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We speak with John Hawtree, Patent Director at HGF Ltd.

ARPAS-UK Director Aleks Kowalski in conversation with aerospace IP expert John Hawtree of HGF Ltd. This wide ranging discussion covers patent basics through to more advanced strategy, techniques and theory, all with an emphasis on application to the drone and wider aerospace sectors.

Drawing on nearly two decades of experience – including time with Rolls-Royce – John provided us with clear, practical guidance on how operators, developers and manufacturers can protect their innovations through Intellectual Property (IP) and patenting.

A must watch, especially for those in the aerospace sector, whether you are new to patents and IP in general or wanting a more advanced understanding.

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John Hawtree | Patent Director at HGF Ltd

Patent Director at HGF Ltd and head of the firm's aerospace group. With nearly two decades of experience – including four years at Rolls-Royce – he specialises in protecting innovations

across aviation, uncrewed systems, and advanced technology

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