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charter of best practices

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making contact Connecting startups and corporates successfully.	Identify relevant contacts to offer your services in a targeted way.	Proactively identify the right contact to connect with the startup.
	Clearly define your objectives so that the client knows whether or not to pursue the opportunity.	Clearly state what you want to get out of the collaboration and whether this is already being addressed internally.
	Accept rejection and respond accordingly.	Let the startup know in a clear and timely way if collaboration is not feasible.
signing the contract Defining a favorable and well-balanced contract.	Map your client's decision-making process and internal political dynamics and adapt to them.	Be clear on decision-making processes and timelines and simplify them whenever possible.
	Be transparent in communicating your credentials, resources, and needs and regularly reassess them.	Explain your roadmap and the potential outcomes of the collaboration (scaling, buy-out, learning) clearly.
	Prepare sample contracts and recurring clauses and proactively propose them to make collaboration easier.	Propose simplified contract templates that are specific to startup and approved by the purchasing department.
	Adapt the contact to the project.	Establish a dedicated SPOC who will connect the startup with the relevant contact based on project type
	Formalize issues related to intellectual property, confidentiality, and exclusiveness.	Do not request exclusivity on collaboration or intellectual property without adequate compensation.
	Communicate regularly to integrate feedback and flag any difficulties as they arise.	Define project milestones, regularly assess progress, and proactively seek solutions to any difficulties encountered.
	Anticipate the payment schedule as soon as the offer is on the table and comply with the processes	Consider the startup's time constraints and propose accelerated payment terms.
Scaling up Taking the long view of collaboration to reach everyone's goals.	Clearly define the terms for starting and ending a POC and for scaling up	Before scaling up, think about the POC as a test phase not a permanent collaboration mode.
	Fine-tune resources (human, financial) and the time needed to scale up.	Mobilize and access your resources to make scaling easier.
	Proactively share your commercial goals that are beyond the scope of the collaboration	Promote collaboration internally to help the corporate mature, and externally to help the startup grow

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