

# About Mathys & Squire

### Dedicated to protecting and defending your future.

We are an IP powerhouse that puts our specialist knowledge to work for you, to strengthen and secure what most modern businesses today treat as one of their most valuable strategic assets. Our agile team of attorneys, scientists and strategists are steeped in experience, working with IP-rich and high-growth industries leveraging complex technologies and sophisticated commercial models.

A full-service IP firm with unrivalled expertise in patents, trade marks, design protection and litigation, Mathys & Squire is highly ranked in leading legal and IP directories, including *The Legal 500, Chambers and Partners, IAM Patent 1000* and *World Trademark Review 1000*.

Founded in 1910, we have over 110 years of experience in the protection and commercialisation of IP rights.

With over 65 qualified attorneys and a dedicated IP consulting team across offices in London, Birmingham, Brighton, Cambridge, Manchester, Oxford, York, Luxembourg, Munich and Paris, as well as teams based in Belfast, China and Japan, our specialists cover a wide range of technical fields and industry sectors. Our attorneys and trainees have a mix of scientific degrees extending from chemistry, biochemistry, pharmacology, genetics, microbiology, plant sciences and zoology through to physics, electronics, telecommunications and engineering.

We protect, so that you can invent the future.

# Our IT & engineering team

Our IT & engineering team is one of the leading practices in the sector. Our attorneys have unparalleled expertise in this area and work with a wide range of clients, from entrepreneurs, startups, spinouts and SMEs, through to large multinational corporations, research institutions, technology consultancies and universities.

#### **Technical expertise**

Our team is well-equipped to support clients in the fast-moving IT & engineering sector, with experience spanning a wide range of industries and technologies, including: aerospace; artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning; fin-tech; electronics, computing and software; manufacturing, engineering and automotive technology; medical devices; printing; robotics; semiconductors: sports: telecommunications: broadcasting, creative and media technology; and utilities.

The majority of the members of our IT & engineering team hold advanced academic degrees in applicable technical areas, and many have PhDs. Moreover, as well as scientists and engineers with valuable research experience. our team also includes industry veterans who understand the challenges and pressures that clients in these fields experience. Some of our attornevs have been named as inventors on patents themselves, which enables us to offer clients a deeper understanding of the nuances of protecting and commercialising their innovative technology.

#### Intellectual property expertise

Our IT & engineering team has expertise in all areas of intellectual property (IP), encompassing patent procurement (including invention mining, patent drafting and prosecution), licensing, contentious proceedings (including opposition and appeal cases), freedom to operate opinions, due diligence exercises, transactional matters, and IP portfolio management.

The firm is also experienced in handling trade mark, copyright and design matters on behalf of clients in the IT & engineering sector. We handle litigious matters before the UK Intellectual Property Enterprise Court (IPEC), and have attorneys qualified to litigate before the Patents Court. We also have expertise in negotiating successful outcomes and in mediation

# Our IT & engineering team (cont.)

#### **Our clients**

For all our clients, we offer bespoke commercially-valuable advice, that is both technically incisive and legally astute.

In addition to providing a high level of service and expert advice, Mathys & Squire's commercial focus and collaborative approach allows us to effectively support our clients in order to maximise the value of their intellectual property. We offer a full suite of IP services in order to help clients protect their inventions and build their market presence, leverage their IP assets, gain investment, develop strategically, and achieve their commercial objectives.

We take a proactive approach when working with our clients, advising them on a course of action that is best aligned with their business needs. Understanding the commercial value of a new invention or brand is as important as understanding the technology and marketing behind it. Clients value our integrity, honesty, collegiate approach and the robust practical advice we give.

In Europe, for instance in the field of software, we are experienced in handling patent cases that are on the borderline of excluded subject matter, to the extent that the legal issues may be more significant than the nature of the technology itself.

We are prolific in the tech startup community and have a wealth of connections with key accelerators and incubators. We thrive on helping startups on their journey to success, by identifying, protecting and helping to commercialise their IP.

At the other end of the spectrum, we have long-standing relationships within the IT & engineering sector worldwide, and are proud to handle prosecution of a number of substantial portfolios for major multinationals, including several Silicon Valley based corporations and leading Japanese companies.

Examples of our clients include ABB, Abbott, Ariane Group, AstraZeneca, AVL, BBC, Cambridge Consultants, Cisco, Cook Medical, Intuitive Surgical, Kenwood, Mellanox Technologies, NEC, Square Enix and Xaar.



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"We chose Mathys & Squire because [they] stood out from the competition for the proactive nature of their approach, and for their science and engineering knowledge. There was no need for us to educate them on the fundamentals of our technology. We are a small business without in-house IP function. Mathys & Squire have helped us protect our IP and to define our IP in deals with customers. This support has been critical in allowing our business to scale. It has freed our people to focus on their own roles. Licensing our IP has enabled us to scale without making the capital outlay for manufacturing equipment."

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