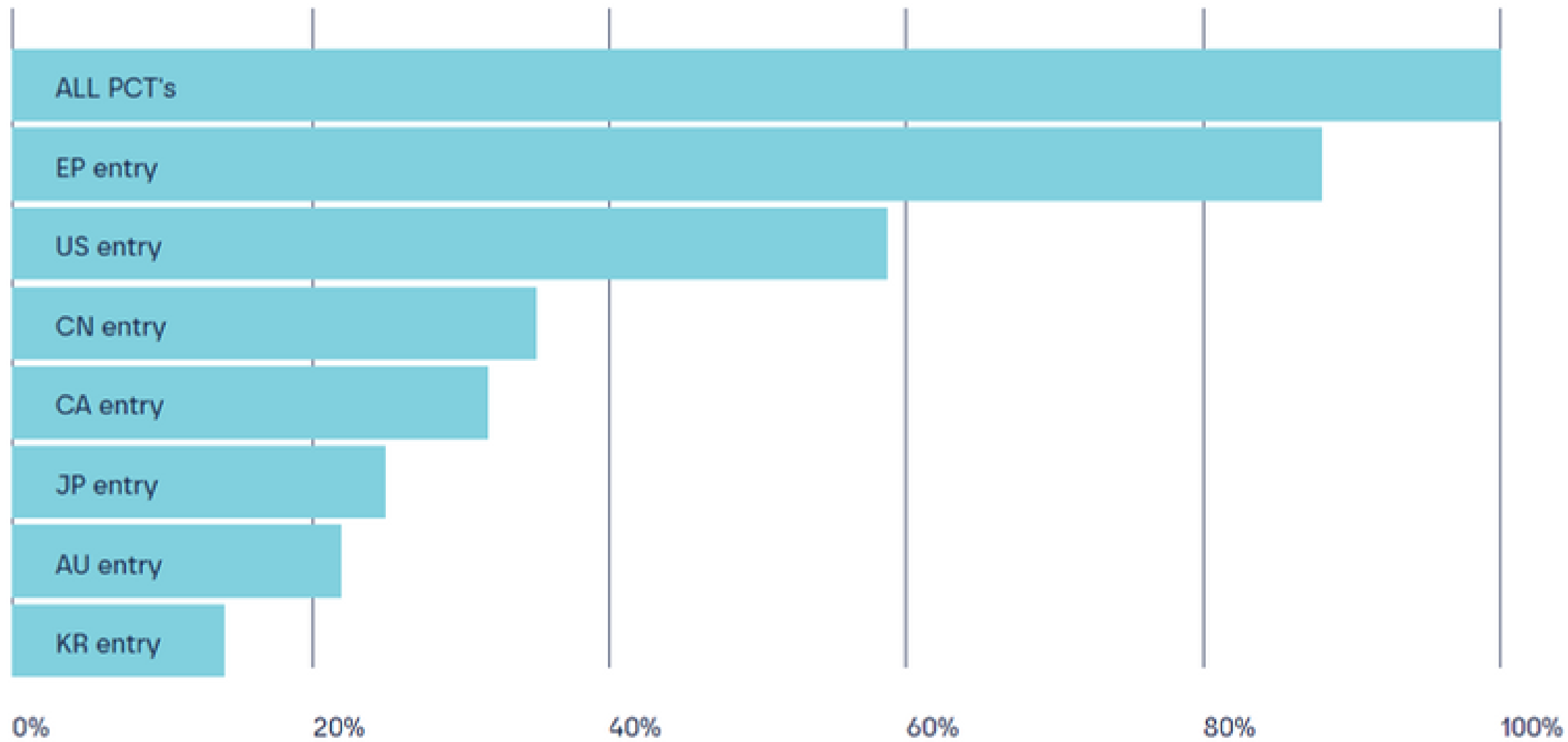
COMMUNICATION



GLOBAL NETWORK

“ A reliable global network through professional associations and trusted local agents.

GLOBAL NETWORK



PATENT SEARCHING & OPINIONS

DATABASES

- ✓ Patbase
- ✓ Derwent Innovation
- ✓ Darts-IP
- ✓ Espacenet
- ✓ CAS, STN
- ✓ Parent Inspiration

EXPERTS

- ✓ In-house trained
- ✓ Attend regular courses
- ✓ Robrecht Dumarey is founding member of Belgian Patent Information User Group

REPORTS

- ✓ Patentability opinion
- ✓ Freedom to operate opinion
- ✓ 3rd party monitoring
- ✓ Recurring updates
- ✓ Statistical Analysis



TRADEMARK SEARCHING



FULL RANGE OF SEARCHING SERVICES

- Validity
- Availability
- Infringement opinions



THIRD PARTY MONITORING

Cost efficient watch service



ACCESS TO PRIME DATABASES

In-house subscription to Corsearch and Darts-IP



DATABASE ANALYSIS

Expertise in mining databases and in-house results analysis

IP PROSECUTION

1
Strong technological
backgrounds in i.a. research
organization and industry

3
Many years of experience
in patent, trademark and
design prosecution

2
Focused on obtaining
useful protection

4
Extensive experience in opposition,
cancellation and revocation,
as well as an awareness for
prosecution traps



IP STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT



Experience in developing IP strategies for spin-offs and established companies



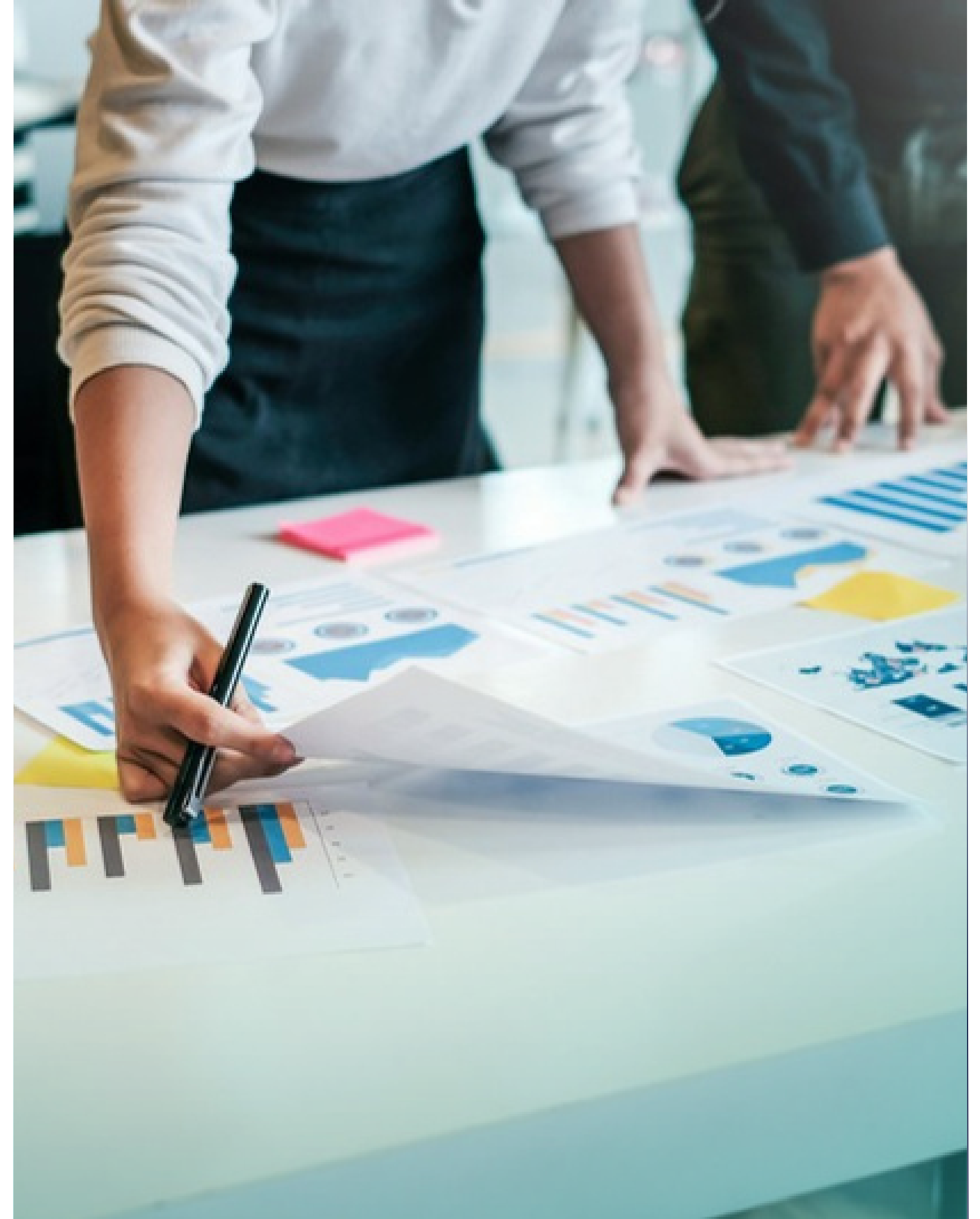
Integration of different types of IP protection



Focus on holistic approach (patentability and FTO availability, and distinctiveness of trademarks, etc.)



Consideration of budget constraints



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TRAINING



Organise and present at public seminars, webinars and in publications



Attorneys present IP courses at Universities



Offer in-house company training for small or large groups



PRICING STRUCTURE



Competitive pricing for high quality work



Attorney time charged per hour



Schedule of charges



Cost estimates may be provided before start of assignment



CONCLUSION



Highest quality services tailored to your needs



Strong scientific, technological and legal backgrounds



Life sciences, chemistry and engineering



Patents, trademarks, designs and domain names



Strong global network of associates



Close client relationship

Thank you!

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