

TECHNOLOGICAL INCUBATORS PROGRAM

ISRAEL

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Activities of the O.C.S.

Activities in Israel

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International Activities

Support of
Research Institutes

Tnufa

Support of
Traditional Industry

Seed Fund

Technological
Incubators

R&D Centers
in Universities

Magnet
Magnetron, Nofar

R&D Fund

Matimop

Bi-National Funds

Bi-National
Agreements

Eureka

EU R&D Program
FP-6 FP-7

Global Enterprise R&D
Cooperation Framework

US-Israel Science &
Technology Commission

Evaluating



The Dilemma

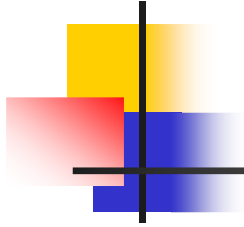
**Government involvement in the
Israeli Technological incubators
is significant.**

Is it justified in a free market ?



Program's main mission

Developing innovative technological ideas
into start-ups , and leading them towards
first round Investment.



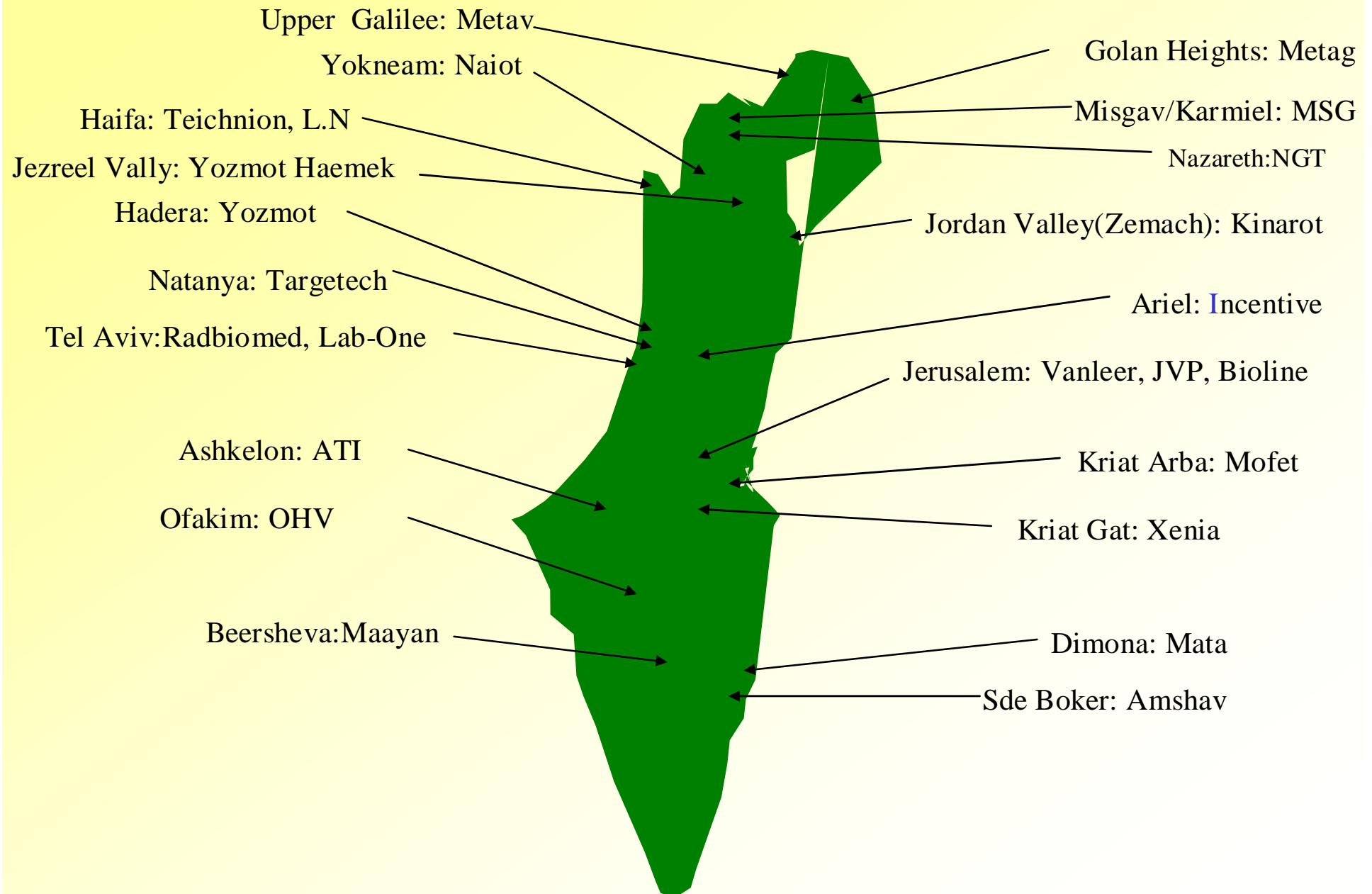
- Why Technological?
 - Why Innovative?



Program's additional missions:

1. Encourage and strengthen:
 - New immigrants
 - Peripheral regions
 - Minorities
2. Support preferred technological areas.
3. Create a creative entrepreneurial culture.
4. Expose young students to entrepreneurship.

Incubators Location





What will be considered a success?

Raising private investment for as many project companies as possible



24th Month



1st Month



INCUBATOR ORGANIZATION

- Independent legal entity.
- Skilled and experienced general manager.
- Board of directors - from industry, business sector, research institutes.
- Suitable facilities for R&D activity.
- Technological, financial, administrative and logistic support to projects.



WHAT DOES AN INCUBATOR OFFER TO THE ENTREPRENEUR ?

- Appropriate facilities for R&D
- Financing.
- Central administrative services (secretarial, accounting, legal, acquisition)
- Management assistance
- Professional guidance
- Business direction
- Assistance in commercialization
- Inter-tenant synergism
- Sharing existing infra-structure



Acceptance to the Incubator

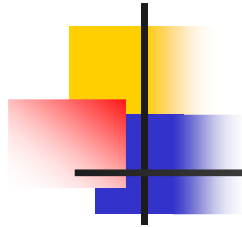
1. Existing incubators.
2. Approaching an incubator.
3. Incubator's assessment.
4. Decision of OCS incubators Committee.
5. Performing project's program in the incubator.



Project Criteria

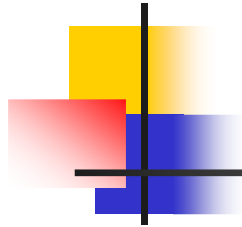
- Product oriented.
- Rooted in research & development.
- Innovation and uniqueness.
- Early stage - immature - very high risk level.
- Significant potential market.
- Feasible with available resources.
- Individual initiative.





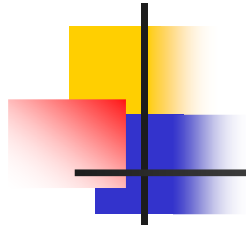
Project's missions

- 1. Program planning.
- 2. Staff recruiting
- 3. Company registration.
- 4. Building company's value:
 - 4.1. Proving technological feasibility.
 - 4.2. Creating intellectual property.
 - 4.3. Proving marketing feasibility.
 - 4.4. Starting regulatory procedures.
 - 4.5. Preparing Business plan.
- 5. Alliance with strategic partners.
- 6. Raising investments.



Government support

- Average budget of project: \$500K
- Government support: 85% of budget
- Support duration: 2 – 3 years
- Extended support to Biotech
- Annual Government Budget to the Program: \$35M

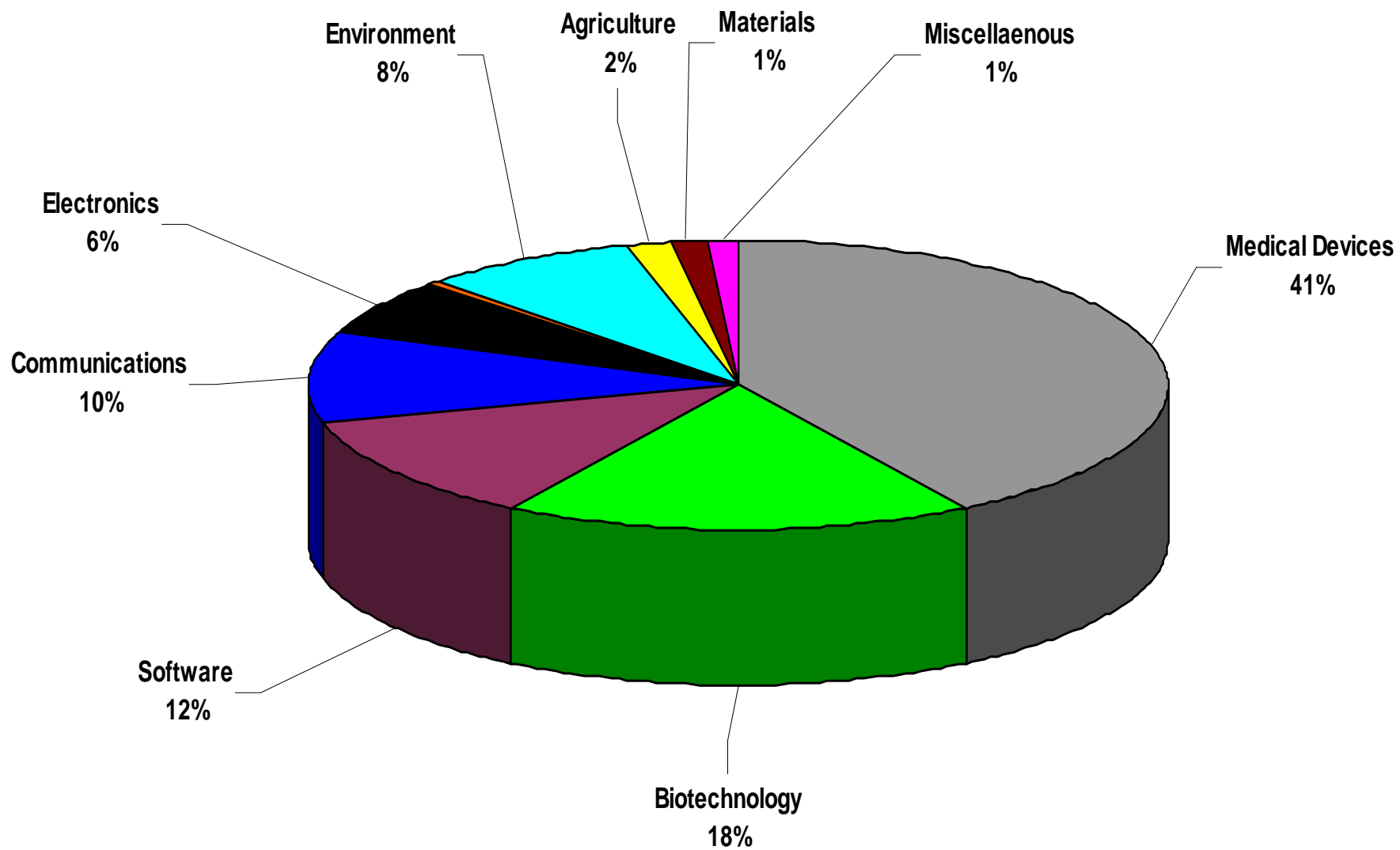


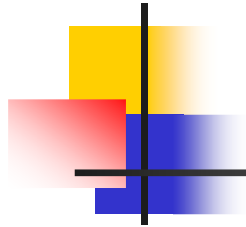
Volume of operation

- 24 incubators: out of which 15 are located in peripheral areas.
- Approximately 200 projects are in development stage at any given time.
- Approximately 10 projects per incubator.

Fields of Activity

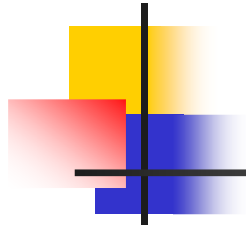
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Program Development

- 2002 – Good results.
- New Goal: Better results.
- How?
- Privatization program.



Privatization Program (1)

- Bring strong investors to take ownership over the incubators.
- Give them high up-side – Make them partners to the projects.
- Thus, strengthen professional and financial capabilities of incubators.



Privatization Program (2)

What is brought by new owners?

- Financing Incubators administration expenses.
- Investing Supplementary financing in projects and more.
- Strategic and financial capabilities.
- Further investing in incubator graduates.
- Undertaking the responsibility to pay back the government loan.



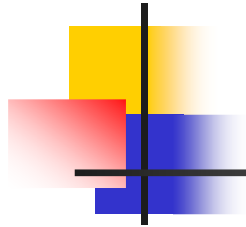
Privatization Program (3)

Problem:

- Choosing very high risk projects.

Solution:

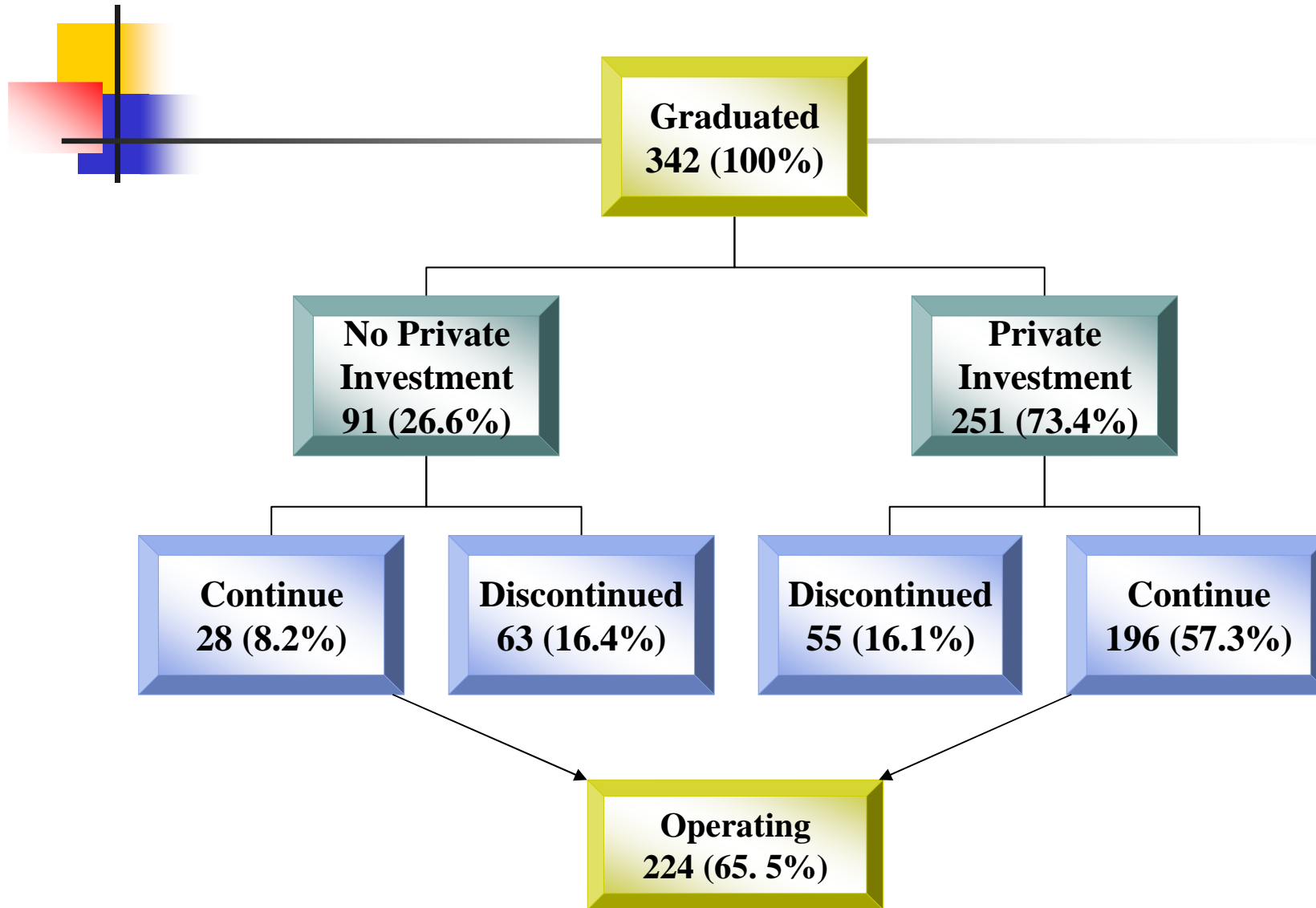
- Government continues same support to projects.



Results

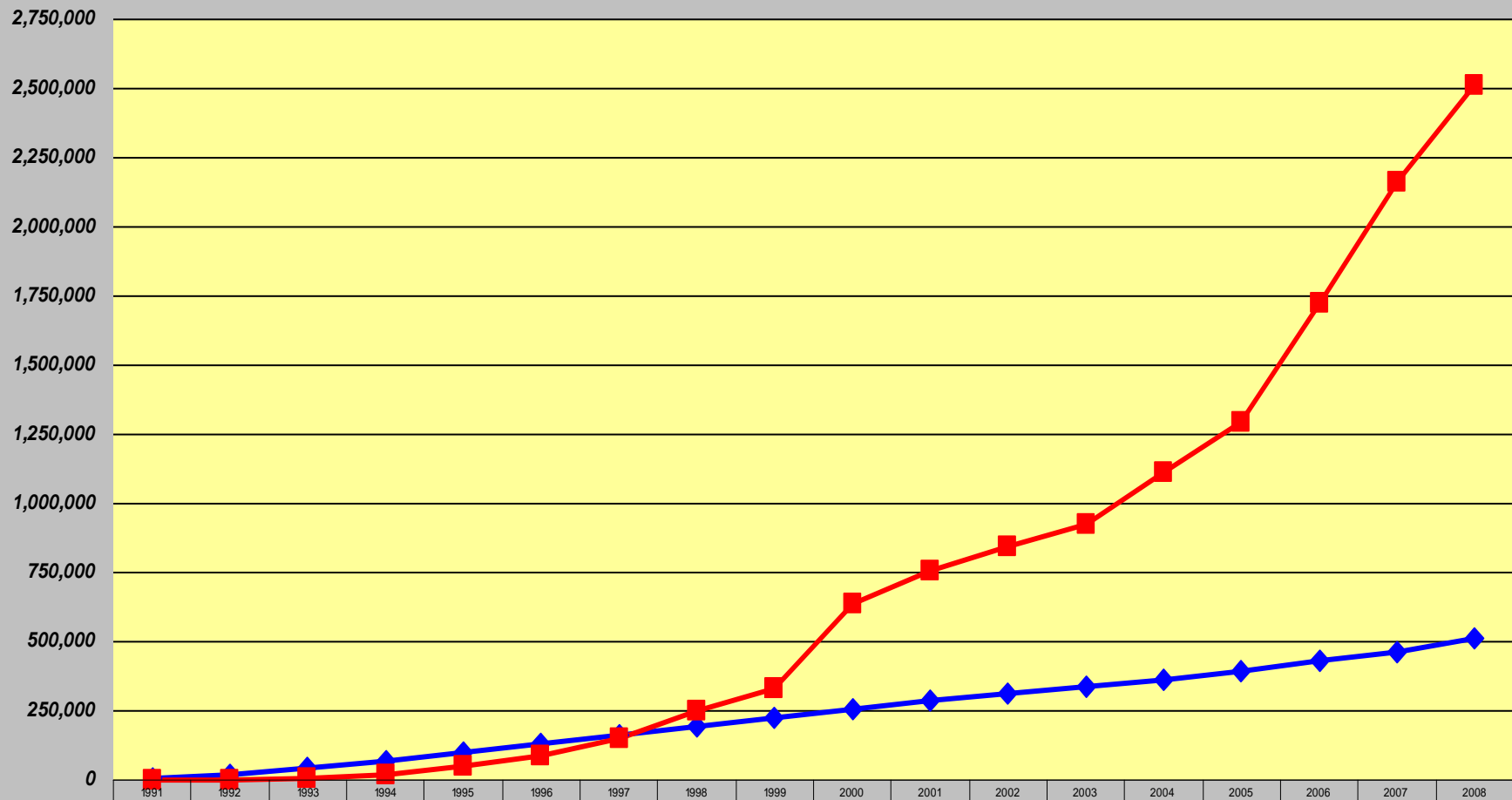
- 2007: 65% success rate in raising private investments to projects
- Larger investments.
- Higher company value.

Status of graduate projects From 2004 Until 2008



Government Investments VS. Private Funds Raised in Incubator Companies 1991 - 2008

Thousand Dollars

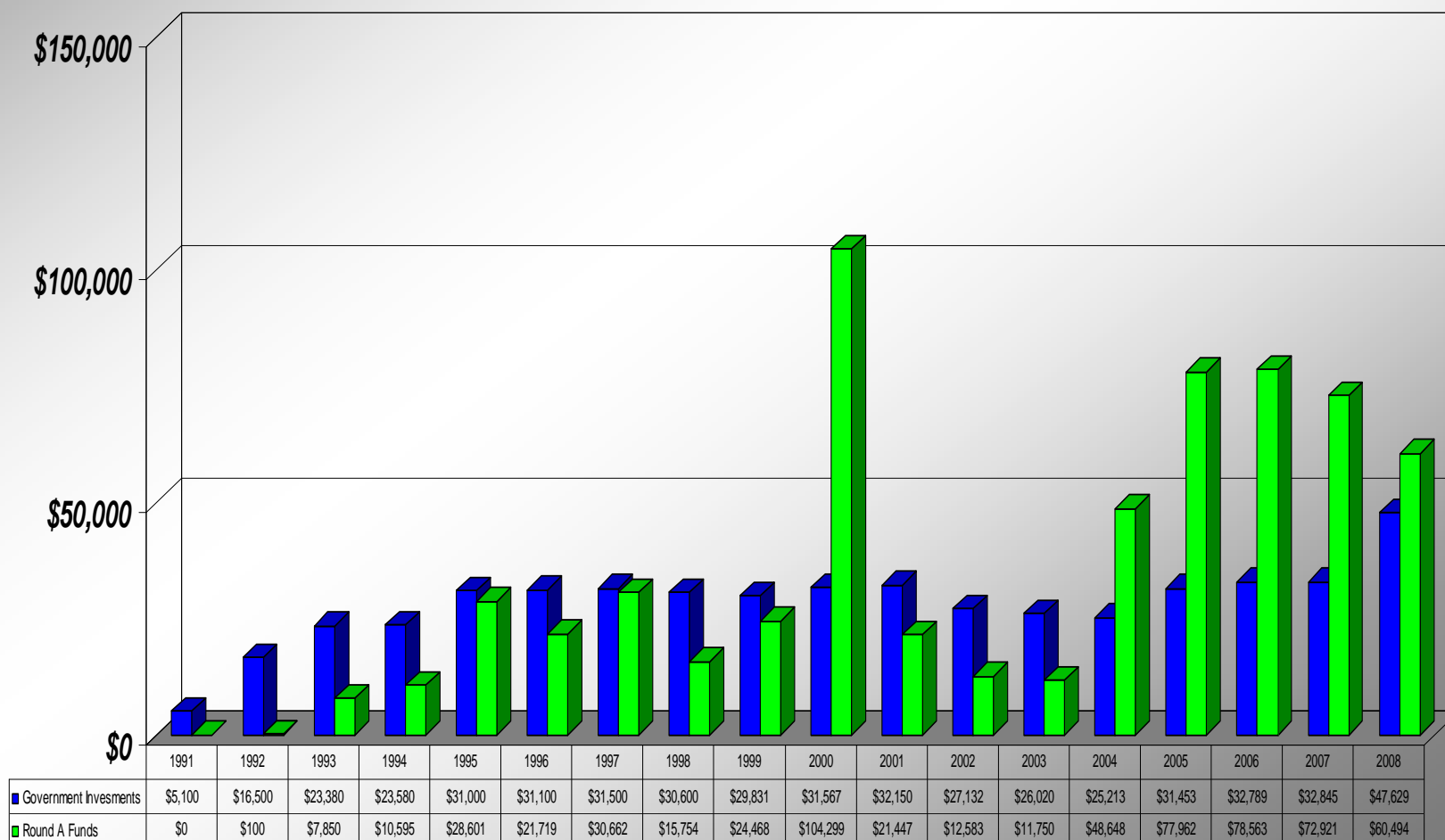


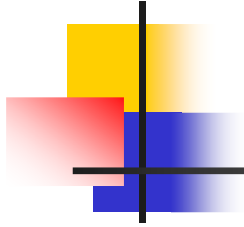
Cumulative Government Investments	5,100	21,600	44,980	68,560	99,560	130,660	162,160	192,760	222,591	254,158	286,308	313,440	339,460	364,673	396,126	428,915	461,760	509,389
Cumulative Private Funds	0	100	7,950	19,045	52,026	90,580	152,652	248,390	333,921	637,635	757,080	842,126	922,824	1,115,355	1,294,832	1,723,916	2,162,940	2,509,667

Government Investments VS. Round A Funds Raised in Incubator Companies (By Year)

1991 - 2008

Thousand Dollars





- Incubators Program is No. 1
“Producer” of start-ups in Israel.
- Israel is rated second in the world
(after silicon valley) in creating
technology start-ups.



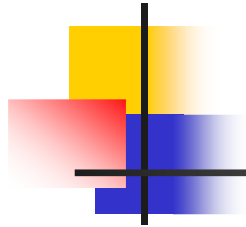
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Election of Projects

- Should be professional.
- Impossible to predict success or failure.
- Enable as many projects as possible to prove themselves.



Success Stories

Protalix – Meytav Incubator

- Proprietary technology based on plant cell culture and bioreactor system which provides an effective and scaleable cell system for industrial production of recombinant biopharmaceuticals.
- Enzyme therapy for Gaucher Disease
- Phase III
- Year graduated from incubator: 1996
- Traded on Nasdaq & Amex since 2007
- Raised over \$90M, out of which \$50M raised via IPO in 2007
- Partnerships with Teva, Wiezmann institute, Hebrew University and Boyce Thompson institute for plant research
- ~100 employees



D-Pharm – Orit (now Incentive) Incubator



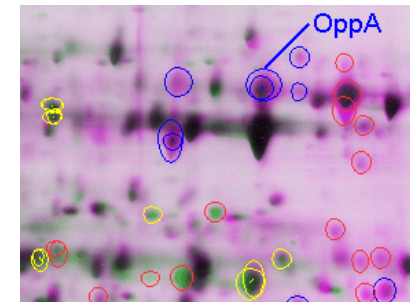
- Developed lipid-like therapeutics and has generated a rich product pipeline from its drug targeting and discovery technologies.
- Several drugs for Stroke & Alzheimer's disease.
- Early stage of developing a drug for pancreatic cancer.
- Success in Phase IIb (drug for stroke) and ready for phase III (completed pre-IND meeting)
- Year graduated from incubator: 1994
- Raised over \$65M, out of which \$5M raised in 2008
- 30 employees



Compugen – Am-Shav (now Iris) Incubator



- Discovery and licensing of product candidates to the drug and diagnostic industry. The Company's powerful discovery engines enable the predictive discovery of numerous potential therapeutics and diagnostic biomarkers.
- Focused mainly within the areas of cancer, immune-related and cardiovascular diseases.
- Year graduated from incubator: 1994
- Subsidiaries: Evogene, Kedem Bioscience
- Collaborations: Teva, Merck, Roche and others.
- Traded on Nasdaq since 2000 and TASE since 2002
- Raised over \$115M, out of which \$90M raised via IPO in 2000
- Sales reaching over \$60M (mostly export)
- ~75 employees





SIGHTLINE

Sightline – Eltam Incubator

- Miniature mechanical, electronics, optical and video systems, as well as video-imaging systems aimed at needs of gastroenterology and the early detection of colon cancer.
- FDA Approved
- Year graduated from incubator: 1995
- Stryker Corp. acquired Sightline for \$150M in 2006 and turned it into its Israeli R&D center.
- Raised \$29.5M prior acquisition
- ~20 employees



Remon Medical – Naiot Incubator

- Intra-Body Communication technology that allows miniature implantable devices to monitor and transmit a variety of physiological parameters in order to create therapeutic responses.
- Leading application - device to monitor the hemodynamic status of patients with congestive heart failure (CHF).
- In clinical trials
- Year graduated from incubator: 1999
- Acquired by Boston Scientific in 2007 in an estimated deal of 300 Million dollars.
- Raised \$40M prior acquisition
- Sales estimated at 5 million dollars





Mazor – Technion Incubator

- SmartAssist - surgical guidance platform that enables surgeons to perform at an unprecedented level of precision, certainty, control, speed and simplicity.
- The SmartAssist platform incorporates patent pending CT-fluoroscopy registration software, and its patent pending bone-attached guidance device is based on miniature robotic technology.
- FDA & CE Approved
- Year graduated from incubator: 2002
- Raised \$36M, out of which \$13.5M raised via IPO in 2007
- ~30 employees





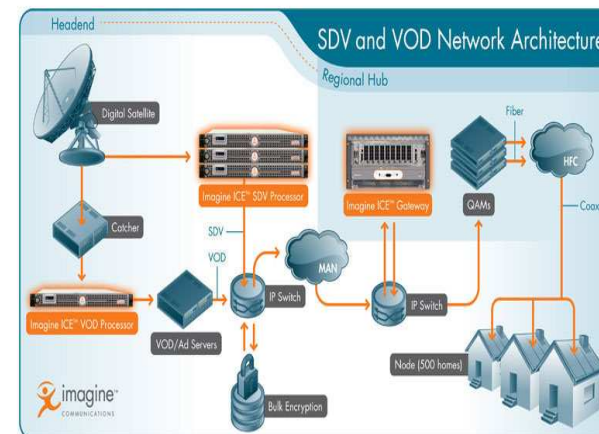
Contipi – L.N. Incubator

- Developing a series of disposable vaginal inserts that dramatically reduce or prevent urinary incontinence.
- FDA & CE Approved
- Year graduated from incubator: 2005
- Raised \$4M and signed a global marketing agreement with one of the world leaders in consumer goods.
- Started sales in 2007: \$800,000
- ~10 employees



Imagine – Iris Incubator

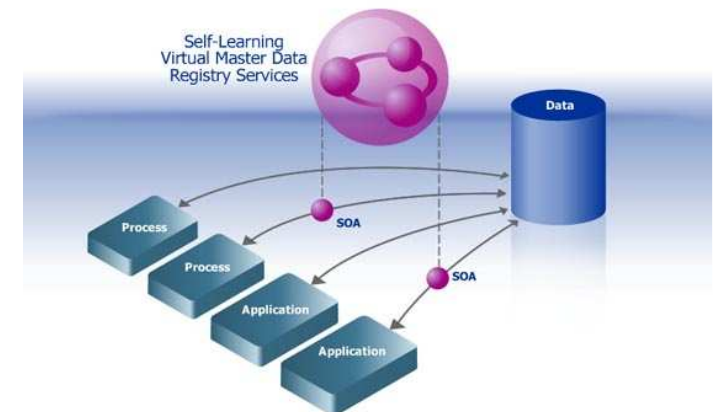
- Imagine Communications has launched the industry's most powerful and scalable digital video platform, enabling system operators to cost-effectively increase both the quantity and quality of digital video services over virtually any system.
- Year graduated from incubator: 2006
- Raised ~\$25M
- Sales estimated at 4 Million Dollars
- 60 employees





Zoomix – JVP Incubator

- leading developer of automated product data quality management software solutions
- Year graduated from incubator: 2005
- Microsoft acquired Zoomix for 25 Million Dollars in 2008
- Raised over \$6M prior acquisition
- 25 employees that will be integrated in Microsoft's new R&D Center in Herzeliyya





Double Fusion – JVP Incubator

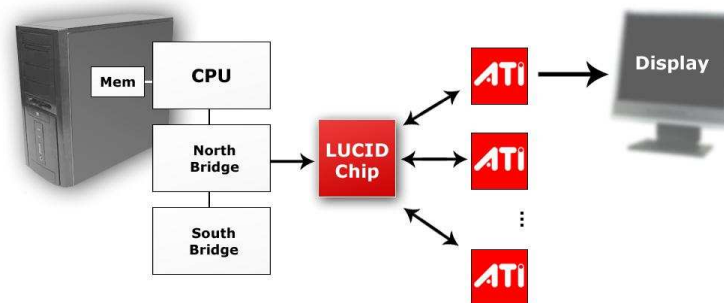
- In-Game Advertising technology.
- Core product: library integrated into the game code, and a suite of tools that enable a full spectrum of ad placements to be dynamically served in-game, tracked and reported.
- Year graduated from incubator: 2005
- Raised over \$36M.
- Numerous partnerships and customers world-wide such as:
- ~25 employees





Lucid – Ma'ayan Incubator

- Lucid's SGH technology consists of a high-performance chipset and architecture that enable traditional graphic processing cores, graphic processing chips and graphic cards to turn into an unmatched, scalable and powerful visualization and gaming solution.
- Year graduated from incubator: 2005.
- Capital raised ~\$20M
- Ma'ayan payed back the government grant.
- 60 employees.



Aeronautics – Orit (now Incentive) Incubator

- Aeronautics Defense Systems Ltd manufactures and supplies state of the art Unmanned Systems, integrating surveillance equipment and network information technologies in a range of unmanned systems including: land, surface and air.
- Year graduated from incubator: 1999
- Customers: Armies around the world.
- Capital raised ~\$50M
- Sales estimated over 100 Million Dollars.
- ~300 employees.





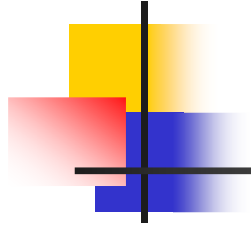
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