

### How to Prepare Yourself for a Strategic Investment

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#### Corporate Venture Capital ("CVC") Investment



#### **KPMG** Research

Between 2013 and 2018, CVCs increased capital expenditures by at least 400%, and corporate VCs engaged in at least 166% more deals in external startups.

Venture Pulse, Q4'20. Global Analysis of Venture Funding, https://assets.kpmg/content/dam/kpmg/xx/pdf/2021/01/venture-pulse-q4-2020-report-global.pdf, at 14.

#### The Opportunity

- Endorsement by a market leader
- A commercial leap that is otherwise much slower
  - Increasing the valuation of the Company
  - Relationships that may potentially lead to a more significant transaction (M&A?)

#### The Challenge

The investment is primarily motivated by business-commercial interests, which may affect:

- The Corporate Governance
- The exit strategy
- business strategy
- The commercial freedom of the Company

#### **Corporate Governance and Strategy**

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Veto Rights on Corporate Resolutions

Special rights to invest in future rounds

Right of First Refusal on Exit

Director / observer seat

Periodical updates / Sharing road map

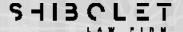
#### **Commercial Cooperation**

Marketing and Distribution Rights

License Agreement

Manufacturing Rights

Joint Development



# **How to Mitigate Risks** Risks Opportunities

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**Keep ownership not only in background IP** but also Rights in the technology and <u>all</u>
<u>developments</u> (even under a joint project)



Cap on holdings' percentage

Mechanisms for avoiding gaining Control

Strong IP portfolio

Keep being relevant



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