




TECHNOLOGY FACT SHEET

Our multi-disciplinary team is a key adviser in the technology sector, assisting corporates based in the UK and overseas. We have the very latest knowledge of the industry and the legislation that regulates and controls it.

 Their advice shows real expertise and is always clearly focused on commercial objectives.

[Chambers UK](#)

Penningtons Manches is recognised as one of the leading technology-focused law firms with offices in the 'golden triangle' of London, Oxford and Cambridge. Our in-depth knowledge, combined with our strong international offering, enables us to provide comprehensive support to clients operating globally. Our North America practice group is well connected in, and members regularly visit, the Palo Alto/Silicon Valley technology community.

Our lawyers have specialist expertise in information technology and telecommunications, manufacturing and engineering, digital business, cleantech and renewables. We have experience of working in-house and on secondment in the public and private sectors, and know how important it is to provide informed, pragmatic solutions. Our team has a strong track record in acting for customers procuring technology, suppliers providing technology solutions and intermediaries who play an active role in the sector.

We are heavily involved with tech start-ups through organisations such as Tech London Advocates, TCIO, UKTI and London & Partners. We also support technology accelerator programmes such as the Microsoft Ventures Accelerator Programme and Dell's Centre for Entrepreneurs, and are active in global technology communities such as ITechLaw.

Not only do we advise on all aspects of establishing, acquiring and funding corporate ventures but we are also well placed to advise tech start-ups and high-growth businesses on their expansion in the UK and have established a leading Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) practice.

TECHNOLOGY EXPERTISE AT A GLANCE

- commercial contracts
- domestic and cross-border acquisitions and disposals and general corporate finance
- investments for private equity houses/VCs including management buy-outs
- digital business
- technology transfer and spin outs
- data privacy and security
- employment and immigration
- IP and IT disputes
- IP protection, licensing and enforcement
- manufacturing and engineering
- renewable energy and cleantech
- taxation



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RECENT WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- acting for u-blox AG, a Swiss-listed fabless provider, on its acquisition of 4M Wireless, which develops cutting edge mobile wireless software. As part of the corporate acquisition process, we provided commercial due diligence advice
- advising a spin-out company developing a novel platform technology that enables it to engineer synthetic molecules for modifying defined immunological responses in a variety of major medical diseases on the terms of the licence of its core IP from its founding academic institution
- advising Voltea, a Unilever spin-out company, on its patent portfolio in relation to water purification systems, including negotiating complex letters of intent with suppliers, joint venture agreements with partners and contracts with potential customers
- representing Nexeon, a leading Imperial College spin-out which develops silicon anodes for Li-ion batteries, on various joint development and other commercial agreements relating to its development of silicon technology
- advising Plaxica, a technology and licensing company focused on the production of next generation biopolymers and platform chemicals from renewable resources, on its £8 million funding round
- acting for ELEXON, the Balancing and Settlement Code Company for Great Britain, on its outsourcing arrangements with Cognizant for applications management and development of its IT systems for balancing and settlement
- advising Demica, a global provider of capital management technology and services, on a complex service arrangement which involved structuring options to acquire licences to a software-as-a-service solution
- advising Arieso, a leading services provider to the telecommunications industry, supplying software and software related services, on its contract negotiations with telecommunications companies

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US

■ Penningtons Manches is recognised for its strength in the technology sector. [The Legal 500](#)

■ Penningtons Manches has helped guide We7 through its various rounds of funding with expertise, professionalism and promptness as you would expect but, additionally, with the right level of the 'human touch'. The team makes these things seamless and understandable and has been a great asset.

[Stephen Purdham, Managing director, We7](#)

■ This 'formidable player in licensing' is a number one choice for licensors and licensees in the innovative high-technology industries of the Thames Valley region; clients originate from both public and private sectors.

[IAM Licensing 250 – the World's Leading Patent and Technology Lawyers](#)

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